CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE DOUBLE DEGREE MASTER PROGRAMME IN

PLANT SCIENCE (LM-6)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 - 2019

THE HEAD OF STUDENTS OFFICE

HAVING REGARD TO

Law no. 264 of 02.08.1999 regulating access to university courses;

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Ministerial Decree no. 270 of 22 October 24, “Amendments to the regulations on the didactic autonomy of universities” (Modifiche al regolamento recante norme concernenti l'autonomia didattica degli atenei) approved with Decree of the Minister for Universities and Scientific and Technological Research no. 509 of 3 November 1999;

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The decisions of the responsible academic boards concerning access to university programmes;

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Pending the Ministerial authorization that will confirm the activation of the degree programme, admission to the double degree master programme in Plant Science (LM-6) for the academic year 2018/2019 is through a competitive exam, as set out in this call for application.

The programme is developed and organised jointly between the Università degli Studi di Milano (UNIMI) and the Université de Grenoble Alpes (UGA). Students participating are expected to spend at least one semester at UGA and one semester at UNIMI.

Further information are available on the Official Programme description (Manifesto degli Studi).

Art. 1- Admission requirements

Graduates of class L-13 Biological Sciences, who are recognized as fully satisfying the curriculum requirements, can apply to the double degree master programme in Plant
Science, provided they have completed a training course consistent with the indications of the National College of University Biologists (CBUI). The requirements include:

- 66 ECTS in biological areas (SSD BIO), of which at least 6 in BIO/01 Botanica generale (General Botany), BIO/02 Botanica sistematica (Systematic Botany), BIO/04 Fisiologia Vegetale (Plant Physiology), BIO/05 Zoologia (Zoology), BIO/06 Anatomia comparata e citologia (Comparative Anatomy and Cytology) (at least 12), BIO/07 Ecologia (Ecology), BIO/09 Fisiologia (Physiology), BIO/10 Biochimica (Biochemistry).

- 12 ECTS in FIS/01 - FIS/08 Fisica (Physics), INF/01 - Informatica (Informatics), ING-INF/05 - Sistemi di elaborazione delle informazioni (Information processing systems), MAT/01-MAT/09 Mathematics.

- 12 CFU in CHIM/01 - Chimica analitica (Analytical Chemistry), CHIM/02 - Chimica fisica (Physical Chemistry), CHIM/03 - Chimica generale e inorganica (General and Inorganic Chemistry), CHIM/06 - Chimica organica (Organic chemistry).

Other graduate students in the same class L-13, who have not followed a training course in line with the indications of the CBUI or in class L-12 Biological Sciences (ex DM 509/99), or in other classes, may be admitted provided they have not less than 90 ECTS, in the disciplinary sectors (SSD) mentioned above;

For students graduated in the L-25 class, i.e. Agricultural and Forestry science and Technology (Scienze e Tecnologie Agrarie e Forestali) and related classes, ECTS acquired in the following disciplinary sectors: AGR02 Agronomia e Coltivazioni erbacee (Agronomy and Field crops), AGR03 Arboricoltura generale e Coltivazioni arboree (Arboriculture and Fruitculture), AGR/07 - Genetica agraria (Agricultural genetics), AGR/12 - Patologia vegetale (Plant pathology), AGR/13 Chimica agraria (Agricultural chemistry), AGR/16 Microbiologia agraria (Agricultural Microbiology), AGR/17 Zootecnica Generale e Miglioramento Genetico (Livestock systems, Animal breeding and Genetics), VET/01 Anatomia degli Animali Domestici (Veterinary anatomy), VET/02 Fisiologia Veterinaria (Veterinary physiology), will also be considered for admission.

Students must be proficient in English, with a B2 level of competence. Students who do not have a B2 certificate, or equivalent, should present a report or screenshot of their results at the self-test Dialang (that can be taken on the internet at http://dialangweb.lancaster.ac.uk).

The adequate personal preparation of the candidates, their ability to communicate in English and their motivation are decisive elements for the admission and they are going to be verified and tested during the admission interview.

Also candidates in possession of university qualifications gained abroad and recognized as suitable by the University can be admitted.
Students enrolled in the final year of first cycle degree courses, who have gained at least 156 credits at the time of the admission exam, can be admitted to the programme as long as they graduate by 31 July 2018.

EU and non-EU citizens in possession of a residence permit for Italy issued in accordance with art. 26 of law no. 189 of 30 July 2002 have access to university education under the same conditions as Italian students.

Citizens of Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, the Republic of San Marino, refugees and the beneficiaries of subsidiary protection, staff working in foreign diplomatic missions and in international bodies with offices in Italy, accredited by the Italian State or the Holy See, as well as their dependent family members (spouses and children only) are considered equivalent to EU citizens.

Art. 2 - Number of places available

The number of places available for the first year is 10.

Art. 3 - Admission procedure and deadline

Admission will begin on 18 May 2018 and terminate on 19 June 2018 at 12.00 midday, at the very latest.

All candidates are required to apply online, according to the following procedure:

1. Register on the University portal through the page: https://www.unimi.it/registrazione/ENG/registrazione keb (not required for those already registered on the portal or in possession of university login credentials);
2. Sign up to the Services for admission to Master programmes with an entrance examination, using university credentials: http://www.unimi.it/hpsifa/ENG/nonProfiledPage_100.html
3. Pay the fee of € 30.00 in one of the following ways:
   a. using the “MAV” (notice of payment) form generated at the end of the online enrolment procedure
   b. by credit card (the only accepted payment method for resident abroad applicants)

Payment must be made by the deadline for admission at the very latest, on pain of exclusion.

The online admission service also requires the uploading of the following documents in .jpg, .pdf or .rtf format:

- Curriculum vitae (in English)
- Diploma Supplement or, alternatively, a transcript of the student’s records including courses and marks (in English, French or Italian)
- Certificate for B2-level in English or, for students who do not have a B2 certificate, a report or screenshot of their results at the self-test Dialang (that can be taken on the
internet at [http://dialangweb.lancaster.ac.uk](http://dialangweb.lancaster.ac.uk). The list of the accepted certificates is available at the following page: [http://www.unimi.it/ENG/student/100315.htm](http://www.unimi.it/ENG/student/100315.htm)

- Letter of motivation (in English)
- Passport (only the pages containing personal information) or other valid ID Document - (only for non-Italian candidates).

Applicants may also upload reference letters from internship supervisors or any other document relevant for the evaluation.

Transcripts from candidates of the Università degli Studi di Milano are acquired automatically. Candidates from other Italian Universities may upload a self-certification instead of the transcript.

In addition to their personal details, **candidates who have not yet graduated** must provide the total credits obtained, the average grade, exams taken and not yet recorded with the relative credits, exams not yet taken with the relative credits, and their expected date of graduation.

A receipt is issued at the end of the online procedure, which could be requested on the day of the exam together with the receipt of payment.

Any candidate who provides false details or is not in possession of the admission requirements will be excluded from the final ranking list.

**Art. 4 - Admission exam schedule and procedure**

The admission exam will take place on **20 June 2018** at the Department of Biosciences, Via Celoria 26, Building A, 2nd floor.

Candidates must arrive at 2.30 p.m. bearing the identity document indicated in the admission phase for identification (the document must be currently valid), after which the exam will start. Candidates who arrive without identity document, with invalid one, or late will not be admitted to the exam.

The board and the supervisory staff will supervise observance of the abovementioned rules and have the right to adopt the necessary measures resulting from their non-observance. For any matters not covered in this announcement, the provisions on the conduct of public competitions apply.

**Candidates resident abroad can ask for an online interview by sending an e-mail to plant.science@unimi.it, within 17 June 2018.**
Art. 5 - Examining board

The examining board is appointed by the competent academic council.

During the exam the board will be assisted by teaching and administrative staff, who will be responsible for supervising and identifying the candidates.

Art. 6 - Examination program and assessment criteria

The entrance exam consists of an interview with the Commission for Admittance to the Master; the interview will evaluate the candidate acquaintance in topics related to the Plant Science degree, and will ascertain the knowledge of the English language.

The committee evaluates the candidate on a 100-point scale:

- Up to 25/100 will be given for the graduation grade; for undergraduates the average grade of the passed exams will be evaluated;
- Up to 10/100 for the curriculum (type of degree, extra-curriculum free courses, Erasmus experience, etc...)
- Up to 65/100 for the interview

The minimum requirement for admission is 60/100. In the event of two or more candidates with the same score, priority will be given to the younger candidate.

Candidates who pass the exam and achieve a sufficiently high position in the ranking list can register on the first year of the course.

Art. 7 - Enrolment

7.1 Ranking lists and enrolment of winners

The ranking list will be published on 22 June 2018 on the University’s website: www.unimi.it - On line services SIFA - Admission Ranking Lists

(http://www.unimi.it/hpsifa/ENG/nonProfiledPage_100.html#)

Publication of the ranking lists of the degree program constitutes official communication to the candidates.

Students who occupy the first ten positions in the merit ranking must enrol on line within 2 July 2018 at 2 p.m. following the procedures published on the website at http://www.unimi.it/ENG/admission/92320.htm#c33335.

Enrolment of undergraduates will be validated only if they obtain their Bachelor’s degree by 31 July 2018.
7.2 Updating of the ranking list

Places left vacant after the deadline for enrolment indicated in 7.1 are assigned to the next students in the ranking list and will be published on the website www.unimi.it - On line services SIFA - Admission Ranking Lists, from 5 July 2018.

Candidates admitted for the places available must enrol by 2 p.m. of 15 July 2018, following the procedures indicated in point 7.1.

7.3 Candidates with qualifications gained abroad

Candidates with qualifications gained abroad must deliver the following documentation (showing originals and submitting photocopies) to the International Students Office (Ufficio Studenti Internazionali) - Via Santa Sofia 9/1, by the deadlines indicated above:

- First cycle degree (BSc. or equivalent), translated into Italian by an official translator, legalized by the competent authorities (translation non required when the Diploma Supplement is provided)
- “Dichiarazione di valore in loco” issued by the Italian diplomatic mission in the country in which the degree was obtained, or Diploma Supplement, or statement of validity issued by ENIC_NARIC centres or by diplomatic missions resident in Italy
- Copy of high school diploma in Italian, English, French, Spanish or German
- Italian tax code
- valid residence permit (only for non-EU candidates)

Verification of the validity of qualifications gained abroad is conducted on presentation of the official documents. Until then, candidates are admitted to the programme conditionally and may be excluded from the ranking lists if they prove not to have the necessary qualifications.

Art. 8 - Procedure manager

Pursuant to law no. 241 of 7 August 1990 the manager of the procedure related to this announcement is Ms. Monica Delù (Head of the Students welcoming service).

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