

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS VISITING@WUT GRANT PROGRAMME

- WHEN?** 2nd Semester, Academic year 2026-2027
- HOW?** Visiting@WUT Grant Programme
- WHAT?** Visiting@WUT Grant within **FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK**, Department of Sociology and Human Resources / Department of Social Work
- WHAT POSITIONS?** 5 Visiting Lecturers / 3 Visiting Researchers
- FOR WHOM?**
- Grant #1 - Visiting Lecturer: PhD in Sociology, with scientific research, publications, and teaching experience in Tunisia, focusing on mobility and migration in the Maghreb region, as well as EU border externalisation policies.
- Grant #2 - Visiting Lecturer: PhD in Sociology or PhD in Political Sciences, with expertise in migration-related social issues between Asia and Eastern European countries, including particular migration management in the People's Republic of China.
- Grant #3 - Visiting Lecturer: PhD in Social Sciences, with scientific research, publications, and teaching experience in South Asia, focusing on mobility and labour migration from the Asian region to Europe, with particular emphasis on Nepali migration to European countries.
- Grant #4 - Visiting Lecturer: International Social Work and Global Learning Focus.
- Grant #5 - Visiting Lecturer: PhD in Sociology or PhD in Political Sciences, United Nations adviser in the South Caucasian and Central Asia, expertise in conflict management.
- Grant #6 - Visiting Researcher: PhD in Sociology, Scientific research, publications and teaching activities in Portugal, about mobility, migration, work-employment and social inclusion.
- Grant #7 - Visiting Researcher: PhD in Family Studies, Human Development, or Social Values.



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Grant #8 - Visiting Researcher: PhD in Sociology, with scientific research, publications, and teaching activities on mobility, migration, regularisation processes across European countries, social inclusion, and political emotions.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Qualified academic staff from any country (except Romania), who holds a PhD and a higher education teaching / research institutional affiliation.

General Eligibility Criteria:

Grant #1 - Visiting Lecturer:

- PhD in Sociology.
- Scientific research, publications, and teaching activities focused on topics such as mobility, migration, labour, border externalisation, and social inclusion.

Grant #2 - Visiting Lecturer:

- Expert in geopolitics, international relations, and domestic and international migration between Asia and Eastern European countries.
- At least 5 years of experience in academia, university teaching, and social research activities related to international and domestic migration in the People's Republic of China.

Grant #3 - Visiting Lecturer:

- PhD in Social Sciences.
- Scientific research, publications, and teaching activities focused on topics such as mobility, migration, labour, and social inclusion with a focus on Asia.

BENEFITS:

- 6000 RON - monthly grant
- 1 round trip between the place of origin and Timișoara
- accommodation on campus
- E-UVT institutional account
- free, unlimited access to WUT and Host-Faculty facilities
- free access to WUT electronic resources
- work-space at the Host-Faculty



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Grant #4 - Visiting Lecturer:

- Education: PhD (or equivalent doctoral degree) in Social Work or a closely related field. Demonstrated scholarly engagement in social work education, social policy, international social work, or related areas.
- Teaching Experience: Minimum of 10 years of university-level teaching experience in social work. Experience teaching undergraduate and graduate social work courses. Demonstrated excellence in teaching social policy, social theory, international social work, community practice, or related subjects. Experience designing and implementing experiential, service-learning, and community-engaged pedagogies. International and Global Learning Experience: Demonstrated experience teaching international social work or globally focused social work courses. Experience developing and/or leading study abroad, travel-abroad, virtual exchange, global classroom, or international collaborative learning programs. Experience facilitating cross-cultural learning and intercultural dialogue among students from different countries.
- Practice Experience: Professional social work practice experience in Romania and/or other international contexts. Demonstrated understanding of comparative social welfare systems and transnational social issues. Preferred Qualifications: Romania-Related Expertise. Experience collaborating with Romanian universities, NGOs, social service agencies, or professional associations. Knowledge of Romanian social policy, social welfare systems, and contemporary social issues. Demonstrated involvement in collaborative educational or research projects between Romania and international institutions.
- Language Skills: Romanian language proficiency preferred.

Grant #5 - Visiting Lecturer:

- Expert in conflict management and peace-building.
- Experience of at least 10 years in advisory and prioritising international and domestic measures in the context of escalating geopolitical tensions at the regional level, in Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia.



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Grant #6 - Visiting Researcher:

- PhD in Sociology and MA/BA in the Sociology of Work.
- At least five Q1 publications in the field of social sciences within the previous five-year period: 2020-2025.
- Scientific research, publications, and teaching activities focused on topics such as mobility, migration, work and employment, gender studies, and social inclusion. Publications based on scientific research within one of the UNITA European Alliance, based in Portugal.

Grant #7 - Visiting Researcher:

- PhD in Sociology, Family Studies, or Human Development.
- Scientific research, publications and teaching activities focused on topics such as human development, intergenerational studies, social values, influence of culture on families and communities, family life education, and educational sociology.

Grant #8 - Visiting Researcher:

- PhD in Sociology.
- Scientific research, publications in Q1 journals, and teaching activities focused on topics such as mobility, migration, and political emotions.
- Interdisciplinary profile.

GRANT PERIOD:

Grant #1 - Visiting Lecturer: 1 month (short-term) between March 15, 2027 - April 15, 2027

Grant #2 - Visiting Lecturer: 1 month (short-term) between April 10, 2027 - May 10, 2027

Grant #3 - Visiting Lecturer: 1 month (short-term) between April 15, 2027 - May 15, 2027

Grant #4 - Visiting Lecturer: 1 month (short-term) between May 10, 2027 - June 10, 2027

Grant #5 - Visiting Lecturer: 1 month (short-term) between May 10, 2027 - June 10, 2027

Grant #6 - Visiting Researcher: 1 month (short-term) between June 4, 2027 - July 4, 2027

Grant #7 - Visiting Researcher: 1 month (short-term) between May 23, 2027 - June 23, 2027

Grant #8 - Visiting Researcher: 2 months (short-term) between June 1, 2027 - July 31, 2027



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CALENDAR:

Application period: September 1st - November 1st, 2026

Evaluation of applications and possible interviews with shortlisted applicants: November 2026

Notification of results: December 2026

Selection process:

- Applications will be evaluated by a Committee within the Host-Faculty.
- Decisions will be communicated within 1 month (maximum) of the end of registrations, no later than: December 1st, 2026

APPLICATION FILE:

- Registration Form
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of publications
- 1-page description of the candidate's teaching / research profile
- 1-page motivation letter (detailing interest in collaboration and benefits for the host institution)
- 2 courses structure / 1 research structure - title, abstract, topics, objectives, methods, targeted results, selected bibliography (max. 4 pages)
- Letter of acceptance from the Host Faculty / Department (recommended)

DESCRIPTION OF THE VISITING LECTURER / RESEARCHER POSITION:

Grant #1 - Visiting Lecturer:

Activity 1. To jointly organise and deliver teaching activities during the period of 15 March - 15 April 2027, in the second semester of the 2026-2027 academic year.

Activity 2. To conduct review activities for MA students of the Department.

Grant #2 - Visiting Lecturer:

The Visiting Lecturer will deliver lectures and presentations to master's students in the M.A. programme in International Migration and Global Social Change from the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, on social change and migration-related topics:



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- The series of presentations will explore international and domestic migration characteristics in the People's Republic of China;
- The impact of geopolitical changes on managing migration at both domestic and international levels in the People's Republic of China.

Grant #3 - Visiting Lecturer:

Activity 1. To jointly organise and deliver teaching activities during the second semester.

Activity 2. To conduct review activities for MA students of the Department.

Grant #4 - Visiting Lecturer:

The Visiting Lecturer will deliver lectures and presentations to students from the Department of Social Work on topics related to social policy, community practice, and global social work. The international perspectives will focus on the cross-cultural learning process and intercultural dialogue in the Romanian context of social work policies, its welfare system and transnational social issues faced by the Romanian social work system.

Grant #5 - Visiting Lecturer:

The Visiting Lecturer will conduct lectures on the MA Program: International Migration and Global Social Change:

- The series of presentations will discuss international and domestic efforts to resolve long-standing conflicts in Europe, the South Caucasus, and Central Asia;
- The character and types of interventions necessary to promote confidence-building and dialogue across conflict divides will be systematically analysed;
- The impact of geopolitical changes on domestic politics and peacebuilding efforts will also be examined in the European, Central Asia and South Caucasian geopolitical regions.

Grant #6 - Visiting Researcher:

The Visiting Researcher will elaborate on a scientific paper, in collaboration with colleagues from the Sociology Department, on one of the topics with the potential to scale up across UNITA universities - mobility, migration, work-study balance or social integration of non-EU students in Romania and Portugal -, to be delivered in a publishable form, ready to be submitted further to a jointly agreed international journal with peer review, Q1 or Q2 in Sociology.

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The Visiting Researcher will also collaborate on planning the curriculum and research-based activities for students participating in a Blended Intensive Program organised by the Department of Sociology at West University of Timisoara, in the period 28.06-2.07.2027.

Grant #7 - Visiting Researcher:

The Visiting Researcher will engage in scientific research activities and contribute to the development of a scientific paper, in collaboration with colleagues from the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, on topics such as social values, human development, and addressing discrimination and bullying in school communities. The aim is to produce a publishable version, ready for submission to a jointly agreed international journal in Sociology, ranked Q1 or Q2.

Grant #8 - Visiting Researcher:

Activity 1. Collaborative work with the academic staff of the Department of Sociology on a scientific article, to be submitted in publishable form after the visiting grant period.

Activity 2. Research design activities, conducted collaboratively with academic staff from the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, West University of Timișoara. The research design will address the topic of social integration in Romania, comparing local policies at the European level.

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