SELECTION CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

The University of Milan (UNIMI), in the frame of the academic agreements with Peking University HSBC School of Business (Shenzen, Peking - China), Singapore Management University -SMU (Singapore) and Plekhanov Russian University of Economics (Moscow, Russia), invites applications for an academic study period at one of the three above-mentioned partner universities.

Up to six students will be selected to spend a semester abroad as follows:

- for Peking University: up to 2 students, enrolled as first-year students in EPS and MEF (one for each of the two programs), from February to June, 2019;

- for SMU: up to 2 students enrolled in EMA/MAP/MAPS, from January to April, 2019;

- for Plekhanov University: up to 2 students enrolled in EPS/MEF/MII, from February to July, 2019.

Study abroad provisions

The study period abroad will be recognized as part of the academic program. The study period abroad cannot 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 regular students of the Master Degree Program in Economics and Political Science-EPS, Economics & Finance-MEF and in Management dell’innovazione e imprenditorialità (MII), Bachelor Degree Program in EMA/MAP/MAPS (for SMU). 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 have earned at least 42 ECTS if second-year students, or 96 ECTS if third-year bachelor students;
- applicants’ weighted cumulative grade point average must be not smaller than 25;
- applicants must prove English proficiency (level B2 or higher), either through external certification or during the interview with the selection committee.

If students do not have any valid language certification, they can prove their English language skills by submitting, when already obtained, a certificate of level issued by Servizio Linguistico dell’Ateneo di Milano - SLAM.

In the absence of any language certification or SLAM certificate of level, students 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 SLAM, therefore accompanied by the certificate of level previously referred to.
Mobility requirements

Only regular students registered in the Master Degree in EPS, MEF and MII, Bachelor Degree Program in EMA/MAP/MAPS (for SMU) during academic year 2018/2019, will be eligible to spend a study period at one of the three partner universities.

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 A) for admission in the exchange program.

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 undergraduate/graduate academic career, with the grades obtained in all the exams taken including the final grade for the graduate (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page); students that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must fill up the form DICHIARAZIONE SOSTITUTIVA DI CERTIFICAZIONE DI ISCRIZIONE UNIVERSITA’-CONSEGUIMENTO TITOLO - ESAMI (see Section “Modulistica generale- Dichiarazioni sostitutive di certificazione”) with the information related to their undergraduate degree and career records;

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. 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: 10th September, 2018 at 12 pm (Italian local time).
Selection procedure

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Alessandro Barbiero and composed of Prof. Giancarlo Manzi, Prof. Francesco Guala and Stefania Scuderi.

After examining the applicants’ dossiers, the committee will interview the candidates on 14th September 2018, at 9:30 am, in the seminar room of the Department of Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods.

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.

The interview is aimed at testing the applicants’ motivation as well as their language proficiency in case a self-certification has been submitted. Each applicant’s language proficiency will be assessed by a written test and an interview conducted by a SLAM expert. A SLAM statement on language proficiency will be issued at the end of the test.

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 25/100);
2. academic career and grades obtained (up to 25/100);
3. study plan proposed (up to 20/100);
4. statement of purpose (up to 15/100);
5. proficiency in English (up to 15/100);
Only candidates achieving an overall score of at least 70/100 will qualify for the exchange program. The final ranking will be published online on the University of Milan website here, by 21st September, 2018. No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.

Applicant in the first six positions 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” PEKING + SMU + PLEKHANOV -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 (bandi.extraceu@unimi.it) 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 the University of Milan during the performance of their study activities at the Host University. Exchange students will personally provide for medical insurance coverage during their stay abroad.
The University of Milan 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 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 coordinators:

Professor Giancarlo Manzi, Professor Francesco Guala, Professor Francesca De Battisti, Professor Tommaso Frattini, Professor Maddalena Sorrentino and Stefania Scuderi.

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

Milano, 25/07/2018

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