



## **Microplastics: From Environmental Impact to Policy, Innovation, and Public Awareness**

**Call for applications for students enrolled at the University of Milan in the BA of Scienze e politiche ambientali and of Scienze ambientali e politiche per la sostenibilità, MA of Environmental Change and Global Sustainability and Corso di dottorato in scienze ambientali (PhD programme in Environmental Sciences).**

The program combines engaging lectures, flipped classrooms, interactive World Café sessions, and a hands-on field trip to Lake Geneva, fostering practical problem-solving and collaboration on real-world water management challenges.

Participants will explore key topics, including the sources and impacts of microplastics, detection methods, policy and regulatory frameworks, public engagement, and innovative industry solutions.

Through group projects, they will also strengthen their communication skills and deepen their understanding of the global impacts of microplastics, earning a Certificate of Attendance with ECTS credit options available (3 ECTS).

The involved Universities are Sorbonne University, University of Copenhagen, University of Milan and the University of Geneva.

The course will be held from 15 to 19 June 2026 at the University of Geneva, at the Ancienne École de Médecin.

The mobility grant is provided as a lump sum according to the following rates:

- Return travel to and from Geneva: 211 euros
- Accommodation allowance per night: 79 euros.

### **Who can apply**

Applicants must be regularly enrolled in the Programmes BA of Scienze e politiche ambientali (L-32), Scienze ambientali e politiche per la sostenibilità (L-32-R), MA of Environmental Change and Global Sustainability (LM-75 R) and Corso di dottorato in scienze ambientali (PhD programme in Environmental Sciences) at the University of Milan until the end of the educational activity (June 2025). The recognition of 3 ECTS credits for the above-mentioned courses is currently awaiting approval. All students enrolled in courses at the University of Milan related to the subject matter are eligible to participate in the call for applications. However, the actual participation of these students will be subject to the relevant Teaching Board's decision on the initiative's approval.

In order to receive the 4EU+ travel and accommodation allowance, students cannot be a recipient of any other EU grant for stays abroad that overlap, even partially, with the physical mobility period.



## Study Content

The programme lasts one week and its structure can be found at the following link:

[Geneva Summer Schools • Microplastics: From Environmental Impact to Policy, Innovation, and Public Awareness](#)

For further information, the candidates should contact [4euplusmobility@unimi.it](mailto:4euplusmobility@unimi.it).

## Application

Application deadline: 31 March 2026

Application requirements ([Geneva Summer Schools • Apply Now](#))

1) Prepare a public link (e.g., Google Drive\*, Dropbox) containing one PDF with your supporting documents.

- CV: Academic and/or professional résumé;
- Motivation letter (maximum of 500 words): State your motivations for joining the selected course;
- Certificate of registration: Required for all non-UNIGE students; only external students who provide this document qualify for the external student fee.

\*To make a Google Drive file public: right-click the file → Share → select “Anyone with the link” → choose access level → copy the link.

2) Review the Terms and Conditions before submitting your application.

3) Complete the application form (link above) and fill in all required fields (\*)

Language requirements:

Applicants must have sufficient proficiency in the course’s language of instruction, demonstrated through their motivation letter, studies, or work experience. No formal certificate is required.

## Selection process

Up to 4 students from the University of Milan can be selected for the 2025/2026 edition of the Programme.

Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Letter of motivation: up to 50 points
- Curriculum vitae: up to 50 points

The selection will be carried out by Prof. Marco Parolini.

Selected candidates will be informed by email by the coordinator of the 4EU+ Joint educational activity (Prof. Vera Slaveykova) tentatively by 01/05/2026. The selection outcome will be posted to <https://www.unimi.it/en/international/study-abroad/international-opportunities>



### Personal data processing

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 ("General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR") and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003, as amended and supplemented, the University undertakes to keep the information provided by the applicant confidential. All data will be processed only for the purposes of participation in the programme. Information on the enforcement of the GDPR is available on the University website at <http://www.unimi.it/ateneo/73613.htm> - pathway: [www.unimi.it](http://www.unimi.it) > University > Privacy.

Signed

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