

Progetto Mediterraneo a.y. 2024-2025

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

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 2024-2025 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, Innovation & Sustainability; 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 2026).

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. 2025-2026 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 March 1st, 2024. 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 by March 1st, 2024. Luiss applications must be submitted online through the Luiss application platform by no later than March 20, 2024.

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

- have obtained a Bachelor's Degree achieved not earlier than the 2021/2022 a.y. or are going to graduate by no later than November 25, 2024.
- have an English level of at least B2 - intermediate;

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 socio-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;
- contact details of a Professor/Lecturer who may be able to provide a reference
- 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 interviewed and assessed by the Admissions Board, made up of the Deputy Rector for Internationalization, 2 members of the Progetto Mediterraneo staff, two members of The Malta Trust Foundation and the Head of the chosen Degree Course, which – at its absolute discretion – will draw up a ranking, taking into account the following criteria:

- the student's academic background and school record;
- 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).

The Admission 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 the month of April 2024.

The results will be communicated to the selected candidates via email, by May 2024.

The deadline for the finalization of enrollment is 19 July 2024.

Should a selected student wish to renounce or withdraw from the programme, he/she may present a written formal renouncement/withdrawal before May 31, 2024. 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 September 2024. Please note that the offer of admission will refer exclusively to the 2024-2025 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 25, 2024. 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 or 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,

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