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“MARCO GARUTI PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS”

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A NON-ITALIAN UNIVERSITY

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT NR 6/2023 FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

Deadline: 10 October 2023, 12.00pm (CEST)

To encourage foreign citizens to apply for the admission to the PhD Course in “Mathematical Sciences” of the University of Padova, the Department of Mathematics “Tullio Levi-Civita”

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a selection procedure to assign scholarships of € 2.400 (gross amount) – together with a single room accommodation in Padua – for especially gifted students enrolled in a foreign University supporting the preparation of the degree thesis.

The scholarship and the accommodation will be assigned for the duration of 4 months. The mobility period must be spent from 1 March 2024 to 1 July 2024.

1. Conditions required to participate to the selection

- a) Being enrolled in a Master Degree or a four-years (or more) Master Degree granted by a non-Italian University related to Mathematics. The degree course must be equivalent to a second-cycle Italian degree (“Laurea magistrale a ciclo unico”/“Laurea specialistica”/“Laurea magistrale”) awarded by an officially recognized foreign academic institution. The degree course must be comparable to the Italian degree required for the admission to a PhD course (i.e. Master’s Degree or another equivalent second-cycle degree).
- b) Having obtained average marks in the top 25% of their class.
- c) Being a non-italian citizen.
- d) Not having received 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.

2. Application procedure and form

The application form, in unstamped paper, must follow the template appended to the present announcement (attached A). It must be duly signed by the candidate and must be submitted no later than **12:00 pm (CEST) on 10 October 2023** in one of the following forms:

- Via certified email (PEC) to the address dipartimento.math@pec.unipd.it. The application can be signed with a digital or handwritten signature and must be sent together with a copy of the signer’s

ID document. The digital or handwritten signature must also be affixed to all documents that require a signature (CV and self-certifications).

- Via email to premilm@math.unipd.it. The application can be signed with a digital or handwritten signature and must be sent together with a copy of the signer's ID document. The digital or handwritten signature must also be affixed to all documents that require a signature (CV and self-certifications).

The candidate shall indicate on the email subject the following: "Marco Garuti programme for foreign students".

Electronic submission 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 <https://www.math.unipd.it/dipartimento/amministrazione-trasparente/sovvenzioni-contributi-sussidi-vantaggi-economici/borse-incoming/>. The candidate must declare under his/her own responsibility:

- surname and name, place and date of birth, citizenship, residence address and address chosen for the purpose of this announcement, specifying zip code, telephone number and e-mail.
- the topic of the thesis;
- to possess the admission requirements;
- to promptly communicate any change in residence or address indicated in the application form;
- not have never received sanctions caused by false declarations in the attempt to obtain unwarranted benefits for his/her education;
- The students must produce a document certifying enrollment in a non-Italian master's degree program;
- to be aware of and to accept all the rules included in the announcement.

Applications must include:

- a copy of a valid identity document (Identity Card for EU citizen or Passport for non-EU citizens);
- a dated and signed detailed CV;
- an official transcript of records of both first (Bachelor, if any) and second-cycle degree (Master's), with grades and a comparison with other students in the same course;
- an invitation letter signed by a Professor of the Department of Mathematics "Tullio Levi-Civita" (University of Padova) with the title of the thesis and a short description of the activities to which the student should participate in;
- a motivation letter describing the personal expectations and motivations of the candidate, his/her scientific interests and thesis topics in which he/she wishes to be involved;
- 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.

Scholarships shall be assigned by a Selection Committee, nominated by the Head of the Department of Mathematics.

The Selection Committee shall consider the following standards:

- scholastic merits: average achieved a Master Degree or a four-years (or more) Master Degree granted by a non-Italian University related to Mathematics;
- information about the academic career, the thesis and the activities as shown in the letter of invitation and in the letter of motivation;
- other elements included in the curriculum vitae and in other attached documents;
- possible Zoom interview of which the candidates will be notified at least 15 days in advance. During the interview the Committee will verify the level of knowledge of the English language and the candidate's motivation. Candidates who do not present themselves to the selection will be automatically excluded from the selection.

Only in case of students with equal merit, the priority will be given to students:

- not being owner of an Erasmus scholarship and, in case of further equal merit, gender equality and belonging to minorities will be taken into account.

On the basis of the documents presented by the candidates, corresponding to the announcement standards, the Committee shall assign the scholarships. The decision of the Commission 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 worthy to receive the fellowship or in case of loss of financial coverage.

The Committee shall decide within 30 days from the deadline indicated in the announcement. The selection results shall be published on the web site of the Department of Mathematics, at the address <https://www.math.unipd.it/dipartimento/amministrazione-trasparente/sovvenzioni-contributi-sussidi-vantaggi-economici/borse-incoming/>

4. Terms of payment and accommodation

The scholarships shall be paid by the Department of Mathematics "Tullio Levi-Civita" in two instalments:

- 70% of pre-financing once arrived in Padua,
- the balance payment 30% will be transferred during the last month of the mobility period.

Accommodation has been reserved at "Residenza ESU Luzzatti", Via Luzzatti, 35121, Padova.

Check-in: 01.03.2024, 2:00pm (IT time)

Check-out: 01.07.2024, 10:00am (IT time)

No changes or postponement of the reservation will be possible.

5. Processing of personal data

The processing of personal data provided by candidates collected for the purposes identified in this notice takes place in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation 27.04.2016 n. 679 (General Data Protection Regulation, following: GDPR). Further information can be found here: <https://www.unipd.it/en/privacy>.

6. General Information

The present selection announcement is available on the website at <https://www.math.unipd.it/dipartimento/amministrazione-trasparente/sovvenzioni-contributi-sussidi-vantaggi-economici/borse-incoming/>

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 "*Questions about: "Marco Garuti programme for foreign students"*".

• ~~Attachment~~ A – Application Form Template

Padova, 05/07/2023

Head of the Department
Prof. Bruno Chiarellotto

