The University of Milan invites applications for an academic study period at Bard College (Annandale, NY - USA) in the frame of an academic agreement involving students of “Corso di laurea magistrale in Lettere Moderne”.

One student will be selected to spend one academic year (9 months: from September 2018 to May, 2019) at Bard College. Once selected the student will attend courses and take exams, carry out dissertation work, and serve as an Italian Foreign Language Exchange Tutor (FLET) at Bard College.

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

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 at least in their second year of the Master Degree Program in Modern Humanities during academic year 2017-2018. 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 Modern Humanities;
- applicants’ weighted cumulative grade point average must be no less than 28/30;
- applicants’ CFU credits must be no less than 45;
- applicants must have their dissertation work already in progress;
- preferably applicants will qualify as Italian Language Teachers for Foreigners;
- applicants must prove their English proficiency (level B2 or higher). 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.

If students do not have any valid language certification, they must prove their English language skills by submitting, when already obtained, a certificate of level issued by SLAM. Lacking any language certification or any SLAM’s certificate of level, students can self-certify their English language proficiency, by filling up and submitting the form here attached (Annex I). English language skills will at any rate be tested during the interview.

**Mobility requirements**

Only regular students registered in the Master Degree Program in Modern Humanities during academic year 2018/2019 will be eligible to spend a study period at Bard College. Selected candidate will be allowed to spend her/his study period at the host University only if, she/he has earned a minimum of 60 ECTS before beginning her/his 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 (attached below) for admission in the exchange program between University of Milan and Bard College. The following documents must be enclosed along with the application form:

1. curriculum vitae;
2. copy of the identity card or passport;
3. transcript of academic career, with the grades obtained in all the exams taken (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page);
4. draft of the study plan to be carried out abroad;
5. statement of purpose (a letter in English explaining the scope of the mobility);
6. dissertation work;
7. any document certifying previous experience as an Italian Language Teacher;
8. English proficiency certificate or SLAM certificate of level or self-certification.

Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents to the following
e-mail address: unimi@postecert.it.
Deadline: 28 May, 2018 at 1:00 pm (Italian local time).

Selection procedure
The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Martino Marazzi and constituted by Prof. Bruno Falcetto and Prof.ssa Laura Neri.
After examining the applicants’ dossiers, the committee will interview the candidates on 29 May, 2018, at 9:00 am, Aula Seminari - Sezione Modernistica (ground floor), Dept. of “Studi letterari filologici e linguistici”, via Festa del Perdono 7.

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 four partial scores:
1. curriculum vitae/academic career and grades obtained (up to 30/100);
2. statement of purpose/ study plan (up to 30/100);
3. proficiency in English (up to 25/100);
4. experience as an Italian Language Teacher (up to 15/100).

Only candidates achieving an overall score of at least 80/100 will qualify for the exchange program. The final ranking will be published online on the University of Milan website here, by 31 May, 2018. No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.

Applicant in the first position of the ranking must formally accept to enter the program within 5 days from the online publication of the ranking, by sending an e-mail message of acceptance to unimi@postecert.it whose “Oggetto” must be “NAME_SURNAME” – BARD COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE”.
If the selected candidate’s e-mail of acceptance is not received by the specified deadline, the same candidate loses her/his right to enter the program.
If appointed in academic year 2018-2019 for an Erasmus+ mobility or any other mobility abroad funded by the University of Milan, any selected student to Bard College University must opt for one single position.
Ufficio Accordi e Relazioni Internazionali will send the data of the selected candidate to the Host University for final approval.

Upon partner University’s acceptance, Ufficio Accordi e Relazioni Internazionali (bandi.extraeu@unimi.it) will contact selected student for information on administrative issues.

Financial aspects

Exchange student will pay tuition and fees to the Home University. The Host University will waive tuition and fees. The University of Milan will award a grant towards travel and living costs abroad. Exchange student will be covered with civil liability insurance and accident insurance provided by the University of Milan during the performance of her/his study activities at the Host University. Exchange student will personally provide for medical insurance coverage during her/his stay 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 D.Lgs. n. 196/2003 the University 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 the University and the candidates and the management of the relation thereof.
Contacts

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinator, Prof. Martino Marazzi.

General information about the partner University is available on the Bard College’s website. For information on administrative issues students are invited to contact Ufficio Accordi e Relazioni Internazionali – Sezione Accordi, e-mail: bandi.extraeu@unimi.it.

Milan, 07/05/2018

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Application Form

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

BIRTH DATE (dd/mm/yy)

BIRTH PLACE

RESIDENCE

City

State/Country

Street

No.

ZIP code

Phone

Email

Unimi matriculation n°

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