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ADMISSION CALL TO PHD PROGRAM IN MANAGEMENT, FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING – XXXVII CYCLE – ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

THE RECTOR

- Given the Statute of Università Carlo Cattaneo - LIUC, specifically *Art. 25*;
- Given the Act of 9 May 1989, no. 168;
- Given the Act of 30 January 1989, no. 398;
- Given the Act of 19 November 1990, no. 341 and subsequent amendments;
- Given the Act of 15 May 1997, no. 127 and subsequent amendments;
- Given Articles 68 and subsequent amendments of the Decree of the President of the Republic of 11 July 1980, no. 382, instituting the PhD Programs;
- Given the Act of 3 July 1998, no. 210, specifically *Art. 4*, as amended by *Art. 19*, Paragraph 1 of the Act of 30 December, 2010, no. 240;
- Given the Act of 13 August 1984, no. 476 and subsequent amendments, specifically *Art. 2* as amended by *Art. 5* of the Legislative Decree of 14 September 2011, no. 167;
- Given the Ministerial Decree of 8 February 2013, no. 45;
- Given the regulation that governs the PhD Programs at Università Carlo Cattaneo - LIUC, issued with the Rector's Decree of 23 April 2014, no. 257;
- Given the resolution of the Administration Board of 16 March 2021;
- Given the regulations governing the PhD Program in Management, Finance and Accounting- XXXVII Cycle at Università Carlo Cattaneo - LIUC, issued with the Rector's Decree of 17 March 2021, no. 704;
- Given the Admission Call to the PhD Program in Management, Finance and Accounting- XXXVII Cycle at Università Carlo Cattaneo - LIUC, issued with the Rector's Decree of 17 March 2021, no. 705;
- Given the result of the selection process that ended on 8 July 2021 and the subsequent communication of withdrawal from participation in the program on the part of 5 selected candidates;
- Given the Ministerial Decree no.1061 of 10 August 2021, which allocates PON funding for "Research and Innovation" 2014-2020 financed within the FSE – REACT EU initiative with reference to Action IV.4 "Doctoral degrees and research contracts on innovation issues" and Action IV.5 "Doctoral degrees on green economy issues" to individuals involved in active and accredited doctoral research within the context of the 37th cycle and national PhD programs;
- Given the implementing rules of the PON "Research and innovation" 2014-2020, Action IV.4 "Doctoral degrees and research contracts on innovation issues" and Action IV.5 "Doctoral degrees on green economy issues";
- Given the ministerial note on implementation published on 8 September 2021 prot. m_pi.A00GABMUR,REGISTRO UFFICIALE.U.0012025
- Given the resolution of the Administrative Board of 5 October 2021;



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Art. 1 - Activation

At Università Carlo Cattaneo – LIUC, as part of the 37th cycle of the three-year PhD Program in Management, Finance and Accounting, activated, with Rector's Decree no. 705 of 17 March 2021 and accredited as per communication of 4 June 2021

- a. the selection process is open for admission to 2 places with exemption from admission and tuition fees and provision of scholarships;
- b. in accordance with DM no.1061 of 10 August 2021 and the relative rules of implementation, the selection process is open for admission to 4 places within the provision/budget of PON “Research and Innovation” 2014-2020, with reference to Action IV.5 “Doctoral degrees on green economy issues” with scholarships mandatorily linked to research on the following topics, along the lines defined by the National Strategy for Intelligent Specialisation 2014-2020 (SNSI) and the National Research Plan 2021-2027 (PNR), aimed at the dissemination of an open approach to innovation and a greater interchange between the world of research and the world of production:

- Implementing Circular Economy in Companies: Managerial practices, Enablers, and Barriers for Circular Business Model Design (1 scholarship);
- Resilience and Sustainability through Circular Supply Chains and Technology (1 scholarship);
- The non-financial disclosure and its role on the executive compensation's evolution (1 scholarship)
- Artificial intelligence and healthcare: how to make sustainable the future of the patients (1 scholarship)

Further details for each of the mandatory topics can be consulted at the following link: <https://www.liuc.it/corsi-di-laurea/dottorato-di-ricerca/nuove-posizioni-dottorato-xxxvii-ciclo/>

Candidates who intend to take part in the selection process for more than one of the research topics should make a single application, attaching a specific research project for each topic they are interested in.

The validity of the selection as per point b) of this article is conditional on the effective admission to the above-mentioned funding.

Art. 2 – Selection

Candidates may apply to take part in the selection process for the places described above at point a) art.1, or alternatively at point b.) art 1.

Admission is by a public selection process which will provide two distinct rankings of applicants deemed suitable to attend the programs relative to the places described above in points a.) and b.) art.1.

Scholarships s are awarded, in the above order, according to the ranking of successful candidates.



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Art. 3 - Admission requirements

The application form may be submitted, without limitation of citizenship, by whoever holds a Laurea Magistrale or equivalent foreign academic degree (Master of Arts, Master of Sciences), or persons who expect to achieve such a qualification by 31 October 2021 in the following subjects:

- LM-77 Economics – Business Administration
- LM-16 Finance
- LM-56 Economics
- LM-31 Engineering Management
- LM-59 Studies in Public and Corporate Communication and Advertising
- LM-63 Studies in Public Administration
- LM-76 Economics for the Environment and Culture

Applications from applicants holding master's degrees in areas other than those listed above, but whose education and experience demonstrate knowledge of the subjects of the Program, shall be considered and assessed by the Admission Panel.

Applicants who expect to graduate after the application deadline shall be considered and may be admitted conditionally on receiving their degree by 31 October 2021. Failure to do so will render their admission void.

Art. 4 - Submission of application for admission

To apply for admission, the applicant should:

- connect to the site <https://sol.liuc.it>;
- register by entering the required general/personal information and contact details, pledging to communicate any change;
- complete the online application form by entering the required information;
- attach by uploading onto the site the following documents in PDF format:
 - scan of the application request, which can be downloaded from the website, duly filled in and with handwritten signature
 - signed copy (both sides) of a valid personal identity document
 - copy (both sides) of personal tax code (if available)
 - Diploma Supplement or Degree Certificate (or self-certification if the title has been obtained in Italy) stating the name of the University where obtained, official study duration, exams passed, ECTS and related study areas, final score and related grading scales. If the degree is yet to be obtained, average score of the exams already taken and related grading scales.
 - curriculum vitae, in Italian or English
 - two reference letters, in Italian or English, with handwritten signature, completed according to the format published on the website
 - international test score (GMAT, GRE, or other equivalent internationally recognized test), with proof of the score (if applicable)
 - internationally recognized language certifications, with proof of the score (if applicable)
 - list of publications of academic/scientific relevance, if applicable, and/or any other titles, qualifications or information useful to assess the applicant's aptitude for research
 - a short statement of purpose written according to the format shown and available on the website (800 words maximum, including spaces but not including bibliography and figures)



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describing reasons for wanting to attend the doctoral program at LIUC, topics of interest for research and personal career goals

- for candidates for places described at point b.) art. 1: a draft proposal for the development of their doctoral research on one of the topics indicated

All documents may be presented in Italian or English.

If drafted in another language, they must be translated into Italian or English.

With application download and completion the applicant declares:

- possession of civil and political rights;
- non violation of Art. 142 T.U. (simultaneous enrolment in university courses, including University Master Degrees);
- not being enrolled in a Postgraduate School or on a Specialising Course and the commitment to suspend attendance if already enrolled in such a program;
- having been/or not having been awarded another scholarship (even for one year) for another PhD Program;
- being / not being an employee of the Italian Public Administration and in the event of a scholarship assignment, the commitment to be placed on unpaid leave for the duration of the Program
- the commitment to attend, if admitted, the Program in the manner prescribed in the Regulations of the Program and to participate in the activities planned for doctoral applicants within the University;
- awareness that at any time during the application process, and even after the start of the Program, the Administration may check the authenticity of the statements made and require the submission of original documents, having the right at all times, with sound reason, to exclude applicants who have been selected or are already in the Program, due to lack of fulfilment of requirements established by this notice;
- to be aware of the penalties that may be incurred in the case of false declarations or data content not corresponding to the truth, according to Art. 76 of the DPR, 28 December, 2000, n. 445.

The entire procedure must be concluded *on line* and uploaded by the final deadline of 27 October 2021, at 17.00 CEST.

Complete information and instructions for sending the application form are available at: <http://www.liuc.it/phd>.

The University administration does not assume any responsibility in the case of dispersion of communications, due to errors in contact details on the part of the applicant or late communication of changes of the same, or to failures in electronic communications not attributable to the administration itself.

Art. 5 - Application for admission: additional documentation for foreign citizens or holders of a foreign qualification

In addition to the provisions of *Art. 4*, foreign nationals, EU or not, should also indicate on the application form an Italian address, or an indication of their Embassy in Italy, as domicile for participation in the selection.



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In addition to the provisions of *Art. 4* and according to *Art. 3*, applicants in possession of an academic qualification obtained at a foreign university should also attach documentation useful to enabling the Faculty Board to declare the suitability, that is to say:

- Declaration of Value issued by the Italian Embassy or Consulate or Italian Cultural Institute responsible for the geographical area of the city where you obtained your university degree.

or

- Diploma Supplement in English

or

- Declaration of Equivalence issued by an Italian University.

In cases where the Declaration of Value from the home country or the Declaration of Equivalence have not been requested, the Faculty Board will decide on the admissibility of qualifications according to the applicable legislation in Italy and the country where the qualification was awarded and to international treaties or agreements regarding recognition of diplomas for continuing study, for the sole purpose of admission to the Program.

The Declaration of Value is not required for qualifications obtained in a country of the European Union.

The above documents should be in Italian or English.

At the time of submission, applicants who do not yet have the above mentioned documents may in any case participate in the selection process. However, their submission will be accepted on a provisional basis and they must complete the documentation supplementing it by 15 November 2021, on penalty of exclusion from participation in the selection.

Art. 6 - Method of selection of applicants

Applicants are selected on the basis of their documented qualifications and in accordance with the following three criteria:

- a) having the necessary knowledge and expertise on the Program's topics
- b) aptitude of the candidate for scientific research and coherence between his/her academic background and the main subjects of the PhD Program, and for candidates to the places described at point b.) art. 1, interest of the research project presented and congruence with the chosen topic and conformity with the criteria indicated in art.3, para. 2 of DM no. 1061 of 10 August 2021;
- c) competence in discussing and interpreting phenomena in the economic, managerial, financial or engineering fields, also expressed in quantitative form, as well as the linguistic competence necessary to participate profitably in the activities of the Program.

Criterion a) is assessed by considering the university career of the applicant, as well as any other titles or aspects of their personal CV useful to demonstrate their skills and knowledge.



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Criterion b) is assessed on the basis of the publications, participation in projects / research groups, the results of internationally recognized tests (such as the GRE or the GMAT), if taken, and the preparation of a Statement of Purpose that presents the candidate's research interests (in this regard, consult the website <http://www.liuc.it/phd> for specific drafting rules) and an illustrative paper on the development of a doctoral research project on the topics referred to in point b.) art.1

Criterion c) is assessed on the basis of an oral exam, that may be conducted in English, on a date communicated to the applicants at least 5 days in advance and in any case by 10 November 2021 at the latest.

The oral exam will be held at the University or remotely via the web (Ms Teams). The teleconference method should be specifically requested in the application and a telephone contact number must be given. Applicants who take the oral examination at a distance should ensure their availability to be contacted as indicated in the application, for 3 hours starting from the time stated in the schedule of examinations remotely. Applicants who are not available on two occasions will be considered absent and therefore excluded from the selection.

LIUC denies any responsibility if an interview cannot take place due to technical reasons.

If the Commission cannot fully deem linguistic competency as based on the information available in the application form, competency will be determined by oral examination.

The overall score of the applicant is determined as follows:

- criterion a): up to a maximum of 15 points;
- criterion b): up to a maximum of 15 points;
- criterion c): up to a maximum of 15 points

Applicants are deemed suitable for admission to the Program if they achieve a score of at least 30/45 points and provided that the score is at least 10 points for each criterion.

Art. 7 - Admission to the Program

Two separate merit lists of applicants for the positions referred to in points a.) and b.) art. 1 on the basis of the scores obtained by each candidate will be published.

Candidates are admitted to the Course with full tuition waiver from the admission and attendance fees and are recipient of the scholarship in the order of their ranking, until the available places are filled, as provided for in art. 2.

With regard to the positions referred to in point a.) art. 1, the first two candidates are admitted; as regards the positions referred to in point b.) art. 1, the first four candidates are admitted.

Art. 8 - Enrolment

Applicants admitted to the Program must send or submit their Doctorate enrolment form to the Doctorate of Research Secretariat, Università Carlo Cattaneo - LIUC, Corso Matteotti 22, 21053 Castellanza (VA) Italy, in electronic form not later than 5 days, and in paper form, within 10 days from the day they receive the admission notice. They should complete on plain paper the document available at the link <http://www.liuc.it/phd> attaching the following documents:

- 1) self-certification of degree obtained with exam grades or scores, credits and related scientific areas (if not already submitted)
- 2) For recipients of scholarships as per point a.) art.1: declaration of acceptance of the form of financial support allocated.



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For recipients of scholarships as per point b.) art.1, co-financed PON 2014-2020: declaration of acceptance of the form of financial support allocated, as well as declaring:

- a) to commit to undertake the required period of research in industry (minimum 6 months, maximum 12 months) and abroad (minimum 6 months, maximum 12 months), declaring at the same time to be aware that failure to respect the minimum period in industry will entail suspension of the scholarship;
- b) to be aware that modification of the project objectives and expected results (where not previously authorised by MIUR) will entail suspension of the scholarship and reimbursement of any sums already paid;
- c) to be aware that a negative opinion of the Faculty Board and consequently non-admission to the following years of the PhD program will entail suspension of the sums granted for the current year and failure to complete the PhD will entail suspension of the sums granted for the final year of the Program;
- d) to commit to producing a two-monthly report indicating commitment in terms of time (months in industry, in the university, abroad, if contemplated) and a summary of activities carried out;
- e) to commit to producing an annual report on activities carried out;
- f) not to be in receipt at the present time of any other form of scholarship, and not to take advantage for the duration of this scholarship, of any other form of scholarship, other than those admissible within the terms of applicable national norms

3) documents proving the payment of university fees (see art. 10)

4) one passport photograph, which should be authenticated by the Secretariat.

Additional documentation for foreign citizens or holders of a foreign qualification

- visa/residence permit for study purposes (for applicants outside the European Union);
- other documents requested in art. 4 and art. 5 if not previously provided.

The recipients of scholarships and/or exemptions that do not submit documentation within the prescribed period shall be considered to have withdrawn and the related economic benefits shall be made available, according to the ranking, to applicants with lower assessment who are at that moment enrolled. The same occurs in the case of renunciation of the form of financial support allocated.

It is prohibited to enrol in other PhD Programs: if an applicant has obtained admission to other PhD Programs, he/she should opt for only one of them.

Art. 9 - Scholarships

Scholarships and tuition waivers are offered for the entire three-year duration of the Program and are renewed yearly upon verification of the conditions specified in the Regulations of the PhD Program in terms of applicants' performance.

Interruption of attendance on the Program for more than thirty days is cause for scholarship suspension.

In the case of exclusion, scholarships will be permanently suspended.

The PhD scholarship cannot be granted to applicants holding postdoctoral research fellowships. Post-doctoral research fellows, if admitted, may enrol in the PhD Program, either with or without a tuition waiver.



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A scholarship cannot be granted to PhD applicants participating in a higher education apprenticeship Program.

The yearly amount of the scholarship, paid in monthly instalments, is determined in accordance with the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research Ministerial Decree no. 40 of 25 January 2018. Currently it amounts to € 15,343.28 yearly, before social security and health insurance contributions, to be paid by the recipient.

Scholarships that require the completion of a specific research activity oblige the applicant to carry out this activity and to comply with the provisions in the Convention.

Art. 10 – Enrolment costs

At enrolment, all applicants must pay the regional tax for the Right to Education and the applicable stamp duty.

Art. 11 - Processing of personal data

According to EU Regulations n. 2016/679 personal data provided by the applicants will be processed with electronic and paper based means at LIUC for the purpose of this admission procedure and publication of the proceedings in accordance with the rules laid down by Regulations and Legislative Decree 196/2003 as updated by Legislative Decree 101/2018.

Participation in the application and admission procedures implies, in accordance with the principles of the above-mentioned rules, a tacit consent to the publication of the applicant's personal and admission test results on the LIUC website. The person responsible for the procedure is Dr. Massimo Colli.

Art. 12 - Publication of the call for application

This call for applications is published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic and in electronic version on the websites of Università Carlo Cattaneo - LIUC (<http://www.liuc.it>), of the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research MIUR, (<http://bandi.miur.it>) and of the European Union (<http://ec.europa.ec/euraxess>).

This call is written in Italian and translated into English. In case of conflict and/or different interpretation of individual parts, the text written in Italian shall prevail.

Any changes or additions to the call will be announced by publication on the University website.

Art. 13 – Reference legislation

For anything not explicitly stated in this announcement, please refer to the Regulations of the PhD Program in Management, Finance and Accounting - XXXVII Cycle issued with Rector's Decree of 17 March 2021, no. 704 and the relevant regulations.

Castellanza, 6 October 2021

Decree no. 799 (seven hundred ninety nine)

Il Direttore Generale
Dott. Massimo Colli

Il Rettore
Prof. Federico Visconti