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PUBLIC NOTICE

[ASEM-DUO] Launch of the DUO-CIMEA/Italy Fellowship and Call for Applications.

The ASEM-DUO Secretariat has announced the launch of the DUO-CIMEA/Italy for the exchanges in the year 2025 and its first open call for applications.

DUO-CIMEA/Italy Fellowship Programme is managed by CIMEA with an aim to promote exchanges of Professors/Researchers/Ph.D students between Italy and 20 Asian ASEM member countries on a balanced and permanent basis. DUO-CIMEA/Italy is open to applications from March, 2025 until October 31st 2026(Italian local time).

Under this fellowship programme, Professors/Researcher/Ph.D students of Asian university can have financial supports for their exchanges with Italy.

All the Professors/Researcher/Ph.D students who are interested to avail the fellowship opportunities may find the relevant information regarding DUO-CIMEA/Italy Fellowship on CIMEA's website at https://www.cimea.it/pagina-duo-cimea-italia or the ASEM-DUO Secretariat's website at www.asemduo.org.

Also, find the attachment for further reference to DUO-CIMEA/Italy Fellowship Programme :

1. DUO-CIMEA/Italy General Description

2. DUO-CIMEA/Italy Application Form

For further information, you may also contact at direttore@cimea.it.

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DUO-CIMEA/Italy Fellowship Programme

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1. General Description

DUO-CIMEA/Italy Fellowship Programme is established in 2025 with the aim of promoting exchange of professors, researchers and PhD students between Italian institutions and entities affiliated to CIMEA and 20 Asian countries* on ***a balanced and permanent*** basis.

The primary focus of the exchange is related to research and development in the field of higher education law and governance. Other complementary disciplines related to higher education in a holistic way can be considered by the Selection Committee.

*20 Asian countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam

1.1. Eligibility

Due to the unique nature of this programme, in order to be eligible, the following are required:

The exchange fulfills all the two requirements below:

1. CIMEA will ***select*** national professors, researchers or PhD students of an Italian institutions and entities affiliated to CIMEA to send to the Asian institutions, and such selection has been ***accepted*** by the Asian institutions

2. The ***same*** Asian institution will select ***Asian*** professors, researchers or PhD students of an Asian institution to be sent to CIMEA and/or to the related affiliated institution/entity, and such selection has been accepted by CIMEA and the related affiliated institution/entity.

N.B.: All applicants shall maintain their position at the time of application until the time they are engaged in exchanges.

The exchange is done by pairs - same numbers of professors, researchers or PhD students (minimum one) from CIMEA and/or to the related affiliated institution/entity is/are hosted by an Asian institution and vice versa.

The exchange must necessarily **take place between the two same institution s** but **does not need to take place in the same time span**, **nor between two i dentical departments/units.**

In order to be selected, it is necessary to prove a good level of spoken and writt en English. Knowledge of the Italian language is an added value for the selectio n.

1.2. Duration and Fellowship

DUO-CIMEA/Italy 2025/26 is for exchange of professors, researchers or PhD students which will **start from March 2025 and end before December 2026**.

The duration and the amount of the fellowships are ***standardized*** as follows:

The duration of exchange should be at least 10 working days up to 30 days. The fellowship is based on at least 10 working days. If an exchange period is longer or less than this time, the fellowship will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis according to the effective period of staying.

The final amount depends on the position level (i.e. professors, researchers, PhD students) and on the country of destination. Minimum amount on monthly basis is 1.500 € and maximum is 5.000 €, excluding travel expenses (minimum 1.000 € and maximum 3.500 €).

For travel costs related to Australia, New Zealand, Japan and South Korea there is a possibility to receive 50% more of the amount for travel costs, based on a request of the applicant and the decision made by CIMEA.

2. Application and Selection Procedure

2.1. Application Period

Applications will be accepted **from March 2025 to October 2026.** Applications submitted after **October 31st, 2026, will not be accepted**.

2.2. Who Applies?

The Home (Italian) Institution and/or entity affiliated to CIMEA applies on behalf of **both** institution and people who are to participate in the exchange.

The Host (Asian) institution in partnership with Home Institution shall cooperates fully with Home Institution in supplying precise information of Asian applicants.

Individuals wishing to take part in exchanges are advised to contact the **relevant offices, most probably international relations offices** of the institution to file an application for this program.

The Home Institution will decide the contact person for DUO-CIMEA/Italy Fellowships, who should be probably from International Relations Office and other than the Professor / Lecturer.

2.3. Documents to enclose

1) The **20025/26 application form** duly completed by both applicants. The form must be typewritten and in PDF format. Authenticated electronic signatures of PDF documents are allowed.

2) A copy of the **academic cooperation agreement** (Memorandum of Understanding) between CIMEA or CIMEA Italian affiliated institution/entity and Asian institution or, in the absence of an MoU, a declaration of intent, i.e. a letter co-signed (or two separate letters signed) by the authorities of two institutions.

3) A copy of **Passport** of applicants.
4) A copy of **CV** of applicants (no more than 5 pages for each applicant).

2.4. Submitting the application

The application must be submitted as one single document in PDF format to CIMEA, at the following e-mail address: direttore@cimea.it

2.5. Selection Method

A CIMEA Selection Committee will make the selection after the application deadline. The decision will be announced within 30 days of the application submission.

The notification of the decision will be notified in writing by CIMEA directly to the applicant. The Letter of Acceptance will be forwarded to both institutions/entities participating in the mobility.

2.6. Selection Criteria

1) Appropriateness of proposal
2) Ability to carry out exchange
3) Contribution to the promotion of exchange
4) Coherence with CIMEA mandate and goals

2.7. Fellowship Amount

There are no restrictions in using the fellowship. However, if you stay in exchange country less than 10 working days or traveled without informing CIMEA in advance, the fellowship will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis.

Double fundings are possible, please contact the Selection Committee for further clarifications on this regard sending a message to: direttore@cimea.it

2.8. Contacts

For any information related to this announcement, please contact to direttore@cimea.it.

DUO-CIMEA/Italy Fellowship Programme

Application for academic year 2025/26

ID number	DI2025-	Date of submission	

HOME INSTITUTION (in Italy)			
Name of Institution			
1) CONTACT PERSON *(should not be same as the information of the person of exchange)*			
Surname		Given name	
Position		Department	
Address			
Tel		E-mail	
2) INFORMATION ON THE PERSON OF EXCHANGE			
Surname		Given name	
Date of Birth	(DD/MM/YYYY)	Gender	
Nationality	(Please submit a copy of passport)		

Applying Field		Higher Education studies	Current Major		Higher Education studies
		Law and Social Science			Law and Social Science
		History			History
		Language and Literature			Language and Literature
		International relations			International relations
		Others (pls. specify)			Others (pls. specify)
Tel	39-		E-mail		

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HOST INSTITUTION (in Asian Country)					
Name of Institution					
1) CONTACT PERSON *(should not be same as the information of the person of exchange)*					
Surname			Given name		
Position			Department		
Address	Country: Zip Code:				
Tel			E-Mail		
2) INFORMATION ON THE PERSON OF EXCHANGE					
Surname			Given name		
Date of Birth	(DD/MM/YYYY)		Gender		
Nationality	(Please submit a copy of passport)				
Applying Field		Higher Education studies	Current Major		Higher Education studies
		Law and Social Science			Law and Social Science
		History			History
		Language and Literature			Language and Literature
		International relations			International relations
		Others (pls. specify)			Others (pls. specify)
Tel			E-mail		
Confirmation on Agreement with Host Institution					
I, the contact person in the home institution, hereby confirm that the persons to be exchanged and the contact person in the host institution are all aware and agree that this application is submitted. (please, check the box at the right as appropriate)			YES		

DESCRIPTION OF EXCHANGE PROGRAM				
	From **HOME** to **HOST** Institution		From **HOST** to **HOME** Institution	
Duration	Starting Date	(DD/MM/YYYY)	Starting Date	(DD/MM/YYYY)
	Ending Date	(DD/MM/YYYY)	Ending Date	(DD/MM/YYYY)
Purpose	☐ Lecture ☐ Research		☐ Lecture ☐ Research	
	Others	(pls. specify)	Others	(pls. specify)

EXCHANGE DETAILS

Describe Lecture/Research Plan during the exchange in details, such as the title, goal, field of research, description of your plan for the exchange, and expected results, etc.

(This will be closely examined at the stage of selection by the Selection Committee)

Lecture/Research plan of the Italian Professors/Researchers/PhD students:

Lecture/Research plan of the Asian Professors/Researchers/PhD students:

SOURCE OF FINANCE

Do you have other source of finance to fund for this exchange program, including room/board, airfare, stipend and others?	YES/NO

If YES, please specify detailed information of other source of finance such as the name of institutions, fellowship amount, etc. *Double fundings are possible, please contact the Selection Committee for further support (direttore@cimea.it)

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

I hereby certify on my honor that the information provided in this application is correct and complete. Any provision of inaccurate or false information or omission of information will render this application invalid and that, if selected on the basis of such information, I can be required to withdraw from the award.

Date: _____ (Name/Signature) Contact Person of Home Institution:

(Name/Signature) President or Director of Home Institution:

Official stamp of Home Institution:

- Please upload the copies of **PASSPORT** of Italian and Asian Professors/Researchers/PhD students
- Please upload the **CV** of Italian and Asian Professors/Researchers/PhD students
- This word version application is only for reference.
- Please submit this application by email in a PDF format to: direttore@cimea.it

*** Authorized signature and official stamp are required **after** selection is made. There is no need for signature and stamp during application procedure.*