

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO "LUCIANO FONDA" UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
FOR MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENTS AND 3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR STUDENTS OF A  
SINGLE-CYCLE MASTER'S DEGREE**

**2025/26 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 Excellence 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 toward a path of excellence.
- Encourage and provide interdisciplinary training through high-quality educational programs.
- Initiate exchange programs with comparable national and international institutions.
- Promote the development of an international student community.
- Value a scientific system that is strongly dedicated to research and international exchanges to boost the University of Trieste's appeal.
- Build partnerships with local scientific organizations and work together on educational programs.

In accordance with these objectives, the College announces a selection process for the admission of students who hold a Bachelor's degree and will enroll in the first year of a Master's Degree Program, or who have completed the first three years of university studies and will register for the first time in the third or fourth year of a Single-Cycle, 5- or 6-year Master's Degree Program at the University of Trieste. Successful candidates will benefit from the hospitality and educational services provided by the College for two/three academic years, subject to the requirements outlined in Article 5 of this notice and the learning agreement they will sign upon admission. After completing the master's program, students will receive a diploma certifying the skills gained through their educational activities.

**\* For students enrolling in the first year of a single-cycle degree program at the University of Trieste (Architecture, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology, Pharmacy, Law, Medicine and Surgery, Dentistry and Dental Prosthodontics, Primary Teacher Education), please refer to the specific notice (Call for**

***applications for Bachelor's and Single-cycle Degree Students 2025/26) to be published on the College's website (<https://www.collegiofonda.it/>).***

## **2. SERVICES**

The College offers its students:

- **Residence:**
  - Accommodation in a single or double room at the "ex Ospedale Militare" University Residence, in a studio apartment equipped with a private bathroom, kitchenette, 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).
  - 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 led by qualified instructors.
  - Advanced language training.
  - Workshops and activities aim to build essential soft skills.
  - Visits to scientific institutions and cultural locations.
  - Internships at scientific and cultural organizations on local, national, and international levels.
  - Individual tutoring by experts with strong scientific and professional backgrounds, also focused on postgraduate guidance.
- **Placement.**
- **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 2025/26 academic year for titles and interviews to admit **8 (eight)** students who intend to enroll at the University of Trieste, for the first time either in the first year of a Master's Degree program; or in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of single-cycle Master's Degree program; or in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a single-cycle Master's Degree program in Law, exclusively for graduates in Interlinguistic Communication Applied to Legal Professions.

The positions are allocated as follows:

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

- a. **1 (one) place**, 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) place**, funded by INFN, Trieste Section, for students choosing the "Nuclear and Sub-nuclear Physics" curriculum.
- c. **3 (three) places** 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) place** for students of the Master's Degrees in **Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, Geophysics and Geodata, and Mathematics**, funded by the Department of Informatics, Mathematics, Informatics and Geosciences.

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

**3.4 - 1 (one) place**, for students in any master's degree program or in the third/fourth year of any single-cycle degree, funded by the Ottone Zanolin and Elena Dametto Foundation, and reserved for students residing in the municipalities of the Province of Pordenone.

**The number of positions might increase if more financial resources become available after this Call for Applications is issued.**

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

The annual fee for residential and educational services at Collegio Luciano Fonda is €7,500 per year for either the biennium 2025/26–2026/27 or the triennium 2025/26–2027/28.

However, all candidates chosen for the 2025/26 academic year will receive either a full or partial fee reduction through scholarships (whether direct or indirect) and specific funding programs, which are awarded based on income and merit criteria.

#### **Reductions Based on ISEE**

The first level of reduction is based on the student's family economic situation.

The amount each student must pay, also called the solidarity contribution, will be determined by the university's ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator), which must be submitted each year by September 30.

The monthly fee will be calculated according to Table 1, updated annually, as shown below:

<b>ISEE Brackets</b>	<b>Monthly Cost</b>	<b>Band</b>
< 27.726,79€	<b>0,00 €</b>	A
> 27.726,8 ≤ 35.000€	<b>100,00 €</b>	B
> 35.000,01 ≤ 40.000€	<b>150,00 €</b>	C
> 40.000,01 ≤ 45.000€	<b>200,00 €</b>	D
> 45.000,01 ≤ 50.000€	<b>250,00 €</b>	E
> 50.000,01 ≤ 55.000€	<b>300,00 €</b>	F
> 55.000,01 ≤ 60.000€	<b>350,00 €</b>	G
> 60.000,01 ≤ 65.000€	<b>400,00 €</b>	H
> 66.000,01 ≤ 70.000€	<b>450,00 €</b>	I
> 70.001€	<b>500,00 €</b>	L

*Table 1*

## **Merit-Based Scholarships**

The College also reserves the right to award additional merit-based scholarships that reduce the required contribution. These scholarships will be granted to students who stand out through active participation in college life and a demonstrated dedication to the educational and community activities supported by the College.

## **International Students**

Students residing abroad, as well as students residing in Italy whose household resides abroad, must submit the *ISEE parificato* (equivalent ISEE).

To obtain the Equivalent University ISEE, please refer to the following web page of the University of Trieste, [www.units.it](http://www.units.it), and the ARDiS website.

Until the *ISEE parificato* is issued, international students will be required to pay a fixed monthly contribution, corresponding to Band B of Table 1.

Starting the month after submitting the ISEE to the College Administration, the monthly fee will be recalculated based on the ISEE value, according to the provisions of Table 1.

The contribution is regarded as a monthly fee, calculated over twelve months, and must be paid in 12 installments, even if the accommodation begins after **October 1, 2025**. Any absences or non-use of services do not qualify the student for any discount.

Admission to the college is compatible with regional scholarships for capable and deserving students who lack financial means.

INPS scholarships, however, are not compatible with Collegio Fonda's scholarships and funding programs aimed at reducing student costs. Therefore, they are calculated based on the full annual fee of \$7,500 without reductions.

The financial benefits offered by the College cannot be combined with any scholarships from the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) and cannot be used by recipients to access College services.

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

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

In this latter area, students are required to:

- Follow the teachings provided by the degree course at the University of Trieste, where they are enrolled, and complete the annual exams scheduled by the study plan within the autumn session with a weighted average score of at least 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 grants access to a Master's degree program, or will obtain it by 10/31/2025\*; or by that date, upon completing the first three years, they are enrolled in the third/fourth year of a single-cycle Degree program;
- are enrolling, in the academic year 2025/26, for the first time in one of the following programs offered by the University of Trieste: the first year of a Master's Degree program; the 4<sup>th</sup> year of single-cycle Master's Degree program; or the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a single-cycle Master's Degree program in Law, exclusively for graduates in Interlinguistic Communication Applied to Legal Professions;
- possess the educational requirements to enroll in the chosen course of study;
- are under 30 years old;
- 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 practical 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 **August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**.

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 2025 Europass curriculum vitae.
- A certificate proving the exams taken during the first three years of the attended degree program, 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 first three years of the attended degree program \*.
- Any additional letters of reference\*.
- Any other title deemed useful for the evaluation.
- The current ISEE certification for the University.

*\*Reference letters can be attached to the online application by the candidate or sent directly to the College President ([yanni.lughi@collegiofonda.it](mailto:yanni.lughi@collegiofonda.it)) by **August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**.*

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 evaluating qualifications and conducting an interview to assess the candidates' preparation in subjects related to the chosen Master's Degree program, that must be relevant to the Bachelor's degree obtained, or to the course of study in which they are enrolled. The evaluation will also assess candidates' motivations, aptitude for interdisciplinarity and life in the College, and foreign language knowledge. The College President will appoint the Selection Committee, which will include university professors, researchers, and qualified experts.

The interviews will take place between **September 08<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. The date and time of the interviews will be announced on the College's website (<http://www.collegiofonda.it>) by September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Candidates must show a valid ID at the interview. Foreign candidates who ask may take the exams in English.

Candidates may request to attend the interview via video conference; the Admission Committee will review each request. The candidate who makes the request will be contacted by email.

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

The Committees will assign candidates a score out of 100 by considering the exams taken during the Bachelor's degree or in the first three years of the attended degree program, the corresponding weighted average grade, the curriculum, letters of recommendation, the possible final degree grade, and any other qualifications submitted (including prior affiliation with Collegio Fonda). Candidates who score at least 70/100 on the qualification evaluation will be admitted to the oral exam. Candidates pass the oral exam if they score at least 70/100. The final score will be the average of the two assessments' scores. Candidates who score at least 70/100 in each evaluation will be considered eligible.

Based on the scores achieved by the eligible candidates, the Committee will create a general ranking and four specific rankings, one for each of the categories 3.1–3.4 mentioned in Article 3. If there is a tie, priority will be given in the following order:

1. The candidate who scored the highest in the oral exam.
2. The candidate with the highest average grades in the Bachelor's Degree program.
3. The candidate with the lowest ISEE.
4. The youngest candidate.

The allocation of places will follow these procedures:

- i. The reserved spot for students residing in the Province of Pordenone, as per Article 3, type 3.4, will be assigned to the eligible candidate who has achieved the highest score in the respective ranking 3.4. In the absence of eligible candidates, the spot will not be assigned.
- ii. Each of the reserved positions (Article 3, categories 3.1 to 3.3) will be assigned based on the ranking of eligible candidates with the highest scores in their respective categories, following the assignment of the position mentioned in point i. If no eligible candidates are available, the reserved places will remain unfilled.

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

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

By **September 22, 2025**, the successful applicants must:

- Submit the acceptance of the offered place.

By **October 31, 2025**, the successful students must:

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

Students can start at the College beginning **October 1, 2025**, as long as they have earned their Bachelor's degree (where required), finished the Master's enrollment process (where required), and completed the specified admission procedures to the College.



If one or more successful applicants withdraw or are disqualified for any reason, the available positions by **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, will be filled based on the ranking of eligible candidates.

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

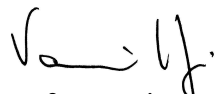
Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of this notice's provisions. If needed, the College may request candidates for additional documentation to verify their information. The College reserves the right to confirm the accuracy of the self-certified data. If it is found that false statements have been made or false documents have been submitted with inaccurate information, the candidate will be disqualified 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 notice is carried out in accordance with current personal data protection laws, including Legislative Decree 196/03 as amended, and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), EU Regulation No. 2016/679.

All requested data are intended for a set of operations, also carried out by electronic and automated means, aimed at selecting and subsequently admitting successful applicants to the College. Providing the requested data is optional, but failure to submit or incomplete submissions will result in the candidate being excluded from the selection process. The data may be shared with relevant authorities for necessary checks. The data controller is "Luciano Fonda" University College; the data processing manager is the acting President, its legal representative.

Trieste, June 27, 2025

The President  
  
(Prof. Vanni Lughì)