**UCD Foundation for Italian Studies Collaborative Seed Funding**

**Open call 2025/26**

The UCD Foundation for Italian Studies welcomes applications for a Collaborative Seed Funding Programme. The purpose of this programme is to provide seed funding to develop research projects/events in collaboration with at least one member of the UCD Italian Foundation and UCD Italian section: Paolo Acquaviva – paolo.acquaviva@ucd.ie; Marco Bellardi – marco.bellardi@ucd.ie; Mara Josi – mara.josi1@ucd.ie; Serena Laiena – serena.laiena@ucd.ie.

The funding can be directed towards – but not limited to – staff travel to UCD and maintenance, the organisation of workshops/conferences/seminars to be held at UCD, collaborative publication projects, and the draft of an application for a national or international research grant in collaboration with one or more UCD Italian staff members.

The UCD Foundation for Italian studies aims to offer up to 3 grants per year. The value of each grant is a maximum of €1000.

**Terms and Conditions of this funding call:**

· To be eligible for the programme, applicants must download and submit the attached application form, together with their CV, by Friday, 31st October 2025.

· Applicants must be research-active staff on a temporary, part-time or permanent contract or postdoctoral fellows at EU or non-EU institutions.

· Applicants’ stay and/or the proposed research event must take place between 15 January 2026 and 15 December 2026.

· The UCD Foundation for Italian Studies funding must be formally acknowledged on all publicity material, including cfps, programmes, websites and in publications arising from this funding.

· Successful projects will feature as UCD Foundation for Italian Studies activities on the UCD Italian website.

· Successful applicants will be required to submit a report outlining the programme’s achievements/deliverables.

Publication of results: 6 weeks after submission.

Applications should be sent to the Director of the UCD Foundation and Head of Italian Studies, Dr Marco Bellardi, as well as to the project/event collaborator(s) at UCD.

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**Application Form**

| Applicant’s name, institution and email address |  |
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| UCD collaborator name |  |
| Project/event title |  |
| Project/event description  Max 500 words |  |
| Timeline |  |
| Project Budget |  |

Applicant’s signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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