



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE DUAL CAREER PROGRAMME RESERVED FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Academic year 2025/2026

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Art. 1 - Objectives and contents of the project

Following the EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes, approved in Poznań on 28 September 2012, the University of Milan has launched the Dual Career programme, with the aim to support high-level athletes in balancing their competitive sports commitments with university career, ensuring their right to education and helping them prepare for a number of professional opportunities at the end of their sports career.

Art. 2 - Programme benefits

Students joining the Dual Career programme will have the following benefits:

- possibility to request **additional exam dates** during the session in case of conflicting sports commitments;
- **academic tutoring** for support with their coursework and internships;



- **peer-to-peer tutoring** offered by students selected within each Faculty/School;
- possibility to partially **make up mandatory face-to-face activities** (with the exception of laboratories, workshops and internships with a 100% attendance requirement, especially if said requirement is established at ministerial level) in compliance with the course schedule, where feasible;
- possibility to adjust the **study plan** based on sports obligations or academic objectives, within the limits of the regulations of each study programme;
- official recognition of the **status of student-athlete** during the **graduation ceremony**;
- **free access to the sports facilities** managed by CUS (University Sports Centre), in compliance with current regulations;
- official recognition of the **status of student-athlete** in the Diploma Supplement.

Art. 3 - Participation requirements

The programme is open to students who are formally recognised as athletes, coaches, referees and competition judges of national interest, enrolled for the a. y. 2025/2026 in one of the following programmes:

- Bachelor's, Master's or single-cycle Master's degree programme;
- postgraduate school;
- PhD programme;
- 1st or 2nd level vocational master.

For students enrolled in a vocational master, postgraduate school or PhD programme, admission to the dual career programme is subject to approval by the relevant governing bodies of these programmes.

To apply for admission to the Dual Career programme, students must fulfil the requirements listed here below.

General requirements

- being enrolled in a study programme of the University of Milan in the current academic year;
- membership card from a National Sports Federation (FSN) or Associated Sports Discipline (DSA) recognised by CONI – the Italian National Olympic Committee – and/or CIP – the Italian Paralympic Committee;
- selection for preparation programmes for the summer or winter Olympic/Paralympic games in the last 12 months;
- participation in an FSN national team recognised by CONI/CIP at least once in the last 12 months;
- formal recognition as an athlete of national interest by their respective FSN or



FSP (Paralympic Sports Federation).

Specific requirements

Individual sports:

- ranking within the top 32 in national or youth rankings;
- participation in a national championship in the last 12 months;
- status of professional athlete, where applicable.

Team sports:

- participation in the highest league level organised by FSNs;
- participation in professional championships recognised by FSNs.

Additional criteria:

- medal at the National University Championships or European University Championships (EUSA) in the past 12 months;
- membership of a military sports group with the role of "athlete";
- selection as a coach/referee to represent Italy (or another country) at olympic/paralympic events, or for national/international competitions.

Art. 4 - Submission of applications

Students must submit the application for admission via the [InformaStudenti](#) service, using their **University credentials** (name.surname@studenti.unimi.it) and selecting the category Your Career > Dual Career programme for student-athletes.

Session	Application	Assessment results
Session 1	from 15 July to 10 September 2025	by 20 September 2025
Session 2	from 1 October to 20 October 2025	by 30 October 2025
Session 3	from 2 November to 20 December 2025	by 15 January 2026
Session 4	from 16 January to 30 January 2026	by 19 February 2026

Student must fill out the dedicated form and **attach all necessary documents** to prove fulfilment of the requirements described in art. 3.

The application cannot be modified once it has been confirmed.

The Selection Board may ask for clarifications or the submission of further documents in order to check said requirements.



Art. 5 - Selection Board and assessment criteria

The assessment of applications will be carried out by a Selection Board appointed by Rector's Decree.

Applications will be evaluated based on the requirements described in this call and taking into consideration compatibility of the student's participation in the programme with their university career.

Art. 6 - Assessment outcome and participation in the programme

Applicants will be notified of the application assessment outcome at their University e-mail address.

Selected students will automatically join the Dual Career programme for the whole academic year 2025/2026.

Art. 7 - Renewal of participation and withdrawal

Students who participate in the Dual Career programme for the academic year 2025/2026 can submit a new application for participation in years subsequent to the first, provided they earn:

- at least 10 CFU (in the case of full-time enrolment) or 6 CFU (in the case of part-time enrolment) by 30 September 2026, for participation in the second year;
- at least 20 CFU (in the case of full-time enrolment), or 12 CFU (in the case of part-time enrolment) for participation in the following years;

All academic requirements follow the regulations of each study programme regarding prerequisites and academic progress.

Students can withdraw from the Dual Career programme at any time by writing to the InformaStudenti service, selecting the category Your career > Dual Career programme for student-athletes.

Art. 8 - Information on the processing of personal data

All data provided will be processed pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 196 of 2003 (Personal Data Protection Act) as subsequently amended and supplemented, and to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR).

Further information is available on the [privacy](#) page of the University website.



Art.9 - Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person in charge of the procedure set forth in this call for applications is Emanuela Dellavalle, Managing Director of the Student Registrar and Education Incentive Programmes Division.

Art. 10 - Contacts and information

All information is posted on the webpage [Dual Career programme for student-athletes](#).

For any queries, please contact us via [InformaStudenti](#) > Your career > Dual Career programme for student-athletes.