SELECTION CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO A TRAINING PROGRAM

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

CORSO DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE/ MASTER DEGREE PROGRAM IN

Medical Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine

The University of Milan (UNIMI) invites applications for an academic study period at Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University (Japan), in the frame of an academic agreement involving students of “Corso di laurea magistrale in Medical Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine”.

Up to 2 students will be selected to spend an academic year (11 months, starting from February 2019) at Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University.

Study abroad provisions

The study period abroad will be recognized as part of the academic program. It cannot be carried out immediately after a previous academic mobility.

The academic activity to be carried out abroad will be taken in the form of internship in the glycobiology field.

The study plan to be carried out abroad will be agreed and formalized through a Learning Agreement signed between the academic coordinators of both Universities (Home and Host Institution) and the student, prior to departure.

Admission requirements

Applicants for participation in the exchange program must be regular students of the Master Degree Program in Medical Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine.

Students more than one year behind their study program (fuori corso) can not apply.
The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied when applying:

- applicants must be regular students of the Master Degree Program in Medical Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine;
- applicants must prove their English proficiency.

If students do not have any valid language certification, they can self-certify their English language proficiency, by filling up and submitting the form here attached (Annex I). In this case, English language skills will be tested during the interview. Proficiency statements made by a language teacher whatsoever will not qualify. Likewise, credits earned in “Accertamento delle conoscenze linguistiche” during the students’ academic studies will not qualify, unless they have been issued as a result of the students’ participation in a language course organized by Servizio Linguistico dell’Ateneo di Milano - SLAM, therefore accompanied by the certificate of level previously referred to.

**Mobility requirements**

Only regular students registered in the Master Degree Program in Medical Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine during academic year 2018/2019 will be eligible to spend a study period at Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University.

Selected candidates will be allowed to spend their study period at the host University only if they have taken 6 core exams and 1 curricular exam before beginning their mobility.

Students must keep being registered at the University of Milan all over their study period abroad.

**Application procedure**

Applicants must fill up and sign the Application form (Annex 1) for admission in the exchange program.

The following documents must be enclosed along with the Application form:

1. curriculum vitae;
2. copy of passport or identity card;

3. transcript of undergraduate and graduate academic career, with the grades obtained in all the exams taken (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page- pdf); students that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must fill up the form **DICHIAZIONE SOSTITUTIVA DI CERTIFICAZIONE DI ISCRIZIONE UNIVERSITÀ-CONSEGUIMENTO TITOLO - ESAMI** (see Section “Modulistica generale- Dichiarazioni sostitutive di certificazione”). Even the exams not already registered will be considered;

4. statement of purpose (a letter in English explaining the scope of the mobility);

5. English proficiency certificate or SLAM certificate of level or self-certification.

**Deadline: November 19th, 2018 at 12 pm (Italian local time).**

**Selection procedure**

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Diego Fornasari and composed of Prof. Sandro Sonnino, Prof. Alessandro Prinetti and Dr. Federica Compostella.

After examining the applicants’ dossiers, the committee will interview the candidates on **November 20th, 2018 at 3.00 pm**, at the Department of Medical Biotechnology and Translational Medicine – Via Vanvitelli 32 – Milano.

Applicants unable to attend the interview due to circumstances beyond their control must submit any relevant documentation proving said circumstances. The Committee may decide to interview such applicants via videoconference.

After completing the interviews, the committee will rank the candidates according to their merit.

For each candidate the overall score will be obtained by adding the following partial scores:

1. curriculum vitae (up to 10/50);
2. academic career and grades obtained (up to 15/50);

3. statement of purpose (up to 15/50);

4. proficiency in English (up to 10/50);

Only candidates achieving an overall score of at least 30/50 will qualify for the exchange program.

The final ranking will be published online on the UNIMI website [here](#), by **November 23rd, 2018**. No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.

Applicants in the first two positions of the ranking must formally accept to enter the program within 3 days from the online publication of the ranking, by sending an e-mail message of acceptance to [unimi@postecert.it](mailto:unimi@postecert.it), whose “Oggetto” must be “SURNAME_ NAME” TOHOKU -ACCEPTANCE”.

If the selected candidate’s e-mail of acceptance is not received by the specified deadline, the same candidate lose her/his right to enter the program.

If appointed for an Erasmus+ mobility abroad in academic year 2018-2019, selected student must withdraw from the Erasmus+ position.

Ufficio Accordi e Relazioni Internazionali will send the data of the selected candidates to the Host University for final approval.

Upon partner University’s acceptance, Ufficio Accordi e Relazioni Internazionali will contact selected students for information on administrative issues.

**Financial aspects**

Exchange students will pay tuition and fees to the Home University, the Host University will waive tuition and fees.

Exchange students will be covered with civil liability insurance and accident insurance provided by UNIMI during the performance of their study activities at the Host University. Exchange students will personally provide for medical insurance coverage during their stay abroad.
UNIMI will award a grant towards travel and living costs abroad. The university grant will be awarded according to the student’s income, based on ISEE statement as already submitted to Divisione Segreterie Studenti.

The awarding criteria will be as follows:

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The grant final amount will correspond to the study period actually spent abroad. In case of students not spending their period abroad entirely, the amount will be calculated by multiplying the number of days actually spent abroad by 1/30 monthly allowance.

Confidentiality

According to the law, UNIMI shall fully respect the confidential nature of any information furnished by the candidates: said information will only be processed for the purposes of the selection call, the formalization of any relation between UNIMI and the candidates and the management of the relation thereof.

Contacts

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinator: Prof. Alessandro Prinetti.
General information about the partner university is available on the Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University website.

For information on administrative issues students are invited to contact Ufficio Accordi e Relazioni Internazionali - Sezione Accordi, e-mail: international.education@unimi.it.

Milano, 23/10/2018

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