

Mario Arcelli Graduation Award – 2026 Edition

Having regard to the Executive Committee Resolution of 8 July 2026

Luiss Guido Carli, thanks to the financial contribution of the **Mario Arcelli Foundation** and in collaboration with **CASMEF** – Arcelli Centre for Monetary and Financial Studies and **Intesa Sanpaolo**, is honoured to promote a competition for the awarding of a **graduation award worth €2,500** in memory of Mario Arcelli, Rector of our University from 1992 to 2002.

The life of Mario Arcelli testifies to an exceptional multiplicity of interests, although the academic sphere remained the true centre of his activity; for thirty-five years, in fact, he held the position of Full Professor of Economics at several Italian universities (Trieste, Padua, Rome Sapienza, and Luiss), alongside holding high-level public offices for twenty years, including various government collaborations. He represented, and continues to represent today, an important point of reference for the world of finance and business in Italy.

The competition is open to Master's Degree and Single-Cycle Master's Degree graduates from Luiss Guido Carli who, between 1 August 2025 and 31 July 2026, graduated *in corso* (on track) with a final grade of no less than 105/110, having defended a thesis in the field of monetary and credit economics and policy. Applications from students who graduated *fuori corso* (beyond the standard duration of the programme) will not be considered.

Applications to participate in the competition must be submitted by no later than **12:00 noon (Italian time) on 15 September 2026** via the online form available at:

<https://www.luiss.it/en/orientation-and-admissions/incentives-and-support/graduation-awards>

The application must be accompanied by a copy of the degree thesis, its abstract (maximum of 3 pages), and a detailed curriculum vitae.

The ranking will be drawn up based on the following criteria and evaluation scores:

- Quality of the thesis (relevance and topicality of the themes examined, originality of the approach, methodological rigour, depth of analysis, and clarity of presentation) – up to a maximum of 50 points;
- Academic background (weighted average, final graduation mark, and time taken to obtain the degree) and CV – up to a maximum of 30 points;

- Relevance of the thesis topic to the fields of expertise of Prof. Mario Arcelli – up to a maximum of 20 points.

The final ranking will be determined by the sum of the scores assigned. The candidate with the highest overall score in first place will be declared the winner.

Applications will be examined by a dedicated Commission that will award the prize at its sole and unappealable discretion. The Commission will be composed of three experts designated by Intesa Sanpaolo Group, the Mario Arcelli Foundation, and CASMEF, respectively.

The Commission reserves the right not to award the prize if no candidates are deemed suitable.

The results of the competition will be communicated by 31 October 2026, and the award ceremony will be held at Luiss Guido Carli during the following month of November.

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