

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **1. Who can apply to the Call for international students at the Galilean School?**

Non-Italian citizens (both from the UE and outside the UE) or dual citizenship students, residing **OUTSIDE** Italy. Applicants must 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 before the application's deadline (**March 13th 2023**). All applicants **must also enroll in a Second Cycle Degree Course** (2-years Master's Degree, in Italian **Laurea Magistrale**) at the University of Padova, following the application procedures and deadlines.

Be aware that you won't be examined to join the Galilean School if you are not pre-enrolled in a Second Cycle Degree course at the University of Padova by the deadline of March 13<sup>th</sup> 2023.

### **2. I already am a student enrolled at the University of Padova: can I apply?**

No. The selection is open to students applying for Second Cycle Degree Courses in a.y. 2023/24 (starting in September/October 2023), so if you have applied at a previous stage (e.g. in a.y. 2022/23, and you're currently enrolled in the first year of a Second Cycle Degree Course) you're not eligible to apply.

### **3. What are the main steps to apply?**

- 1) Pre-enrol in at least one Second Cycle Degree Course at the University of Padova
- 2) Send your cover letter to [galilean.school@unipd.it](mailto:galilean.school@unipd.it)
- 3) Have two referees send a reference letter to [galilean.school@unipd.it](mailto:galilean.school@unipd.it)

### **4. Is there an application form to fill or similar procedure to execute to apply?**

No. All the data and all documents required are already included in your original application procedure to enrol in the University of Padova.

### **5. Is there a fixed length or structure for the cover letter required?**

There is no fixed length. The cover letter should concern the candidate's studies up until today, the current objectives (also regarding the course chosen at the University of Padova) and reasons to join the Galilean School.

### **6. Do the reference letters required have to be from Professors, or can they come from other sources as well (e.g. past employer)?**

It is preferable for both reference letters to come from the academic area, but it is not mandatory; references from work experiences (coherent with the scientific area of the candidate) will be considered all the same.

**7. I have applied to a Master's Degree Course at the University of Padova, but I have *not yet been admitted/accepted the offer/paid the admission fee*. Can I apply to the Call of the Galilean School?**

Yes. It is sufficient to have applied to a course (or more than one course) at the University of Padova when applying to the selection for the Galilean School; at a later stage, if selected for the School, it will be necessary to have accepted and to enroll in a course at the University of Padova, before being admitted and also enrolling at the Galilean School.

**8. Will I have to take part in a selection interview for the Galilean School?**

Interviews via Skype or Zoom can be a part of the selection process, following an initial screening by the selection committee. Please remember to specify your **Skype or Zoom contact** in your CV or send it by email together with your cover letter; if the selection committee decides to interview you via Skype or Zoom you will be informed by e-mail in advance.

**9. Can I accept a place at the Galilean School and also one of the scholarships offered by the University of Padova?**

No. The Galilean School is not compatible with any other kind of scholarship; you can apply to the Galilean School and other scholarships, but if you are awarded with both you will have to choose among them. On the other hand, there is no incompatibility with fee-waivers.

**10. But can I apply to both the Galilean School and for a scholarship, or will I still be eligible to be selected for the Galilean School if I have also applied for a scholarship, and vice versa?**

Yes, you can apply to both the Galilean School and other scholarships, but, as said above, if you'll be awarded both you'll have to choose among them at a later stage.

**11. When will the results of the selection come out?**

The list of admitted and eligible students will be published **within May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**. Admitted students (and also eligible students who, in case one of the admitted students forfeits his/her place, are assigned a place) will be notified by email.

**12. Will I have to choose one of the three Galilean School branches (Class of Moral Sciences, Class of Social Sciences, Class of Natural Sciences)?**

Not at the application stage: after being admitted to the School the Class Coordinators will suggest you the most suitable Class, according to your chosen Second Cycle Degree Course and your past academic career, but the final choice will be yours (the choice of a Class not

coherent with the chosen Degree Course and past academic career will have to be adequately motivated and approved by the Class Coordinators).

**13. Will selected students receive a monetary grant?**

Yes, as specified in the Call, in addition to the other benefits admitted students will receive a grant up to **2.500,00 Euros for each Academic Year** as a contribution towards personal living expenses. The payment will be made for each Academic Year in February/March.

**14. What is the relationship between the enrollment at the University of Padova and the enrollment at the Galilean School?**

- applicants for the Galilean School must also follow the procedures to apply and eventually enroll in a **Second Cycle Degree Course of the University of Padova**.
- applicants who will have passed the selection procedure for the Galilean School will be admitted and later enrolled at the Galilean School, **provided that** they have successfully concluded the enrolment procedure at a **Second Cycle degree of the University of Padova**.

Galilean students will attend the lessons and take the exams of the chosen Second Cycle Degree course at the University of Padova; at the same time, they will attend the courses and activities and take the internal exams of the Galilean School.

At the end, successful students will receive both a *Second Cycle Degree Diploma* from the University of Padova and a *Galilean Diploma* from the Galilean School (after a final Galilean discussion).

**15. I have more questions! Who can I contact?**

The email address of the administrative offices of the Galilean School is [galilean.school@unipd.it](mailto:galilean.school@unipd.it)