



**SELECTION CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO A STUDENT EXCHANGE**

at KYOTO UNIVERSITY (KYOTO, JAPAN) or

at UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA (MINNEAPOLIS, USA)

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 - 2021**

The University of Milan invites applications for academic study periods in:

- Japan: at Kyoto University - Graduate School of Energy Science, Department of Fundamental Energy Science, in the frame of the academic agreement involving UNIMI master students of the Single-cycle degree programs of Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Biotechnology;
- the United States: at University of Minnesota - School of Public Health on the one part, and Medical School's Department of Pharmacology and Department of Medicinal Chemistry on the other, in the frame of two academic agreements involving UNIMI students of the Single Cycle Degree Program in Pharmacy, the Single Cycle Degree Program in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology, the Master Degree Program in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology and the Master Degree Program in Safety Assessment of Xenobiotics and Biotechnological Products.

Up to 4 students (2 for each Partner University) will be selected to carry out thesis research during a 6-month or a 9-month stay in the Academic Year 2020-2021.

**Study abroad provisions**

The study period abroad will be recognized as part of the academic program.

The thesis research plan to be carried out abroad will be agreed and formalized through a Work Plan 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:



- for the exchange program at the Kyoto University must be attending at least their 5<sup>th</sup> year of the above mentioned Single Cycle degree programs of Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, when applying;
- for the exchange program at the University of Minnesota must be attending at least their 4<sup>th</sup> year of the above mentioned Single Cycle Degree Programs in Pharmacy and in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology, or must be enrolled in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Master Degree Programs in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology or in Safety Assessment of Xenobiotics and Biotechnological Products, when applying.

Students more than one year behind their study program can not apply.

The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied when applying:

- applicants must be regular students of the above mentioned Single-cycle/Master degree programs;
- 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 will prove their English language skills by submitting a certificate of level issued by SLAM: students can register to SLAM test [here](#) (test are scheduled on these [dates](#)).

### **Mobility requirements**

Applicants must be regular students enrolled in one of the above mentioned study programs in academic year 2019/2020. They must keep being registered at the University of Milan all over their study period abroad.



## Application procedure

Documents required for admission in the exchange program are the following:

1. copy of the identity card or (recommended) passport (pdf/jpeg);
2. curriculum vitae (pdf);
3. screenshot of the UNIMIA page with the grades obtained in all the exams taken, including the grade point average. Activities not yet registered on UNIMIA page must be enclosed as well (pdf/jpeg);
4. motivation letter in English (pdf);
5. certificate of proficiency in the English language or SLAM test (pdf/jpeg).

Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents through the online platform [elixForms](#).

Deadline: **November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 12:00 pm** (Italian local time).

## Selection procedure

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Francesca Clerici and composed of Prof. Maria Luisa Gelmi, Prof.ssa Gabriella Roda (Substitutes: Prof. Alessandro Contini, Dott.ssa Emanuela Erba).

After examining the applicants' dossiers, the committee will interview the candidates at Biblioteca del Dip.di Scienze Farmaceutiche, Sez. di Chimica generale e Organica, Edif. 5, Corpo A, IV piano, via Venezian 21, on **November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 2:30 pm**.

Applicants unable to attend the interview due to circumstances beyond their control must forward any relevant supporting documentation by e-mail to the academic coordinator, Prof. Francesca Clerici. The Committee may decide to interview these applicants via video-conference. The interview will be held in English.

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. up to 3 points for curriculum vitae;



2. up to 15 points for academic career and grades obtained in exams taken;
3. up to 3 points for motivation letter;
4. up to 4 points for proficiency in English;
5. up to 25 points for interview evaluation.

Only candidates achieving an overall score of at least 25/50 points will qualify for the exchange program. The final ranking will be published online on the University of Milan website [here](#), by November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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, through this [link](#). 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.

Ufficio Accordi e Progetti Internazionali per la Didattica e la Formazione (Office) will send the data of the selected candidates to the Host University for final approval.

Upon partner University's acceptance, the Office will contact selected student 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 Segreteria Studenti.



The awarding criteria will be as follows:

ISEE	Monthly allowance
less or equal to 13.000 euros	700 euros
from 13.000 to 21.000 euros	650 euros
from 21.000 to 26.000 euros	600 euros
from 26.000 to 30.000 euros	550 euros
from 30.000 to 50.000 euros and further	350 euros

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 GDPR 2016/679 the University of Milan 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

Information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinator, [Prof. Francesca Clerici](#) e [Prof. Maria Luisa Gelmi](#).

For information on administrative issues students are invited to contact Ufficio Accordi e Progetti Internazionali per la Didattica e la Formazione, [international.education@unimi.it](mailto:international.education@unimi.it).

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