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Frequently Asked Questions

4EU+ VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS

Call 2025

1. Eligibility

How do you define 'Early career researchers'?

The definition adopted for the sake of the call is specified in the [call information](#) (a person between two and seven years of post-PhD experience).

I am particularly interested in the rules of admission for Early Career Researchers.

All Applicants are subject to the same rules, regardless of their level of experience.

Is it possible to take part in the 4EU+ Visiting Professorships even if the scientist is more than 7 years past the completion of their PhD? Yes, it is possible.

Which categories of academic staff are eligible? Are TAB (technicians) included? In principle, the person applying for 4EU+ Visiting Professorship should be an academic staff member employed at a 4EU+ member university. Please note though that specific eligibility requirements for Visiting Professorship candidates and/or Visiting Professorship proposals may apply. Specific local eligibility requirements can be found in the [call information](#), under point 4. If you need any additional information or clarification on the eligibility of staff, please contact the 4EU+ Local Office at your university (contact details of Local Offices are listed in the [call information](#), under point 10).

I would like to invite a colleague who is a Professor in Argentina. Is it possible ?

Unfortunately is not possible, the Visiting Professorship initiative is exclusively available to academic staff members from 4EU+ universities.

I'm an Assistant Professor at University of Warsaw with a registered address in Italy.

Can I do a visiting professorship in Italy? Please contact the 4EU+ Local Office at the University of Warsaw (contact details of Local Offices are listed in the [call information](#), under point 10).

Does the programme only consider academics with a Professor title (as the name '4EU+ Visiting Professorships' would suggest)? Applicants are not required to hold a Professor title to apply. The person applying for 4EU+ Visiting Professorship should be an academic staff member employed at a 4EU+ member university. Please note though that specific eligibility requirements for Visiting Professorship candidates and/or Visiting Professorship proposals may apply. Specific local eligibility requirements can be found in the [call information](#), under point 4. If you need any additional information or clarification on the eligibility of staff, please contact the 4EU+ Local Office at your university (contact details of Local Offices are listed in the [call information](#), under point 10).

Is prior involvement in 4EU+ activities required? No, prior involvement is not required. New collaborations are highly encouraged.

Are there any restrictions regarding previous participation to e.g. SEED4EU+ grants?

No, there are no such constraints.

Is there a preference for existing collaborations (that will be taken to the next level, and involving new people) versus establishing new collaborations?

No, there is no preference. On the contrary, we highly encourage the formation of new collaborations in order to expand the 4EU+ community. At the same time, applications

based on existing collaborations are also very welcome, as project follow-ups help us strengthen and further develop existing activities.

2. Activities

Is there any networking session with researchers from those universities or partnership should be already established? Is it possible to get support from 4EU+ representatives at universities to find researchers/departments dealing with specific research areas, or should one (as in the case of Erasmus+) look for them on one's own?

No, an established partnership is not required to apply, and new partnerships are encouraged. While we have not envisaged any networking sessions, if you're seeking partners in areas aligned with the 4EU+ Flagships, please contact the [4EU+ Flagships' Committee](#) for assistance.

During the stay, should I limit myself to being at the university or is it allowed to involve other institutions (museums)?

Involvement of other institutions is possible, but please note that no additional funding is provided for the participation of external partners.

Is it "better" to have both research and education components? Or is this not a criterion?

No, you can apply for any type of project — whether focused on education, research, or a combination of both. There is no preference in the criteria regarding this aspect.

3. Organisation

Is it possible to split the Visiting Professorship period into 2 different universities of the Alliance?

No, the mobility period may be hosted by one university only.

If the 1-2 months are diluted over a year or so, how is time recorded? Does one have to record each day presence at the hosting institution?

In such cases, a time plan is estimated for the whole period and the number of days involved is counted.

May the invitation come from a single researcher who wishes to collaborate with the Visiting Professor, or should it come from an established, formal research group?

The invitation may come from a single researcher, however please note that the Letter of acceptance, required to be submitted as part of the application, needs to be signed by the head of the host department/dean of the unit of the host department or the rector of the hosting university.

Do I need to establish contact with the Hosting University prior to applying for the Visiting Professorship?

Yes, you need to be in contact with members of the faculty/department/unit at the hosting institution and ask them to sign a Letter of acceptance, which needs to be submitted as part of your application.

What is the earliest starting date of the Visiting Professorship?

The earliest possible starting period is October 2025, however the exact start date must be agreed upon by both the Home and Host Universities.

4. Funding

What kind of expenses can be covered? Is there any research money involved?

The grant covers travel and allowance costs. Details can be found in the [call information](#), under point 5.

Is it required to collect all the invoices and receipts from the Visiting Professorship stay for reporting purposes? Local rules may apply, please contact the 4EU+ Local Office at your university for more information ([call information](#), under point 10).

Is the allowance for Switzerland the same as the allowance for Italy? Is this correct?

Yes, it is correct.

Is the Airbnb type of accommodation accepted within the allowances provided by the Home Universities?

Yes, the Visiting Professorship holder is free to choose the type of accommodation that suits them the best, as long as it is in accordance with the budget allocated for their stay and complies with local regulations.

Can any additional costs be covered (e.g. by the host universities)?

Meaning e.g. a workshop for the local students/PhDs. How should such plans be included in the proposals?

The budget funded by the Visiting Professorships' programme only covers travel and accommodation. For questions regarding possible additional funding, please contact the 4EU+ Local Office at your university ([call information](#), under point 10).

5. Application

What do I need as proof from the receiving institution? What do we need from the Host University?

The Applicant is asked to attach the Letter of acceptance from the Host University signed by the Head of the Host Department or Dean of the Host Unit or Rector of the Hosting University. (a template is available in the [call information](#), under point 6).

Should the Letter of acceptance be " formal" only or should it be of scientific (for instance) nature?

A template of the letter is available in the [call information](#), under point 6.

Do I have to prepare a research project to apply?

No, research project is not part of the application.

6. Other questions

Will the info session be recorded? Unfortunately I cannot participate in the session on 25 March at 12.00.

Yes, the recorded session is now available at: <https://4euplus.eu/4EU-1081.html>?

Will such calls be open every year?

That is not confirmed yet. For updates, please follow the announcements on the [4EU+ website](#), in the 4EU+ newsletter ([sign up to the newsletter](#)) and on our social media (especially [Linkedin](#)).

If a Visiting Professorship holder wants to bring children during the visit, is it possible?

It is possible, however please note that we will not provide funding beyond the lump sum, which covers travel and accommodation for one person based on the specified travel and stay dates.

Is it possible to compile a list of potential interested parties or research groups willing to participate or host?

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact individuals at the Host University directly, based on their academic interests, specific project needs and objectives. If necessary, they can reach out to the 4EU+ Local Office for assistance.

Are medicine topics included in the four 4EU+ Flagships?

It depends on the specific topic, digital medicine is relevant for Flagship 3, urban health is also a key area in Flagship 1, environmental health/environmental medicine is also addressed in Flagship 4.

I am a PhD student enrolled in a distant program and interested in learning about professional development opportunities within the 4EU+ Visiting Professorships initiative. What would be the best way for someone in my position to benefit from this initiative and connect with faculty across the Alliance?

PhD candidates cannot apply for the Visiting Professorship, but can be part of the Visiting Professorship project team. We encourage you to talk to your supervisor(s) about this opportunity. You are also welcome to contact the 4EU+ Local Office to inquire about possibilities of getting involved in the running and prospective VP projects which align with your academic interests.