

SELECTION CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN

CHINA, SINGAPORE AND RUSSIA

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

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 abovementioned partner universities.

Up to 5 students will be selected to spend a semester abroad as follows:

- for Peking University: 1 student, enrolled as first-year students in Master Degree

 Programs in Economics and Political Science- EPS or Finance & Economics- MEF. Length of study period abroad: generally from February to June;
- for SMU: up to 2 students enrolled in Bachelor Degree Programs in Economics and Management- EMA/ Management pubblico- MAP / Public Sector and Healthcare Management- MAPS. Length of study period abroad: generally from August to December or from January to April;
- for Plekhanov University: up to 2 students enrolled in Master Degree Programs in Economics and Political Science- EPS / Finance & Economics- MEF / Management of Innovation and Entrepreneurship- MIE. Length of study period abroad: generally from September to January or from March to July.

Study abroad provisions

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

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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 EPS/MEF/MIE (as to apply for Peking and Plekhanov Universities) and EMA/MAP/MAPS (as to apply for SMU University) during the a.y. 2019/2020. 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 12 ECTS if first-year students, or 60 ECTS if second-year bachelor students;

• applicants' weighted cumulative grade point average must be not smaller than 26;

• applicants must prove English proficiency (level B2 or higher).

If students do not have any valid language certification (IELTS, FCE, TOEFL, etc.), they will prove their English language skills by providing the placement level or a certificate of level issued by Servizio Linguistico dell'Ateneo di Milano - SLAM.

English language skills will at any rate be further tested during the interview.

Mobility requirements

Only regular students registered in the above-mentioned Master/Bachelor Degree Programs during academic year 2020/2021, 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.

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Application procedure

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

- 1. copy of the identity card or passport (pdf or jpeg);
- 2. curriculum vitae (pdf or jpeg);
- 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- pdf or jpeg). Students that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must fill up the form DICHIARAZIONE SOSTITUTIVA DI CERTIFICAZIONE DI ISCRIZIONE
 UNIVERSITÀ- CONSEGUIMENTO TITOLO ESAMI (see Section "Modulistica generale-Dichiarazioni sostitutive di certificazione") with the information related to their undergraduate degree and career records;
- 4. statement of purpose in English (a letter explaining the personal motivations for the mobility- pdf);
- 5. draft of the study plan to be carried out abroad in English (pdf);
- 6. English proficiency certificate or SLAM placement level/certificate of level.

Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents through the platform <u>elixForms</u>.

Deadline: March 13th, 2020 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. Franca Maino and Prof. Maria Laura Toraldo.

After examining the applicants' dossiers, the committee will interview the applicants on **March 17**^{th,} **2020,** at **9 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 forward any relevant supporting documentation by e-mail to Prof. Alessandro Barbiero. The Committee may decide to interview such applicants via video-conference.

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. statement of purpose (up to 15/100);
- 4. study plan proposed (up to 20/100);
- 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 March, 20th, 2020. 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 3 days from the online publication of the ranking, through this <u>link</u>.

If the selected candidate's acceptance is not received by the specified deadline, the same candidate lose 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 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:

ISEE	Monthly allowance	
	Peking + Plekhanov	SMU
less or equal to 13.000 euros	600 euros	700 euros
from 13.000 to 21.000 euros	550 euros	650 euros
from 21.000 to 26.000 euros	500 euros	600 euros
from 26.000 to 30.000 euros	450 euros	550 euros
from 30.000 to 50.000 euros and further	350 euros	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

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinators:

<u>Professor Alessandro Barbiero</u>, <u>Professor Giovanna D'Adda</u>, <u>Professor Maria Laura Toraldo</u>, <u>Professor Angela Maria Nuovo</u>, <u>Professor Franca Maino</u> and <u>Giulia Re Ferré</u>.

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

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