

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

2026/27 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 committed 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 at the University of Trieste. Successful candidates will benefit from the hospitality and educational services provided by the College for two 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 2026/27) to be published on the College's website (<https://www.collegiofonda.it/en/admission/>).*

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)
- Access to common areas (study rooms, library, video room, music room, gym, lounge room, laundry).
- 24-hour reception service, 7 days a week.

- **Training:**

- Supplementary training to 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 at the 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 2026/27 academic year for titles and interviews to admit **7 (seven)** students who intend to enroll at the University of Trieste in the first year of a Master's Degree program.

The positions are allocated as follows:

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

- a. **1 (one) position**, funded by the Department of Physics, is reserved for students who will complete their thesis at the Department of Physics of the University of Trieste under the supervision of a faculty member from the same Department.
- b. **1 (one) position** funded by the 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 enrolled in one of the following Master's Degree programs: **Philosophy; Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultural and Literary Tourism; Historical Studies, From Ancient to Contemporary Age.**

3.3 - 1 (one) position for students enrolling in one of the following Master's degrees: **Business Strategy, Consulting and Logistics; Economy, Environment and Development; Marketing and Management; Statistical and Actuarial Sciences.**

The number of positions may increase if additional 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 for either the biennium 2026/27–2027/28.

However, all candidates selected for the 2026/27 academic year will receive either a full or partial fee reduction through scholarships (direct or indirect) and specific funding programs, awarded based on income and merit criteria.

Reductions Based on ISEE

The first level of reduction is based on the student's family's 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, which is updated annually, as shown below:

ISEE Brackets	Monthly Cost	Band
< 28.339,88€	0,00 €	A
> 28.339,88€ ≤ 35.000€	100,00 €	B
> 35.000,01 € ≤ 40.000€	150,00 €	C
> 40.000,01 € ≤ 45.000€	200,00 €	D
> 45.000,01 € ≤ 50.000€	250,00 €	E
> 50.000,01 € ≤ 55.000€	300,00 €	F
> 55.000,01 € ≤ 60.000€	350,00 €	G
> 60.000,01 € ≤ 65.000€	400,00 €	H
> 65.000,01 € ≤ 70.000€	450,00 €	I

> 70.001€	500,00 €	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 awarded to students who stand out through active participation in college life and demonstrated dedication to the educational and community activities supported by the College.

International Students

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

To obtain the Equivalent University ISEE, please refer to the University of Trieste's website (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 in Table 1.

Beginning the month after the ISEE is submitted to the College Administration, the monthly fee will be recalculated based on the ISEE value, in accordance with the provisions of Table 1.

The contribution is treated as a monthly fee, calculated over a 12-month period, and must be paid in 12 installments, even if the accommodation begins after **October 1, 2026**. Any absences or non-use of services do not entitle the student to a discount.

Admission to the college is compatible with regional scholarships for capable and deserving students who lack financial means. However, INPS scholarships 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 any reductions.

5. STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A contract covering residential aspects and a learning agreement covering educational aspects will govern 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 during the autumn session, achieving a weighted average score of at least 27/30.
- Reside at the College during the academic activity period.
- Actively and continuously participate in the College's educational initiatives.
- Attend these activities for at least 40 hours per year, evenly distributed across the two semesters.
- Respect the specific obligations set forth in the Learning Agreement signed by each student upon admission and in the College's General and Educational Regulations.

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 31/10/2026.
- In the 2026/27 academic year, students are enrolling for the first time in the first year of a Master's Degree program at the University of Trieste.
- Possess the educational requirements to enroll in the chosen course of study.
- Are under 30 years old.
- Have no criminal convictions for intentional offenses.

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

7. ADMISSION APPLICATION FORM

The application for admission must be submitted exclusively **online at** <http://www.collegiofonda.it> by 24:00 on **August 26, 2026**.

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 2026 Europass curriculum vitae.
- A certificate showing the exams taken during the first three years of the 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 degree program *.
- Any additional letters of reference*.

- Any other title considered 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 (vanni.lughi@collegiofonda.it) by **August 26, 2026.*

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 candidates' preparation in subjects relevant to the chosen Master's Degree program, which 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 7 and 11, 2026**. The dates and times of the interviews will be announced on the College's website (<http://www.collegiofonda.it>) by September 3, 2026.

Candidates must present a valid ID at the interview. Foreign candidates who request 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, considering the exams taken during the Bachelor's degree or in the first three years of the 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 will 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 of the eligible candidates, the Committee will create three specific rankings, one for each of the categories 3.1–3.3 in Article 3. If there is a tie, priority will be given in the following order:

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

The allocation of places will be conducted according to these procedures:

- i. Each reserved position (Article 3, categories 3.1 to 3.3) will be assigned to the candidate with the highest score in each category. If no eligible candidates are available, the reserved positions will remain unfilled.

The rankings, the 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 of the results.

10. ADMISSION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

By **September 21, 2026**, the successful applicants must:

- Submit the acceptance of the offered place.

By **October 31, 2026**, 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, 2026**, provided they have earned their Bachelor's degree (where required), completed the Master's enrollment process (where required), and completed the specified admission procedures for the College.

If one or more successful applicants withdraw or are disqualified for any reason, the remaining positions as of **November 15, 2026**, 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 constitutes full acceptance of this notice's provisions. If needed, the College may request additional documentation from candidates to verify their information. The College reserves the right to confirm the accuracy of the self-certified data. If false statements are made or false documents with inaccurate information are submitted, the candidate will be disqualified from the selection process or their admission to the College will be revoked.

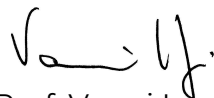
**12. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA (LEGISLATIVE DECREE 30.06.2003 NO. 196;
GDPR REG. EU 2016/679)**

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 electronically and automatically, 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, July 22, 2026

The President



(Prof. Vanni Lughì)