



**SELECTION CALL FOR STUDENT EXCHANGES IN CANADA AND USA
DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022**

The University of Milan - UNIMI, in the frame of bilateral agreements, invites applications for academic study periods at:

- Université de Montréal - Faculté de Pharmacie (Montréal, Canada)
- University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA), at the School of Public Health, on the one part, and the Medical School's Department of Pharmacology and Department of Medicinal Chemistry, on the other.

Up to 3 students (1 for each destination) will be selected to spend a semester/academic year at one of the above-mentioned Partners.

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. A draft of Work Plan Agreement will be provided.

Admission requirements

As to apply for Université de Montréal, applicants must be enrolled in the Single Cycle Degree Program in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology.

As to apply for University of Minnesota, applicants must be enrolled in the Single Cycle Degree Programs in Pharmacy or in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology or in the Master Degree Programs in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology or in Safety Assessment of Xenobiotics and Biotechnological Products.

Applicants must be regularly enrolled in one of the above-mentioned study programs for the current academic year. In case of applicants enrolled in Single Cycle Degree Programs, they must be enrolled at least in their 4th year.



Applicants must prove English proficiency (level B2 or higher) as well.

Mobility requirements

Selected students must be regularly enrolled in one of the above-mentioned study programs for the a.y. 2021-2022. If more than two year behind their study program (fuori corso), they cannot participate to the mobility.

The status of student, guaranteed by the regular payment of UNIMI fees, must be maintained for the entire duration of the study period abroad.

Application procedure

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

Documents required are the following:

1. copy of a valid identity document, possibly a passport if already in the possession of the candidate (pdf/jpeg);
2. CV in European format (pdf/jpeg);
3. screenshot of the UNIMIA page showing matricola number, list of exams taken and average marks; graduate students must also submit the screenshot of the UNIMIA page showing their previous career and graduation grade; students that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must also fill up the form [Dichiarazione sostitutiva di iscrizione, conseguimento titolo, esami \(box 2\)](#) or, if available, submit the certification issued by the University where they graduated, with the information related to their undergraduate degree and career records;
4. statement of purpose in English (pdf);
5. draft of the study plan to be carried out abroad in English (pdf);



6. any certification attesting language skills in the English language (pdf/jpeg). The certification must be included among those recognized by the University (in this regard, please refer to the following [link](#)).

If students do not have any valid language certification, they can prove their English language skills by submitting a certificate of level issued by [Servizio Linguistico dell'Ateneo di Milano - SLAM](#). If students do not already have the SLAM certificate of level, they can obtain it after taking a language test: to book the test on May, 20th, it is necessary to register [here](#). Registration deadline: May, 17th, 2021, at 9 am.

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.

Application deadline

All the documents required must be sent by **May, 27th, 2021 at 12:00 pm** (Italian local time) under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

Selection procedure

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

After examining the applicants’ dossiers, the committee will interview the applicants on **June 8th, 2021** via videoconference on the platform Microsoft Teams. The interview will be held in English.

Participation in the interview is mandatory, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure.



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.

Selection results

The final ranking will be published online on the University of Milan website [here](#), by **June, 11th, 2021**. No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.

The positions of winners of the ranking will be automatically confirmed as selected candidates. Any withdrawal must be sent within 3 days from the online publication of the ranking, through this [link](#).

Ufficio Mobilità internazionale e per la Promozione internazionale (The Office) will contact any eligible student who will replace the renouncer in the ranking.

The Office will send the data of the selected candidates to the Host Universities for final approval.

All the information necessary for this purpose will be communicated by e-mail. It will be the responsibility of the selected student to carefully check the e-mail address communicated at the time of application: it is recommended to use an address clearly showing name and surname.



Insurance coverage

Exchange students will be covered with UNIMI civil liability insurance and accident insurance exclusively during the performance of their study activities at the Host University. Accordingly, they will personally provide for a general civil liability and accident insurance as well as medical insurance coverage during their stay abroad.

Mobility costs

Exchange students will pay tuition and fees to the Home University. The Host University will waive tuition and fees. Travel and living costs (room and board, local transport, etc.), for the visa and health insurance will be borne by the student, except as indicated below.

Financial aspects

The University of Milan will award a grant according to the student's income, based on ISEE statement as already submitted to Divisione Segreteria Studenti.

For information purposes only, below are specified the awarding criteria. The Administrative Board will soon approve by decree the criteria and amounts updated to 2021/2022.

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 amount of the grant corresponds to the actual period of mobility spent abroad. Should it last shorter than that established by the call will result in a partial refund of the grant itself.



Confidentiality

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 "RGPD" and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 and ss. mm. ii, with regard to the protection of personal data, the Institution undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the Participant: all data provided will be processed only for the purposes connected and instrumental to participation in the Program. Information on the implementation of legislation on the processing of personal data is available on the [University website](#) at: Home> University> Regulations> Privacy.

Contacts

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinator, [Prof. Francesca Clerici](#).

For information on administrative issues related to the call and to all aspects relating to mobility, students are invited to contact the Office: international.education@unimi.it.

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