



CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – A.Y. 2023/24 ADMISSION TO THE 4TH YEAR OF THE GALILEAN SCHOOL OF HIGHER EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA, ITALY

(deadline: March 13th 2023)

FOREWORD

The University of Padova, one of the most ancient universities in the world, has a long tradition in the promotion of the excellence of its students, regardless of their nationality, gender, beliefs, or interests.

Accordingly, the University of Padova promotes a program of excellence, *the Galilean School of Higher Education*, reserved to the best students enrolled at the University of Padova.

At the Galilean School of Higher Education, students are recruited in the areas of Humanities (*Classe di Scienze Morali*), Natural Sciences (*Classe di Scienze Naturali*) and Social Sciences (*Classe di Scienze Sociali*).

In addition to the regular students, the Galilean School of Higher Education recruits every year up to four highly-motivated international students, who can enroll in a 2-years program towards the Master's Degree (Second Cycle Degree, *Laurea Magistrale*).

The University of Padova offers several Second Cycle Degree (*Laurea Magistrale*) programs that are **entirely taught in English** (complete list updated for a.y. 2023/24 at this [link](#)); also, several internal courses of the Galilean School are delivered in English. The School can provide a dedicated course for international students to learn Italian, and give support for learning other languages.

REQUIREMENTS, APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE

This call is reserved to non-Italian citizens, residing outside Italy.

Applicants must:

1. be **eligible for enrolling in the 1st year of a Second Cycle Degree Course (Laurea Magistrale) of the University of Padova** (check carefully this [link](#) for details on the pre-requisites and procedures).

Please bear in mind that the successful completion of the pre-enrolment to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Course is required to have your application for the Galilean School examined. Applicants who have not completed their Second Cycle Degree Course application alongside their Galilean School application by the indicated deadlines will be automatically excluded from the selection;

2. hold a **Bachelor degree** (or be expected to obtain one before July 31st or September 30th 2023, depending on the Course chosen at the University of Padova) and **not be older than 26** at the time of application;
3. have completed the online application to pre-enroll in at least one **Second Cycle Degree Course at the University of Padova** on their personal area on apply.unipd.it within **March 13th 2023** (please



check carefully the deadline for the Course you're interested in, as for some courses the deadline are on February 2nd and March 7th)

4. send the documents required to apply to the selection for the Galilean School's Call for international students **between January 23rd 2023 and March 13th 2023**

The on-line procedure to pre-enrol in the chosen Second Cycle Degree Course at the University of Padova requires the upload of the following documents:

1. a copy of the **passport** (or identity card only for EU nationals);
2. a certified copy (on headed paper, signed and stamped by the awarding Institution) of the academic **transcript of records** in English with the indication of ECTS credits or the indication of the grading scale used by the Institution, if ECTS grading is not available. The transcript may be replaced by the Diploma Supplement, if available;
3. a copy of the First Level University Diploma (**Bachelor Degree**). If a Bachelor Degree hasn't been obtained yet before the application deadline, the applicant must attach an official letter of the Home Institution, stating that the candidate is registered as a Bachelor student and that he will earn his/her Bachelor degree before July 31st or September 30th 2023, (depending on the Course chosen);
4. **Curriculum Vitae** in English.
Please, remember to indicate a valid Skype or Zoom contact in the CV;

In addition to pre-enrolling in a Second Cycle Degree course at the University of Padova, candidates will have to **send to the address of the Galilean School's administrative office (galilean.school@unipd.it) a cover letter (within March 13th 2023)**, summarizing their main interests and experiences in the specific field of study, together with the main reasons of their application to join the Galilean School.

Documents and info among those required (e.g.: Skype or Zoom contact) can be sent in the same message if not already included within the application process to the University of Padova.

In addition to this, **two reference letters** are required from experienced scientists/professors who know the applicant. The letters must be written on headed paper of the referee's Institution; they must be **signed and sent personally by the referee, as a pdf file, to the Galilean School (galilean.school@unipd.it)**, specifying "Reference Letter (Name, Surname and date of birth of the applicant)" in the e-mail subject. A few general suggestions for filling the letter can be found at this [link](#).

The deadline for sending the reference letters is the same (March 13th 2023); applicants who have failed at having their reference letters sent by the indicated deadline will be automatically excluded from the selection. **Reference letters sent outside of the above guidelines (e.g. sent by the applicant instead of the referee) will not be considered.**

Students with disabilities or Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) may contact the University [Student Services Office – Inclusion](#) to report any specific need they may have or to get information on economic benefits and services available during class attendance.

The selection committee will evaluate each candidate's career, objectives and motivation, and will draw up a shortlist of candidates that will be contacted for an interview (remote interview via Skype or Zoom). Applicants will be notified in advance about the interview by e-mail.



Fluency in English is required; knowledge of the Italian language is not required, but it will be taken into consideration for the evaluation. At the end of the selection process, a list of qualified and eligible candidates will be published on the Galilean School's website.

Qualified candidates will be notified by May 15th 2023 with an announcement on the School website. They must accept the admission to the School by e-mail (galilean.school@unipd.it) within ten days after the publication of the list of selected candidates. If a qualified candidate does not respond to the School within ten days after being notified, his place in the selection will be forfeited and the School Commission will be entitled to select another candidate from a reserve list of eligible candidates. The selection committee reserves the right to select less than four candidates (total number of places available) to join the School in case not enough profiles should be considered as up to the standards required.

To finalize their admission to the Galilean School, selected applicants must also conclude the [enrolment procedure](#) to their chosen Second Cycle Degree (Laurea Magistrale) Course; once enrolled as regular students of the University of Padova¹, selected applicants will also be admitted to the 4th year of the Galilean School of Higher Education.

The Academic Year at the University of Padova starts on October 1st, so accepted students must commit to arrive at the Galilean School before that date. Upon request, free room and board can start from September 4th 2023.

ACADEMIC DUTIES AND RIGHTS

The admitted international students will share all obligations, duties and rights of the other Galilean students. In particular, they must:

1. choose a Second Cycle Degree Course (*Laurea Magistrale*) at the University of Padova and enrol in the 1st year within the deadlines; information on the enrolment procedure are available [at this link](#).
2. attend the regular courses and seminars of their chosen Second Cycle Degree Course at the University of Padova, and pass the relevant exams at the required dates, with scores not below 24/30 in any single exam and an average score not below 27/30;
3. attend the courses and seminars of the Galilean School, and pass the relevant exams with the same scores as above. They will share their experience and ideas with the other Galilean students, and will adhere to the disciplinary rules of the College where they are hosted;
4. obtain a C1/B2 language certification for a first language (usually English; the School's Director can authorize, in some cases, the choice of the French, Spanish or German language; the chosen language must be different from the student's mother tongue in any case) and a B1 certification for a second

¹ Enrolling at the University of Padova implies the payment of a [fee](#). Please note that several **fee-waiver options** are offered to students enrolling in one of its degree courses completely held in English, as explained [here](#) (these benefits are not automatic, students must apply for them). For more information: Ufficio Servizi agli studenti, via Portello, 31 - 35129 Padova, Tel.: +39 049 827 3131 (Call Centre) - fax +39 049 827 5030, e-mail: benefici.studenti@unipd.it



language (Italian is compulsory, but additional languages can be chosen) before the end of the 2-years period. The language courses and exams will be provided by the School.

5. write an additional, final *Galilean thesis*, within one year after obtaining their Master's Degree, under the supervision of an advisor of their choice, approved by the School, on a different subject from that of the Master thesis. Following the successful defence of the Galilean thesis, the student will receive the *Galilean Diploma*.

At the end of the first academic year, if not complying with the above requirements and regulations, students will lose their status of Galilean students and the associated privileges, but will be allowed to continue their regular Master program at their own expenses.

BENEFITS FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

1. The School will provide **free room and board** in the University student houses and canteens.
2. The School will **reimburse one round trip ticket from/to the country of origin** (economy class) **up to 1.500,00 Euros** for each Academic Year, and cover the **cost of books and miscellaneous documented expenses of educational nature (up to 1.000,00 Euros over the 2-years stay)** and the **expenses for study and research trips** authorized by the Class Coordinator (**up to 1.500,00 Euros over the 2-years stay**).
3. The School assigns a **grant up to 2.500,00 Euros for each Academic Year (up to 5.000,00 Euros over the 2-years stay)** to admitted students, as a contribution towards personal living expenses.
No other scholarship will be compatible with the benefits awarded by accepting a place at the Galilean School.

FINAL PROVISIONS

The relevant data protection regulations will be respected, with reference to the provisions of Legislative Decree no. 196 of the 30th of June 2003 "*Codice in materia di protezione dei dati personali*".

Any amendments or additions to the contents of this Call will be made public on the [Galilean School's website](#). In the event that the documents presented by candidates are false, without prejudice to the sanctions set out in the specific legislation on the matter (articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000), the candidate's application will be automatically cancelled.

For any information omitted from this admission notice, please refer to current legislation.

Padova, January 23rd 2023

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