

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

2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

1. THE "LUCIANO FONDA" UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The "Luciano Fonda" University College (hereafter referred to as the College), in collaboration with the University of Trieste endeavours to:

- attract deserving students and accompany them on an exceptional learning pathway;
- promote an interdisciplinary education through the use of highly effective learning pathways;
- organize student exchange programmes with similar national and international institutes;
- foster interest in the University of Trieste by acknowledging the uniqueness of a scientific system that is highly committed to research and international exchanges;
- consolidate relations with local scientific organizations and collaborate together with these organizations to design appropriate learning opportunities.

In keeping with these objectives, the College, in conjunction with financing provided by:

- [the Department of Physics at the University of Trieste](#)
- [the Department of Mathematics and Geoscience at the University of Trieste](#)
- [Elettra Sincrotrone in Trieste](#)
- [the Ottone Zanolin e Elena Dametto Foundation](#)
- [INFN, the branch of Trieste](#)
- [INAF Astronomical Observatory of Trieste](#)

is calling for admission applications from students that hold a Bachelor's degree and wishing to enroll in the first year of a Master's degree programme* at the University of Trieste. The successful applicants will be able to utilize, for a two-year academic period, the hospitality and educational services offered by the College, under the condition that both, the requisites outlined in article 5 of this document, and the Education Agreement, that will be signed at the time of admission, are respected. Upon completion of the two-year period the students may obtain a diploma which attests the skills acquired through their participation in the learning activities.

** For students enrolling in the first year of a Single-cycle Master's Degree programme at the University of Trieste (Architecture, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology, Law, Pharmacy, Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry and prosthodontics), please consult the Call for Applications relative to Bachelor's Degree programmes and Single-cycle degree programmes for the*

2021/2022 academic year that will be published on the College's website
(<https://www.collegiofonda.it/ammissione/>).

2. SERVICES

The College offers its students:

- **Accommodation:**
 - at the “ex Ospedale Militare” University Residence (<https://campus.dovevivo.com/trieste/>) in a double-room studio apartment with a private bathroom, a kitchenette including a complete set of tableware and cutlery, LED TV, Wi-Fi, heating and air-conditioning;
 - utilities (water, electricity, internet connection, heating and air-conditioning, telephone for national calls and those made to mobile phones), weekly cleaning and changing of linens;
 - access to common areas (study halls, library, photocopy centre, video room, music room, gym, lounge area, laundry room);
 - reception and safe-keeping services.
- **Learning environment:**
 - supplementary interdisciplinary learning modules and specialized seminars held by qualified professors are offered in addition to curricular courses;
 - advanced language learning;
 - laboratories and activities aimed at acquiring soft skills;
 - field trips to scientific institutions and places of cultural interest;
 - practicums at local, national and international scientific and cultural institutions;
 - one-to-one tutoring by experts recognized for their superior scientific and professional profiles, in addition to career counseling upon completion of a degree.
- **Counseling and financial support for periods of study abroad.**

3. NUMBER OF AVAILABLE PLACES AND CONDITIONS

The "Luciano Fonda" University College is calling for applications for admission to the 2021/2022 academic year for 12 (twelve) students wishing to enroll in the first year of a Master's Degree programme at the University of Trieste.

The available places are divided as follows:

- 3.1-** 6 (six) places for students in the **Physics** inter-university Master's Degree programme.

Of which:

- a. 1 place, financed by the Department of Physics, is reserved for students that will prepare a thesis in the Department of Physics at the University of Trieste, under the supervision of a professor/researcher from the same department;
- b. 1 place, financed by INFN, the branch of Trieste, for students choosing the "Nuclear and Sub-nuclear Physics" programme;
- c. 1 place, financed by INAF, Astronomical Observatory of Trieste, for students choosing the "Astrophysics and Cosmology" programme;
- d. 3 places, financed by Elettra-Sincrotrone Trieste S.C.p.A., for students choosing the "Physics of Matter" programme, developed in collaboration with Elettra-Sincrotrone Trieste, with a course of study and a thesis of interest to the financing company.

3.2- 5 (five) places for students in a Master's Degree programme in **Data Science and Scientific Computing, Geophysics and Geodata*, Geoscience, Mathematics** financed by the Department of Mathematics and Geoscience as part of the project entitled "Departments of Excellence".

3.3- 1 (one) place, financed by the Ottone Zanolin and Elena Dametto Foundation, for students in any Master's Degree programme is reserved for students with residency in the municipalities of the Province of Pordenone.

The number of places may be increased depending on whether further financing becomes available, subsequent to the publication of the Call for Applications.

4. TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Students admitted to the College will receive a scholarship of **€6,000.00** per year; of which **€3,450.00** will be deducted to cover the expenses of accommodation and other services offered by the College, and the remaining **€2,550.00** (€2,450.00 net) will be deposited into the student's bank account in two semi-annual deferred installments.

The College reserves the right to make a corresponding reduction of the gross amount deposited to the student's bank account, if the cost of accommodation should be increased by the management of the residence.

** Master's Degree programme in course of activation, waiting for official approval by Ministry for University and Research (MUR)*

5. STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The relationship between the College and its students is regulated by a contract, for aspects regarding residential living, and an Education Agreement, for aspects regarding learning. In reference to the latter, students enrolled in Master's Degree programmes are requested to:

- complete the coursework for the degree programme at the University of Trieste in which they are enrolled, and annually complete the exams stipulated in the course outline within the fall session with an average grade of not less than 27/30;
- reside at the College during the period of study;
- routinely and actively participate in the learning activities offered by the College;
- participate in the abovementioned activities for at least 40 hours in a year, distributed equally between two semesters.
- respect the specific obligations indicated in the Education Agreement signed by each student at the time of admission, and the general and educational regulations of the College.

6. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

May apply for admission students that:

- have completed a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent academic qualification that allows access to a Master's Degree programme, or will have completed a Bachelor's Degree within the 31/10/2021;
- are enrolling for the first time in the first year of a Master's Degree programme at the University of Trieste for the 2021/2022 academic year;
- have not yet reached the age of 30;
- have no criminal convictions for crimes with specific criminal intent.

7. ADMISSION APPLICATION FORM

The admission application form must be completed exclusively **online** and can be found at (<https://www.collegiofonda.it/ammissione/>). Applications must be submitted by 12:00 a.m. midnight , on July 18th, 2021.

In the admission application form, applicants must indicate the degree programme they have chosen at the University of Trieste.

The following documents must be attached to the application form:

- a photocopy of both sides of the applicant's identification document;
- an up to date 2021 CV in the Europass format;
- a transcript of academic records listing all exams taken during the applicant's Bachelor's Degree programme, including credits and grades, as well as a copy of the Bachelor's Degree, if completed at the time of applying for admission;
- a reference letter or letter of presentation on behalf of the applicant's supervising professor for their Bachelor's Degree thesis, or a professor who teaches in the applicant's Bachelor's Degree programme;**
- any additional letters of presentation;**
- any further qualifications or certificates which are deemed important for the selection process.

***Letters of presentation can be attached to the applicant's online application form or sent directly to the President of the College (fabio.benedetti@collegiofonda.it) within July 18th, 2021.*

8. ADMISSION EXAM

The selection will be based on the evaluation of applicants' academic career and an interview in order to determine applicants' knowledge of the subjects inherent to the chosen course of studies, their motivation for choosing the specific course of studies, their predisposition to interdisciplinarity and life at the College and their knowledge of foreign languages. The Selection Committees will be nominated by the President of the College, and the members will be chosen among professors, university researchers and qualified experts.

The admission interviews will be held remotely between **the 26th and the 30th of July 2021**. The procedure, date, and time of the interviews will be published on the website of the College (<http://collegiofonda.it>) within July 23rd, 2021.

The applicants are required to exhibit a valid identification document at the interview. Foreign applicants may, upon request, have their exams conducted in English.

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

The Selection Committees, taking into consideration the exams passed and the average grade in the Bachelor's Degree programme, the CV, the letters of presentation and, if available, the final grade received upon completion of the Bachelor's Degree, and any additional qualifications or certificates which were presented, will assign a grade out of 100. Applicants who receive a grade of not less than 70/100 will be admitted to take the oral exam. Applicants will have passed the oral exam if they attain a grade of not less than 70/100. The final grade obtained by the applicant will be the average of

the results obtained in the two exams. Applicants who attain an average of at least 70/100 in both of the exams will be deemed eligible.

The Committees, based on the grades that the eligible applicants have obtained, will formulate three separate rankings, in order of merit, pertaining to the three categories of available places outlined in articles 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the present document. In the case of applicants with equal ranking, precedence will be determined in the following order:

1. the applicant that obtained the best result in the oral exam;
2. the applicant that obtained the highest average grade during their Bachelor's Degree programme;
3. the youngest applicant.

In accordance with the restrictions mentioned in article 3, the available places will be assigned to the eligible applicants as follows:

6 (six) places for students in the Physics inter-university Master's Degree programme (art. 3.1): places will be assigned according to the ranking, in accordance with the restrictions outlined in article 3.1 of the Call for Applications, and on the choices indicated by the applicants in their application for admission.

5 (five) places for students in the Master's Degree programme in Data Science and Scientific Computing, Geophysics and Geodata, Geoscience, Mathematics (art. 3.2): places will be assigned to the first eligible applicants according to the ranking.

1 (one) place for students in the Master's Degree programme with residency in a municipality in the Province of Pordenone. The place financed by the Ottone Zanolin and Elisa Dametto Foundation will be assigned to the highest placed eligible applicant with residency in a municipality in the Province of Pordenone in the ranking.

The rankings, the list of successful applicants and any updates will be published on the Collegio "Luciano Fonda" website (<http://www.collegiofonda.it>). The successful applicants will be informed of the results by e-mail.

10. ADMISSION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Within **October 31st, 2021** the successful applicants must:

- submit their acceptance of the offered place;
- undersign the contract with the College and the Education Agreement;
- self-certify that enrollment in the chosen course of studies at the University of Trieste has been completed.

Students are welcome to arrive at the College starting from October 1st, 2021, under the condition that within that date they have completed their Bachelor's Degree,

finalized the enrollment procedures for the Master's Degree programme and completed the abovementioned College admission procedures.

Should one or more successful applicants chose to decline the offer of a place, or resign for whatever reason, the places made available within **November 15th, 2021** will be re-assigned to the next eligible applicant(s) in the ranking.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS AND LEGISLATION REGARDING SELF-CERTIFICATION MADE PURSUANT TO ITALIAN LAW, DPR 445/2000

The participation in the Call for Applications entails the complete acceptance of all of the provisions outlined in the present document. If deemed necessary, the Collegio may request the applicant to supply additional documentation.

The College reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the information declared in the applicant's self-certification. If, in fact, the information declared by the applicant is found to be false or false documents were exhibited containing information which does not comply with the truth, the applicant will be excluded from the selection process, or, the College will withdraw any offer of admission.

12. COLLECTION AND USE OF PERSONAL DATA (Italian Legislative Decree D.LGS 30.06.2003 N. 196; GDPR EU REGULATION 2016/679)

The processing of the data contained in the present Call for Applications is carried out in compliance with Personal Data Protection Laws, and in particular, those indicated in the Italian Legislative Decree, D.Lgs. 196/03 and relative amendments, as well as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), EU Regulation n. 2016/679.

All of the requested data, which may also be processed electronically, is used to finalize the selection process and subsequent admission to Collegio Fonda on behalf of the successful applicants. Providing the requested data is not mandatory, however, failure to indicate or partially indicating said data, will exclude the applicant from the selection process. Data may be disclosed to relevant entities, organizations, law enforcement agencies and administrative offices in order to conduct requisite checks. The Data Controller is Collegio Universitario "Luciano Fonda" and the data supervisor is its legal representative, in the person of the President pro tempore.

Trieste, June 8th, 2021

The President


(Prof. Fabio Benedetti)