

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO "LUCIANO FONDA" UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FOR MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENTS

2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR

### 1. "LUCIANO FONDA" UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Luciano Fonda University College, officially recognized by the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR) as a University College of Merit under Article 16 of Legislative Decree no. 68/2012, in collaboration with the University of Trieste, aims to:

- Welcome high-achieving students and guide them through a path of excellence.
- Promote and offer interdisciplinary training through high-quality educational paths.
- Activate exchange programs with similar national and international institutions.
- Encourage the formation of an international student body.
- Enhance the attractiveness of the University of Trieste by valuing a scientific system strongly devoted to research and international exchanges.
- Strengthen relationships with local scientific entities and collaborate with them on educational initiatives.

In line with these objectives, the College announces a selection process for the admission of students who, possessing a Bachelor's degree, will enroll in the first year of a Master's Degree program at the University of Trieste. Successful candidates will benefit from the hospitality and educational services offered by the College for two academic years, subject to the requirements established in Article 5 of this notice and the learning agreement they will sign upon admission. Upon completing the master's program, students will receive a diploma certifying the skills acquired through participation in educational activities.

**\* For students enrolling in the first year of a single-cycle degree program at the University of Trieste (Primary Teacher Education, Architecture, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology, Pharmacy, Law, Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry and Dental Prosthodontics), please refer to the specific notice (Call for applications for Bachelor's and Single-cycle Degree Students 2024/25) to be published on the College's website (<https://www.collegiofonda.it/ammissione/>).**

## **2. SERVICES**

The College offers its students:

- **Residence:**
  - Accommodation in a single or double room at the "ex Ospedale Militare" University Residence (<https://campus.dovevivo.com/trieste/>), in a studio apartment equipped with a private bathroom, kitchenette, LED TV, Wi-Fi, air conditioning, and heating.
  - Utilities (water, electricity, internet connection, air conditioning, telephone in the room for national calls and calls to mobile phones) and weekly linen change.
  - Access to common areas (study rooms, library, copy room, video room, music room, gym, lounge room, laundry).
  - Reception and security service.
- **Training:**
  - Supplementary training to the curricular teaching activities through interdisciplinary teaching modules and specialized seminars conducted by qualified instructors.
  - Advanced language training.
  - Workshops and activities aimed at acquiring soft skills.
  - Visits to scientific entities and cultural sites.
  - Training internships at local, national, and international scientific and cultural entities.
  - Individual tutoring by experts of high scientific and professional profile, also aimed at post-graduation orientation.
- **Orientation.**
- **Financial support for study periods abroad.**

## **3. NUMBER OF AVAILABLE POSITIONS AND CONDITIONS**

The Luciano Fonda University College of Trieste announces a competition for the academic year 2024/25 for titles and interviews for the admission of **8 (eight)** students who intend to enroll at the University of Trieste in the first year of a Master's Degree program. The positions are distributed as follows:

### **3.1 - 5 (five) positions** for students of the inter-university Master's Degree in **Physics**.

- a. **1 (one) position**, funded by the Department of Physics, is reserved for students who will carry out their thesis at the Department of Physics of the University of Trieste with a supervisor from the same Department.

- b. **1 (one) position**, funded by INFN, Trieste Section, for students choosing the "Nuclear and Sub-nuclear Physics" curriculum.
- c. **3 (three) positions**, funded by Elettra-Sincrotrone Trieste S.C.p.A., for students choosing the "Matter Physics" curriculum, developed in collaboration with Elettra-Sincrotrone Trieste, with a study plan and a thesis of interest to the funding entity.

**3.2 - 1 (one) position** for students of the Master's Degrees in **Data Science and Artificial Intelligence; Scientific and Data Intensive Computing; Geophysics and Geodata; Geosciences; and Mathematics**, funded by the Department of Informatics, Mathematics, Informatics and Geosciences.

**3.3 - 1 (one) position** for students of the Master's Degrees in **Economy, Environment and Development; Marketing and Management; Business Strategy, Consulting and Logistics; Statistical and Actuarial Sciences** funded by the Department of Economic, Business, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences.

**3.4 - 1 (one) position** for students enrolling in one of the following Bachelor's Degrees: **Diplomacy and International Cooperation Studies; European Policies for Digital, Ecological and Social Transitions; Governmental Sciences and Public Policies**, funded by the Department of Political and Social Sciences.

**The number of positions may increase if additional financial resources become available after this Call for Applications is published.**

#### **4. SCHOLARSHIPS AND SOLIDARITY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Through direct or indirect scholarships and funding schemes, all successful applicants of the 2024/25 selection will benefit from a total or partial reduction in the cost of residential and educational services offered by the Luciano Fonda College, calculated on the maximum annual fee of €7,500 for the academic year 2024/25.

Students will be asked for a solidarity contribution based on the family's economic condition, represented by the university ISEE, calculated annually according to the following table:

<b>ISEE Brackets</b>	<b>Monthly Cost</b>	<b>Band</b>
< 27.726,79€	<b>0,00 €</b>	A
27.726,8 e 35.000€	<b>100,00 €</b>	B
35.000,01 e 40.000€	<b>150,00 €</b>	C

40.000,01 e 45.000€	<b>200,00 €</b>	D
45.000,01 e 50.000€	<b>250,00 €</b>	E
50.000,01 e 55.000€	<b>300,00 €</b>	F
55.000,01 e 60.000€	<b>350,00 €</b>	G
60.000,01 e 65.000€	<b>400,00 €</b>	H
66.000,01 e 70.000€	<b>450,00 €</b>	I
> 70.001€	<b>500,00 €</b>	L

*Table 1*

Students residing abroad and those residing in Italy with a family unit abroad must present the EQUIVALENT ISEE (ISEE Parificato) by **December 31, 2024**. For the months of October, November, and December 2024, they will be required to pay the contribution according to the Band B rate specified in Table 1 of this document. Starting from January 2025, the monthly contribution, determined based on the Equivalent University ISEE, will be calculated according to the rates specified in Table 1 of this document.

The contribution should be considered a monthly fee, calculated over twelve months, and must be paid in 12 installments, even if the accommodation is taken after October 1, 2024. Any absences or failure to use the service will not entitle the student to any discount.

Admission to the College aligns with Regional Scholarships intended for high-achieving students with limited financial resources.

INPS scholarships cannot be combined with the College's scholarships and funding schemes aimed at reducing student costs. They are calculated based on the non-subsidized annual fee of €7,500.

The economic benefits provided by the College cannot be combined with any scholarships awarded by the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) and used by the recipients to access the services of the College.

A contract concerning residential aspects and a learning agreement regarding educational aspects will regulate the relationship between the College and the students.

### **5. STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The relationship between the College and the students will be regulated by a contract concerning residential aspects and a learning agreement regarding educational aspects.

In this latter area, students are required to:

- Follow the teachings provided by the degree course at the University of Trieste to which they are enrolled and complete the annual exams scheduled by the study plan within the autumn session with an average score not less than 27/30.
- Reside at the College during the academic activity period.
- Actively and continuously participate in the educational initiatives offered by the College.
- Attend these activities for at least 40 hours per year, evenly distributed between the two semesters.
- Respect the specific obligations indicated in the Learning Agreement signed by each student upon admission and in the General and Educational Regulations of the College.

### **6. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates may apply if they:

- Have already obtained a Bachelor's degree or an equivalent qualification that allows access to a Master's Degree course or will obtain it by 31/10/2024\*;
- In the academic year 2024/25, are enrolling for the first time in the first year of a Master's Degree course;
- Possess the educational requirements to enroll in the chosen course of study;
- Are under 30 years of age;
- Have no criminal convictions for intentional crimes.

*\*The deadline of October 31 may be extended if the student provides evidence that the Bachelor's degree will be obtained in the first useful session of the autumn session.*

## **7. ADMISSION APPLICATION FORM**

The application for admission must be submitted exclusively online (<http://www.collegiofonda.it>) by 24:00 on **September 3, 2024**.

In the application, the candidate must declare the place for which they are applying. The application must include:

- A copy of both sides of the identity document.
- An updated 2024 Europass curriculum vitae.
- A certificate proving the exams taken during the Bachelor's degree, with the corresponding credits and grades, and any Bachelor's degree obtained.
- A letter of reference from the thesis supervisor or a lecturer from the Bachelor's degree course\*.
- Any additional letters of reference\*.
- Any other title deemed useful for the evaluation.
- The current ISEE certification for the University.
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\*Reference letters can be attached to the online application by the candidate or sent directly to the College President ([vanni.lughi@collegiofonda.it](mailto:vanni.lughi@collegiofonda.it)) by **September 3, 2024**. Failure to submit the ISEE for the University will result in the student paying the maximum amount (Band L).

## **8. ADMISSION EXAM**

The selection will be based on the evaluation of qualifications and an interview to determine the candidates' preparation in subjects related to the chosen Master's Degree course, which must be relevant to the Bachelor's degree obtained. The evaluation will also consider the candidates' motivations, their aptitude for interdisciplinarity and life at the College, and any knowledge of foreign languages. The judging committees will be appointed by the President of the College and will include university professors, researchers, and qualified experts.

The interviews will take place between **September 10 and 18, 2024**. The date and time of the interviews will be announced on the College's website (<http://www.collegiofonda.it>) **by September 9, 2024**. Candidates must present a valid identity document at the interview. Foreign candidates who request it may take the exams in English.

## **9. FORMULATION OF THE FINAL RANKING AND NOMINATION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS**

The Commissions will assign candidates a score out of 100 based on the exams taken during the Bachelor's degree, the average grades, the curriculum vitae, letters of recommendation, the final degree score, and any other submitted qualifications (including previous affiliation with the College). Candidates who achieve a score of at least 70/100 in the evaluation of qualifications will be admitted to the oral examination. The oral exam will be considered passed if the candidate obtains a score of at least 70/100. The final score will be the average of the scores obtained by the candidate in both evaluations. Candidates who achieve at least 70/100 in both evaluations will be deemed eligible.

Based on the scores of the eligible candidates, the Commission will create a general ranking and four specific rankings, one for each category mentioned in Article 3 (sections 3.1 to 3.4). In the case of a tie, priority will be given in the following order:

1. The candidate with the lowest ISEE.
2. The candidate who scored the highest in the oral exam;
3. The candidate with the highest average grades in their Bachelor's degree exams.
4. The youngest candidate.

The allocation of positions will follow these procedures:

Each of the reserved positions (Article 3, categories 3.1 to 3.4) will be assigned according to the ranking to the eligible candidates with the highest scores in the respective categories. In the absence of eligible candidates, the reserved positions will not be allocated.

The rankings, the list of successful applicants, and any updates will be published on the Luciano Fonda College website (<http://www.collegiofonda.it>). Successful applicants will be notified of the results via email.

## **10. ADMISSION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS**

By **September 1, 2024**, the successful applicants must:

- Submit the declaration of acceptance of the offered place.

By **October 31, 2024**, the successful students must:

- Sign the Contract with the College and the Learning Agreement.
- Self-certify their enrollment in the chosen course of study at the University of Trieste.

Students may enter the College starting from **October 1, 2024**, provided that by this date they have obtained their Bachelor's degree, completed the enrollment procedures for the Master's and completed the aforementioned admission procedures to the College.

In the event of withdrawal by one or more successful applicants, or their disqualification for any reason, the positions that become available by **November 15, 2024**, will be reassigned based on the ranking of eligible candidates.

### **11. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS AND DISCIPLINE OF SELF-CERTIFICATIONS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO DPR 445/2000**

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of the provisions of this notice. If necessary, the College may request candidates to submit additional documentation for integration purposes. The College reserves the right to verify the truthfulness of the self-certified data. If it is found that false statements have been made or false documents have been submitted containing data that do not correspond to reality, the candidate will be excluded from the selection process, or their admission to the College will be revoked.

### **12. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA (LEGISLATIVE DECREE 30.06.2003 NO. 196; GDPR REG. EU 2016/679)**

The processing of data in this selection notice is carried out in compliance with the current regulations on the protection of personal data, particularly the provisions of Legislative Decree 196/03 as amended and in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), EU Regulation No. 2016/679. All requested data are intended for the set of operations, carried out also by electronic and automated means, aimed at the completion of the selection and the subsequent admission of the successful applicants to the College. Providing the requested data is optional, but failure to submit or incomplete submission will result in the candidate being excluded from the selection. The data may be communicated to the competent administrations for the required checks. The data controller is the "Luciano Fonda" University College; the data processing manager is the acting President, its legal representative.

Trieste, July 15, 2024

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The President

  
(Prof. Vanni Lughì)