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ANNOUNCEMENT OF A SELECTION FOR 2 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING AT THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE - -a.y. 2020/2021

In the framework of the initiatives aiming at promoting its educational activity, the Department of Mathematics "Tullio Levi-Civita" of the University of Padua,

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a selection procedure to assign **2 (two)** one-year scholarships for especially gifted students who enroll at the Master's Degree in Computer Science. The fellowships are renewable for one extra year, upon winner application. Each year is paid in two solutions. Candidates should meet the following requirements:

1. Conditions required to participate to the selection

- Possess a three-year undergraduate degree in the class "Scienze e tecnologie informatiche/ Computer sciences and technologies (L-31)" or "Ingegneria dell'informazione/ Information Engineering (L-8)" (or an equivalent non-Italian three-year undergraduate degree) in any Italian or foreign University with a minimum final grade of 100/110 (or equivalent for foreign grading systems);
- Engage to enroll in the a.y. 2020/2021 at the Master's Degree in Computer Science of the University of Padua;
- Possess a European citizenship or a residency or study visa in Italy;
- Being younger than 25 years old at the date of the deadline of the present selection procedure;
- Not being winner of any other scholarships, except for regional scholarships for the right to study and for those awarded by Italian or foreign institutions with the aim to integrate either student education or research activity by means of periods abroad;
- Absence of criminal convictions or penal proceedings in progress.

Students who have previously received sanctions following the presentation of false declarations aimed at obtaining benefits for the right to study are not allowed to apply.

1.1 Admission requirements for students who have not yet obtained the bachelor's degree

Students who do not hold the required academic qualification at the time of the application, may still apply in case that they will obtain the Degree by the **October 31st, 2020** at the latest, with minimum grade of 100/110 (or equivalent grade for non-Italian degrees). These candidates will be admitted under condition and they will have to send within the **November 30th, 2020** a self-certification of the obtained Bachelor's Degree, together with a copy of a valid identity document (Identity Card or Passport). Sending the original certification is required for extra-UE Bachelor's Degrees. The documentation must be sent either by e-mail to the address **premilm@math.unipd.it**, or it can be delivered in person to the Secretariat of the Department of Mathematics "Tullio Levi-Civita", via Trieste, 63 – Padova, Italy.

2. Application procedure and form

The application form, in plain paper, must follow the template that accompanies the present announcement (Attachment A). It must be duly signed by the candidate and sent to the Department of Mathematics "Tullio Levi-Civita" not later than **12:00 am on Monday August 31st, 2020**, in one of the following forms:

- by certified e-mail (PEC) at the address **dipartimento.math@pec.unipd.it** signed with digital signature on all the documents;
- by certified e-mail (PEC) at the address **dipartimento.math@pec.unipd.it** sending a copy of the application with autograph signature, together with a copy of the identity document of the subscriber. Copies of these documents must be scanned;
- by e-mail at the address **premilm@math.unipd.it** sending a copy of the application with autograph signature, together with a copy of the identity document of the subscriber. Copies of these documents must be scanned.

For applications sent by certified e-mail (PEC) the return receipt will be sent automatically by the PEC manager, whereas for applications sent by e-mail, the return receipt will be sent by the Department of Mathematics.

The candidate shall indicate as message subject: "*Bando di concorso per l'assegnazione dei Premi di Studio per l'iscrizione alla Laurea Magistrale in Informatica*".

Electronic submissions must be in static formats and not directly modifiable, without macroinstructions and executable codes, PDF/A format is suitable. In any case, the maximum files size is 50 MB.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The application form template is also available at the link: <https://www.math.unipd.it/news/bandi-premi-concorsi/>.

The candidate must declare under his own responsibility:

- surname and name, place and date of birth, citizenship, tax code, residence address and address chosen for the purpose of this announcement, specifying zip code, telephone number, e-mail and skype contact;
- the professor who will provide the letter of presentation;
- to possess the admission requirements;
- to promptly communicate any change in residence or address indicated in the application form;
- to have never received sanctions caused by false declarations in the attempt to obtain unwarranted benefits for his education;
- to be aware of and to accept all the rules included in the announcement.

Applications must include:

- a photocopy of a valid identity document (Identity Card or Passport);
- a dated and signed detailed CV;
- any document concerning previous university career, including marks obtained in individual exams with translation into English or Italian for foreign transcripts;
- letter of presentation written and signed by the Bachelor's Degree thesis supervisor or by any other Bachelor's degree Professor contacted by the student. **The professor has to send the letter of presentation by mail** at the address **premilm@math.unipd.it** within **Monday August 31st, 2020 at 12:00 am** ;
- motivation letter written in Italian and in English;
- any other document, qualification or publication useful for the selection process.

Incomplete applications, filled out illegibly, or that do not fully meet the required conditions will not be taken into consideration. Participation in the announcement implies full acceptance of this regulation. False documents and statements imply the exclusion from the competition or the right of recourse/refund in the case of scholarship already assigned.

3. Selection procedure and communication to winners

The Department of Mathematics "Tullio Levi-Civita" of the University of Padova, will verify the respect of the announcement requirements.

A student shall not be considered properly enrolled if she/he does not fulfil the university fee obligations.

Scholarships shall be assigned by a Selection Committee, nominated by the Director of the Department of Mathematics and composed by the Director of the Department, or his representative, by the President of the Master's Degree in Computer Science, or his representative, and by a professor of the Department of Mathematics.

The Selection Committee shall consider the following standards:

- scholastic merits: average achieved in the three-year course;
 - information about the academic career and the thesis project as shown in the letter of presentation;
 - motivation to attend the Master's Degree in Computer Science as indicated in the motivation letter;
 - other elements included in the curriculum vitae and in other attached documents.
- possible interview in presence or by skype, of which the candidates will be notified at least 15 days in advance, on the following topics:
 - three-year thesis project;
 - candidate's motivations;
 - knowledge of basic subjects of the Bachelor's Degree.

For the evaluation of the interview it will be taken into consideration:

- quality of three-year thesis project;
- depth of candidate's motivations;
- proficiency on the basic subjects.

On the basis of the documents presented by the candidates and possibly following an interview, the Committee shall assign the scholarships. The decision of the Committee is unquestionable and there is no appeal against it.

The Committee has the right not to award the scholarships. This can happen either if the commission finds that no candidate is deemed worth to receive the fellowship or in case of loss of financial coverage.

The Committee shall decide within the **September 30th, 2020**. The provisional selection result shall be published on the web site of the Department of Mathematics, at the address <https://www.math.unipd.it/news/bandi-premi-concorsi/>, and on the web site of the University of Padua, at the address <https://www.unipd.it/premi-studio-studenti>.

If after the **November 30th, 2020**, some candidates appear not to be eligible for the award, the Committee will reformulate the ranking. The winners shall receive communication by e-mail, at the address indicated in the application. The final selection results shall be published on the web site of the Department of Mathematics, at the address <https://www.math.unipd.it/news/bandi-premi-concorsi/>, and on the web site of the University of Padova, at the address <https://www.unipd.it/premi-studio-studenti>.

4. Scholarships amount, terms of payment and renewal conditions

4.1 – Academic Year 2020/2021

Each Scholarship for the enrollment at the Master's Degree in Computer Science – a.y. 2020/2021 has the annual value of € 3.686,00 gross amount, and it shall be paid to enrolled students by the

Department of Mathematics "Tullio Levi-Civita" in two solutions respectively within March 31st, 2021 and June 30th, 2021. Before paying the first solution, the regular payment of the registration fee will be verified.

4.2 - Renewal

Scholarship shall be renewed for the amount of € 3.686,00 gross amount, once the financial coverage is confirmed, at the following conditions:

- achievement of at least 48 CFU (Italian ECTS credits) of the approved study plan, without credits recognised from previous academic careers, within the September 30th, 2021, with an average mark of at least 28/30 (referred to the above mentioned credits), and without any single mark below 24/30;
- enrollment in the academic year 2021/2022;

The renewal request shall have to be presented within October 31st, 2021 by the student with the same procedure indicated in point 2 of this document. Additionally, the student must attach the transcript of records of the first year (including CFU/ECTS and exams results) and the enrollment certification.

Scholarship renewal instalments will be paid respectively within March 31st, 2022 and June 30th, 2022.

5. Processing of personal data

In accordance with Italian Legislative Decree no. 196 dated 30 June 2003 "Codice in materia di protezione dei dati personali", concerning the protection of persons and other subjects concerning the processing of personal data, any data provided will be collected at the University of Padova for the selection procedure and will also be treated in automated form.

Personal data must be provided for the evaluation of admission requirements; without them candidate will be excluded.

Information will be communicated only to public administrations directly interested in the candidate's university position or in the competition.

The concerned persons are appointed of the law holders of the articles 7, 8, 9 e 10 of the aforementioned Decreto Legislativo, among which there is the right of access data concerning them, and also some complementary laws including the possibility to correct, update, complete or delete wrong, incomplete or collected data in terms that do not comply with the law, and the possibility to oppose their treatment for legitimate reasons.

These rights may be asserted against the University of Padua – Via VIII Febbraio, 1848 n. 2 holder of data treatment.

6. General Information

This announcement is available on the website of the Department of Mathematics, at the address <https://www.math.unipd.it/news/bandi-premi-concorsi/> and on the website of the University of Padua, at the address <https://www.unipd.it/premi-studio-studenti>.

Further information can be required to the Secretariat of the Department of Mathematics "Tullio Levi-Civita" by mail at the address premilm@math.unipd.it indicating as subject: "*Richiesta informazioni Bando di concorso Premi di Studio per l'iscrizione alla Laurea Magistrale in Informatica*"

Attached:

- Annex A –Application Form Template

Padua, 18 May 2020

The Department Director

Prof. Bruno Chiarellotto

