Call for applications for the awarding of one full-tuition scholarship for students registered for the master’s degree program in Law, Digital Innovation and Sustainability at Luiss Guido Carli - Academic Year 2021/2022

Luiss Guido Carli, in conjunction with Mario Gasbarri Foundation announces a competition for the awarding of one scholarship worth €12,300 (twelve thousand three hundred euros) in the form of a full waiver of the University’s tuition fee.

Since 1984, Mario Gasbarri Foundation has created a strong link with the world of education throughout the country to foster the encounter between theory and application. Therefore, every year in Italy, Mario Gasbarri Foundation renews partnerships with the best universities that join economic support programs for deserving and well-prepared young people.

The waiver is reserved for students registering for the first year of the master’s degree program in Law, Digital Innovation and Sustainability (LDIS) in the 2021/2022 academic year and, upon fulfilling the relevant requirements, may be renewed for the second year of the program.

The scholarship will be awarded to the student who has obtained the highest score in the ranking.

1. Eligibility
This competition is open to students who by 1 July 2021 will have passed all of the exams provided for in their undergraduate study plan, with the exception of the final degree exam in the case of students still in the process of graduating.

Should the student come from a non-Italian university, the credits and grades will be compared with those awarded in the Italian university system: for this purpose, the application form must be accompanied by a Transcript of Records indicating the Grade Point Average (GPA) and a document explaining the grading system of the student’s university/country. All attachments must be in English or Italian, failing which the student will be excluded from the competition.

2. Incompatibility
The aid envisaged by this competition is incompatible with other tuition fee waivers or scholarships held for any reason whatsoever, except for those awarded by Italian or foreign institutions designed to support, through periods abroad, a student's education for the academic years covered by this competition.
3. Criteria for Compiling the Ranking
The process for selecting the winner, to be undertaken by a commission composed of a professor from the University’s Department of Law and a representative of Mario Gasbarri Foundation, will be split into two stages: an initial assessment of the qualifications and curricula of the candidates and a subsequent interview.

For the purposes of compiling the ranking, each candidate will be awarded a score out of 100 based on the following criteria:

- **up to a maximum of 25 points** on the basis of the weighted average achieved during the bachelor’s degree program granting eligibility for enrolment in the LDIS master’s degree program;
- **up to a maximum of 25 points** on the basis of an evaluation of the curriculum vitae;
- **up to a maximum of 25 points** on the basis of the letter of presentation disclosing the key reasons for embarking upon the chosen study path, the diversity factor of the candidate (e.g. gender, cultural and social background, etc.), the major of interest, as well as an inclination towards the topics of the courses and xLabs of interest to the partner funding the scholarship (https://landing.luiss.it/xyzcamp/);
- **up to a maximum of 25 points** on the basis of the interview in which the following will be evaluated:
  - the candidate’s interest, inclination, and preparation on the topics and challenges of xLabs and LDIS-related R&I projects;
  - the ability to work with one’s peers and lead or coordinate group work;
  - the aptitude, ethics and inclination for applied and professional work, entrepreneurial spirit and proactiveness, and creativity in finding solutions;
  - the diversity that the female candidate or male candidate brings to the LDIS program;
  - the predisposition for generating empathy, solidarity and a sense of belonging to a community, including for the purposes of the LDIS Community Building Program.

The first five candidates will be admitted to the interview, in order of score. Also admitted will be any candidates ranking fifth ex aequo.

The students selected for the interview will receive an e-mail with precise details of how the assessment will be conducted as well as the date and time of the interview: in case of unjustified absence, the student will be excluded from this selection process.

The rankings will be published at the University’s Financial Aid and Scholarships web pages by the end of July 2021.

4. Renewal of the Aid
The full tuition fee waiver for the first year of the program, worth €12,300 (twelve thousand three hundred euros) will be renewed for the second year of the program on condition that, by the end of the summer exam session of the first year (July 2022), the student has earned at least 70% of the education credits required under their study plan for graduation purposes and has a weighted grade average of not less than 27/30.

Furthermore, the degree program’s management, in agreement with Mario Gasbarri Foundation, the partner funding the scholarship, has decided to link renewal of the tuition fee waiver to the performance of three specific tasks:

- tutoring within the xLabs: the Fellow, as a Junior Tutor, is required to provide guidance and supervision in relation to the group work of each xLab, with an emphasis on the special role of “facilitator” in the conduct of project activities and communication or dissemination of results;
- collaboration in at least one R&I project related to the Department of Law, paying particular attention to those falling within the areas focused on by the degree program and the partner funding the scholarship;
- management and active participation in the LDIS Community Building Program. A program to initiate social self-organization and peer to peer learning, as well as social activities of inclusion and sharing, is envisaged. The goal of the LDIS Community Building Program is to increase the sense of community in the classroom by encouraging the establishment of a supportive and inclusive climate, with the possible creation of an LDIS community self-governance device.

The scholarship holder’s commitment must be constant and proactive and includes writing articles and reports as well as digital marketing initiatives that aggregate data and convey the content and results of the tasks.

5. Revocation and Renunciation
The aid envisaged by this competition will be revoked upon the occurrence of any one of the following:

- the student fails to enroll at Luiss Guido Carli for the 2021/2022 academic year;
- the student no longer fulfills the requirements for renewal, as specified in article 4 above;
- the student discontinues their studies;
- the student transfers to another degree program or university.

In case of revocation or renunciation, the aid will be awarded, as regards the residual amount thereof, to the next highest ranked eligible student who fulfils the requirements of this competition.
6. Submission of Applications
Applications must be submitted, using the online form available at the University’s Financial Aid and Scholarships web pages, from 10 May 2021 to noon (Italian time) on 5 July 2021.

The application form must be accompanied by the following documentation included by way of attachment:

a. for students coming from another Italian university: self-certification/official certification of the exams taken with associated grade. Students must also record on the form all the exams that they have taken up to 1 July 2021 with the associated grades and credits in order to be able to display during the application process the weighted average on the basis of which the score will be calculated (NB: exams with a mere pass-fail grade do not count towards calculating the average);

b. for students coming from another university abroad: Transcript of Records and document explaining the Grading System adopted;

c. curriculum vitae drawn up in Italian or English;

d. statement of purpose written in Italian or English.

Only complete applications received by the deadline of noon (Italian time) on 5 July 2021 will be considered. Luiss Guido Carli disclaims any liability in relation to applications that are not received due to technical issues or reasons attributable to third parties.

7. Contact Information
Any request for clarification should be addressed to the Partnership and Financial Aid Office by sending an e-mail to agevolazionieconomiche@luiss.it.

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