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CALL FOR SELECTION FOR 4 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT ENGLISH-TAUGHT MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA (A.Y. 2022-2023)

This call for selection is to implement the decision of the Department of Economics and Management "Marco Fanno", here after the Department or dSEA, to give practical support and help to international students enrolled in its English-taught Master's degree courses. In particular, this call regulates access to dSEA International Student scholarships, a funding programme intended for International students who are found to be in a real and imminent risk of dropping out of university studies due to their being eligible but non-assegnees of Veneto Regional Scholarship for the A.Y. 2022-2023. The economic precariousness these students are facing is a result of insufficient economic resources, the crisis in Padova's housing market and the worsening political situation in different countries of origin.

ART.1 - "dSEA 4 International Students"

As decided by the Board's meeting on 16 March 2023, the Department of Economics and Management "Marco Fanno" will be able to finance up to 4 scholarships to International students enrolled in the 1st year of its English-taught Master's degree programmes.

This Call for applications covers the assignment of 4 one-year scholarships for the Department's English-taught Master's degree programmes financed through the external research funds made available from the Department. The total amount for the scholarships is € 27.000,00.

The dSEA scholarship includes an allowance of € 6.750,00 (gross for the recipient) for the A.Y. 2022-2023. Such an amount is not refundable. Reimbursement of tuition fees or other expenses is not included in the scholarship and will not be covered by the Department or the University of Padova.

The dSEA scholarship cannot be combined with any other scholarship or grant awarded by other public institutions. If a candidate has been awarded more than one scholarship/grant, he/she must choose which one to accept. Candidates are responsible for notifying the Ufficio Servizio agli Studenti - Benefici Economici of the University of Padova and the dSEA Teaching office of any incompatibility with other scholarships.

Possible non-assigned scholarships may be designated to support internships provided by dSEA.

ART. 2 – Admission requirements

To be eligible for the selection, under penalty of exclusion, applicants must:

- be International students with non-european citizenship holding a non-Italian Bachelor's degree (to access Master's degree programmes);
- be enrolled in the A.Y. 2022-2023 in the first year of one of the English-taught dSEA Master's degree programmes;



- be newly arrived in Italy and be present in Padova at the application date and in any case have already finalised the enrolment procedure at the University of Padova;
- have no residence ID in Italy hence considered off-site as non-resident in Italy;
- document the attendance to A.Y. 2022-2023 first semester classes and winter examination session through self-certification of enrolment and transcript of records;
- be non-recipient of other scholarships or grants awarded by other public institutions;
- be eligible but non-assegnee of the Veneto Regional Scholarship for the A.Y. 2022-2023 (according to the ranking list of the University of Padova based on the Veneto Region funding).

The applicants who fail to meet one or more of these requirements are not eligible for selection for the dSEA scholarship.

ART. 3 - Application procedure and deadlines

Applicants must apply for the scholarship uniquely by registering in the dedicated dSEA scholarship Moodle platform https://sesp.elearning.unipd.it/course/view.php?id=988 and by filling out the request form. All the necessary documents must be uploaded in the same platform at the application date. Only completed applications will be considered. Deadline for application is **April 3rd - 12pm (CEST)**.

ART. 4 - Selection procedure and awarding criteria

All the students fulfilling the requirements can apply and be admitted to the selection. Eligible applications will be assessed by the Selection Committee appointed by the dSEA Board for the sole purpose of awarding scholarships. The selection of applications for the scholarship will be based on requirements, qualifications and an optional online interview, upon the decision of the Selection Commitee. Preliminary rankings will be drawn up according to fulfilment of the requisites set out in art. 2, the qualification of the candidates concerning their ECTS achieved during A.Y. 2022-2023 winter examination session and the Selection Committee assessment of interviews. Scholarships shall be awarded to the most deserving candidates on the basis of their position in the list. In the event of a tie, preference shall be given to female candidates and to younger candidates.

Scholarship available Moodle platform selection results will be made on the dSEA https://sesp.elearning.unipd.it/course/view.php?id=988 by the end of April 2023.

ART. 5 – Scholarship acceptance

Candidates selected for a scholarship will receive a specific scholarship offer from the dSEA Teaching office with the procedures and deadlines for accepting it. To be granted the scholarship, selected candidates must:

- accept the scholarship offer received from the dSEA within the deadline given;
- not benefit from other scholarships or grants;
- reject the Veneto Regional Scholarship eligibility by communicating it to the Ufficio Servizio agli Studenti Benefici Economici of the University of Padova.



If scholarship recipients fail to meet one of the aforementioned criteria, they must notify dSEA Teaching office by emailing didattica.economia@unipd.it. Should selected candidates not accept the scholarship granted, or not fulfil one of the criteria above, the Committee may award scholarships to the next eligible candidates meeting the requirements.

ART. 6 - Payment methods

The dSEA scholarship shall be paid via bank transfer in 2 instalments of € 3,750.00 and € 3,000.00 (gross for the recipient) for A.Y. 2022-2023. Students shall be credited with the 1st instalment by the end of **April 2023** and only after:

- 1. opening an Italian bank account, or prepaid card with an IBAN, of which the student is the holder or joint holder;
- 2. signing the Declaration of acceptance of scholarship, through which students undertake to accept the scholarship terms and conditions and confirm that no incompatibility arises within the meaning of article 2 of this call for applications.

Students shall be credited with the 2nd instalment of the scholarship within **August 2023** and only upon gaining at least 12 ECTS in the Summer examination session – A.Y. 2022-23 by **10 August 2023**.

ART. 7 - Maintenance and Revocation of scholarship

The maintenance of the 1st instalment of the scholarship is subject to the fulfilment of the following criteria:

- 1. awarded students do not obtain at least 12 ECTS in the Summer or Fall examination session A.Y. 2022-23 by **30 September 2023**;
- 2. students transfer to another University or suspend or withdraw from studies before **30 September 2023**.

If the aforementioned merit requirements are not met within the deadline, the Department is entitled to revoke the scholarship. In both circumstances, students shall pay back the amount of the dSEA scholarship already received. Specific duly reasoned situations shall undergo examination by the designated dSEA Selection Committee.

ART. 8 - Processing of personal data statement

Personal data shall be processed in compliance with the principles and provisions of EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation) and for the sole purposes of competition procedure. For detailed information: http://www.unipd.it/privacy. The dSEA Teaching Office reserves the right to check the truthfulness of the admission and incompatibility requirements. Without prejudice to the criminal sanctions provided for in art. 76 of Italian Presidential Decree DPR no. 445/2000, should checks prove statements to be false, the scholarship recipient shall lose the benefit eligibility.

ART. 9 - Dispute resolution

This call for selection is translated into English for informational purposes only. Should any disputes arise and for all legal purposes, only the Italian version shall be considered valid.

ART. 10 - Final Provisions



The person responsible for the procedure is Dr. Elena Autizi, Administrative Manager of the Department. For further information please email didattica.economia@unipd.it.

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(digitally signed as per Italian legislative decree no. 82/2005)