

## Progetto Mediterraneo a.y. 2025-2026

### A collaboration between Luiss University, Fondazione Terzo Pilastro – Internazionale and The Malta Trust Foundation.

The deadline of the pre-application forms which has been published online on the Luiss website ([link](#)), is extended from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to **18<sup>th</sup> April 2025**.

All the requirements and criteria indicated in the previous call are considered valid for this selection.

In 2017 Luiss University and Fondazione Terzo Pilastro – Internazionale launched Progetto Mediterraneo, a programme of scholarships for disadvantaged students and refugees from the Mediterranean region.

Progetto Mediterraneo aims to help disadvantaged students coming from vulnerable communities from various Mediterranean countries, by giving them access to Bachelor's and Master's Degree courses provided entirely in English by Luiss University. Upon completion of the courses, students shall possess the knowledge needed to continue their studies and the specific skills to pursue managerial positions that could contribute to the economic and social development of the region and of their communities.

The Malta Trust Foundation, established a collaborative relationship with Fondazione Terzo Pilastro-Internazionale in 2017. **Enhance- Making Higher Education More Accessible** is one of the educational projects led by The Malta Trust Foundation and this ongoing collaboration with Luiss University was made possible through Progetto Mediterraneo.

Through this ongoing fruitful collaboration between The Malta Trust Foundation and Fondazione Mediterraneo, **2 (two) scholarships** are being made available for the 2025-2026 academic year. This includes Master's degree programmes in Data Science and Management; Management; Economia e Finanza – Majors of Applied Economics or Finance; Corporate Finance; Marketing; Policies and Governance in Europe; Strategic Management; Global Management and Politics; International Relations which will be offered at Luiss University in Rome. Delivered in the English language, one of these programmes will be open to two Maltese disadvantaged students residing in Malta. The program envisages awarding fully-funded scholarships to the selected candidates, covering tuition fees, teaching materials, travel costs, pocket money and board and lodging in Rome to cover 2 academic years up until the first available graduation session (July 2027).

#### Terms and conditions

The scholarship will be confirmed for the following academic year on the condition that the student, by 31 July of every academic year, has earned at least 70% of the education credits required by his/her first-year study plan. Should the selected students not comply with the above-mentioned requirements, he/she will be responsible for the payment of the remaining tuition fee payments for the second academic year i.e. 2026-2027 and for living expenses.

To finalize the application candidates must fill out the pre-application form and attach the required documents by no later than April 11, 2025. Upon confirmation of the eligibility of the financial statement for application by the Malta Trust Foundation, the student may proceed with application through Luiss University website according to the instructions that will be provided by the Malta Trust Foundation and Luiss.

**Pre-application forms must be sent to [info@maltatrustfoundation.org](mailto:info@maltatrustfoundation.org) by April 11, 2025. Luiss applications must be submitted online through the [Luiss application platform](#) by no later than April 30, 2025.**

**All the candidates who applied in the Session I of the Luiss graduate international selection process for EU citizens (November 2024-26 February 2025) can apply for this Progetto Mediterraneo scholarship by sending the Pre-application form to be sent to [info@maltatrustfoundation.org](mailto:info@maltatrustfoundation.org) by April 11, 2025.**

The scholarship is open to Maltese disadvantaged students residing in Malta, who:

- have obtained a Bachelor's Degree or are going to graduate by no later than November 13, 2025.
- have an English level of at least B2 CEFR;

Please note that Progetto Mediterraneo offers student-based scholarships and their nuclear family members will not be covered.

Documents required to submit the application (in pdf format):

- proof of disadvantaged economic status (one's own and/or family's financial statements including if necessary, evidence of other extraordinary expenses, references related to social situation) to be attached to the pre-application form and sent to the Malta Trust Foundation for verification of the eligibility.
- certificate showing the studies completed to date (updated transcript of records or, if not available, provisional transcript) and associated grades, issued in English or translated into Italian;
- currently valid identity document;
- certificate of knowledge of the English language (at least level B2), for all students wishing to register for a degree program taught in English, except for students who have attended/are attending school entirely in English;

- other optional certification (for example, language proficiency, GMAT or GRE).

Multiple applications from the same candidate will not be considered. Application forms lacking the above-mentioned documentation will be considered incomplete and won't be considered for evaluation by the Admission Board.

### **Admission Criteria**

The eligible candidates will be required to participate in the Luiss selection dedicated to international EU students available on the Luiss website. Scholarship candidates who will be successfully admitted through this admission procedure will be further interviewed and assessed by a Board, made up of the Deputy Rector for Internationalization, 2 members of the Progetto Mediterraneo staff, two members of The Malta Trust Foundation, which – in case of multiple eligible candidates– will draw up a ranking, taking into account the following criteria:

- Maltese citizenship
- the student's academic performance;
- consistency of one's previous studies with the chosen degree program;
- the language level declared;
- GMAT/GRE scores (if any)
- performance during the interview
- disadvantaged economic status

The Board will reach out to shortlisted candidates, duly assessed and selected by the Admission Board on the basis of the above-mentioned criteria, for online interviews which will be held in English in May 2025.

The results will be communicated to the selected candidates via email, by May 2025. By June 12, selected candidates will be required to register according to the procedures that will be communicated by the Luiss Admission Office.

Should a selected student wish to renounce to the scholarship offer, he/she may present a written formal renouncement/withdrawal before June 4, 2025. Should any of the selected student not register for attendance by the timeline set by the Call for applications for admission, the scholarship offer will be revoked.

In these circumstances, the Admission Board will consider shortlisted candidates previously assessed. Confirmation of acceptance from the selected candidate is to be received within one week from the communication of outcome.

Admission entails compulsory attendance of the programme as from 8 September 2025. Please note that the offer of admission will refer exclusively to the 2025-2026 academic year and will not be considered as valid for admission in subsequent years, as indicated above, in the stipulated conditions for progression of studies.



In case of admission, please note that the offer is conditional and will be confirmed only after submission of the original documentation pertaining to their academic qualification and Declaration of Value, Diploma Supplement or CIMEA statement of comparability and, where applicable, obtainment of a Bachelor's Degree by no later than November 13, 2025. Documentation related to the validity of the student's qualification will have to confirm the eligibility of the diploma for access to Master Degree Programs in Italy based on regulations in force.

Should documentation related to the study qualification not be compliant with regulations in force or handed in after the prescribed deadlines, the student won't be allowed to enroll, notwithstanding the admission offer. For further information, please consult the following page.

For any further info please write an email to: [ammissione@luiss.it](mailto:ammissione@luiss.it) or [info@maltatrustfoundation.org](mailto:info@maltatrustfoundation.org)

For any information not included in the present Call for Applications, the current University rules concerning admission to Master's Degree courses apply.

The present Call for Applications is regulated under Italian law; for any dispute the competent court is Rome.

#### **Privacy and Data Protection**

The Parties, as independent data controllers, will process the personal data of the data subjects exclusively for the purposes that are necessary within the framework of the Mediterranean Project and, in any case, in compliance with current legislation as per Regulation EU/679/16, providing for the additional legal obligations provided for by national legislation in the Privacy sector. Luiss' Privacy Notice can be found at this [link](#).

Rome, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025