ERASMUS+ PROGRAM MOBILITY FOR STUDY

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF 27 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MOBILITY ABROAD UNDER THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAM ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025
INTER-UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE IN "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & CYBERSECURITY"

ART. 1 SUBJECT
This call governs the selection for the allocation of 27 scholarships for mobility abroad under the Erasmus+ program for the academic year 2024/2025, within the framework of the inter-university master's degree program in "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & CYBERSECURITY" (LM-18), based on the agreement between the University of Udine and the Alpe-Adria University of Klagenfurt (Austria) for the award of a double degree.

ART. 2 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION
Students of the University of Udine enrolled in the academic year 2023/24 in the 1st and subsequent years of the inter-university master's degree program in "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & CYBERSECURITY" (LM-18) are eligible to apply for the selection.

ART. 3 DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS
The application for participation, completed on the appropriate form (attached 1), must be submitted no later than 12:00 PM on March 27, 2024, according to one of the following methods:
- hand delivery to the Protocol Office of the University of Udine located at Palazzo Florio, via Palladio, 8 33100 Udine, open from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM (https://www.uniud.it/it/servizi/servizi- comunicazione/protocollo);
- submission via email, using exclusively the institutional email address @spes.uniud.it, to the address amce@uniud.it;

The envelope containing the application must be marked on the outside with "Selection for participation in the ERASMUS+ program academic year 2024/2025 - INTER-UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE IN "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & CYBERSECURITY" - DMIF."

ART. 4 EVALUATION CRITERIA AND RANKING
Only applications complete with all elements will be admitted to the selection and allocation of destinations.
The Commission is composed by the following professors:
- Prof. Agostino Dovier
- Prof. Giuseppe Serra
- Prof. Andrea Formisano
and will draft a ranking based solely on data related to the year of first enrolment in the study program, the earned number of credits (CFU), and the weighted average available on the esse3 platform; any exams not registered by the deadline of this call will not be considered. Specifically, the ranking will be done by assigning applicants a score calculated by summing arithmetically the following two factors:

- Weighted average of exams on a scale of thirty
- Number of registered CFU / (3 * K)

where K takes into account the number of exam sessions available to students and is set at 1 for first-year students, 3 for second-year students, 5 for third-year students, and so on (generally 1 + 2 * (year of enrolment - 1)).

The scholarships will be awarded in the order of the ranking.

In the event of a tie in the score among candidates, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

The ranking will be published on the official University notice board https://www.uniud.it/it/albo-ufficiale by April 12, 2024. Publication on the official University notice board constitutes official communication to interested parties.

Within 5 days from the publication date of the ranking, each candidate must send an acceptance email for the assigned seat to the Mobility and International Relations Office of UNIUD (claudia.schileo@uniud.it).

In case of withdrawal or failure to submit the acceptance declaration within the specified time frame, the eligible candidate next in the ranking will be contacted and will replace the previous candidate within the time limits set by the deadlines for registration at the destination university.

Selected students are advised to wait for instructions from the International Relations Office for the signing of the mobility contract and completion of all bureaucratic administrative procedures related to European mobility. The scholarship students must remain regularly enrolled at the University of Udine for the entire duration of the mobility period. Furthermore, they are required to attend, when summoned, informational meetings organized by the Mobility and International Relations Office of the University of Udine.

**ART. 5 ERASMUS+ MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Erasmus+ mobility scholarship is paid for a 5 months stay at the Klagenfurt University, starting from 01/10/2024 until 01/03/2025. The duration of the study period abroad is predetermined by a bilateral agreement signed by the home University and the host University. However, extensions and/or reductions of the stay are allowed only for proven educational reasons, bearing in mind that the overall duration must be continuous.

It is reminded that to obtain the double degree, it is necessary to acquire at least 30 ECTS credits up to a maximum of 60 ECTS credits at the Alpe-Adria University of Klagenfurt.

Selected students can:

- Attend courses and take related exams,
- Carry out preparation and research activities for the thesis (as provided for in the Double Degree agreement);
The above activities must be authorized in advance through the Learning Agreement for Studies (study plan abroad) filled out in ESSE3.

Erasmus+ scholarship students must not receive, for the same period covered by this call for applications, other grants from the European Commission intended for studying/working/researching abroad. Candidates who have already done an Erasmus+ mobility (Study, Traineeship, or International Credit Mobility) or Erasmus Mundus from 2021-2027 and who apply for this call for the same study cycle are eligible for selection provided that the total months of the mobility they have benefited from and the one they are applying for do not exceed 12 months in total.

It is not possible to obtain the final degree before the conclusion of the study period abroad and after the recognition of the activities carried out during the mobility.

ART. 6 FUNDING OF ERASMUS MOBILITY AND SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT

The Grant from European funds provides a monthly contribution of €300.00 (calculated on the period of stay abroad in terms of actual days) as provided for in the Erasmus+ Program Call 2023, project n.2023-1-IT02-KA131-HED-000122715.

In addition to the Erasmus+ contribution, the following grants are provided:

- an additional financial contribution called TOP UP (EU funds) of €250.00 per month for students from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds, whose ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) is equal to or less than €26,306.25 (this ISEE limit could be subject to changes for 2024 based on the new Ministerial Decree which has not yet been published).

- In case of availability of funds, and until they are exhausted, the TOP UP contribution may also be granted to the following categories, based on criteria to be established according to the received requests:
  • Participant with minor children
  • Participant orphaned by at least one parent before reaching adulthood (18 years)
  • Participant who is the child of victims of terrorism and organized crime
  • Participant in possession of a disability certification under Law No. 104/92 and/or in possession of a valid civil disability certification.

Students in possession of a disability certification under Law No. 104/92 and/or in possession of a valid civil disability certification may also obtain a refund for special expenses. To access this service, it will be necessary to contact the Mobility and International Relations Office of UNIUD (claudia.schileo@uniud.it).

A supplementary financial contribution on a monthly basis (from MUR funds/FFO youth funds) will be granted according to the income brackets resulting from the ISEE declaration for 2024. The paid amount will range from €50.00 monthly up to a maximum of €300.00 monthly and will be defined by May 2024.
As outlined in the Erasmus+ Program Guide, a contribution for GREEN TRAVEL to and from the host country using sustainable means of transportation (train, bus) will be provided. This contribution will be calculated on the travel distance according to the following table:

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The distance calculation will be done using the tool provided by the European Commission and available at the following web address: [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en)

Additionally, students may obtain additional financial contributions from the Regional Agency for the Right to Higher Education (ARDIS). For information, please contact:

ART. 7 PROCEDURE MANAGER
Pursuant to article 4 of Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990 "New rules on administrative procedure and the right of access to administrative documents," the office responsible for the procedure "Erasmus+ Mobility for Study 2024/2025" is the Didactic and Student Services Directorate of the University of Udine - Mobility and International Relations Office. For this selection related to the inter-university master's degree in "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & CYBERSECURITY," the office responsible for the procedure is the Department of Mathematical, Informatics, and Physical Sciences - Silvia Zuccaro - Head of Departmental Services.

Candidates have the right to access the documents of the competition procedure according to the methods provided for in articles 1 and 2 of the decree of the President of the Republic of June 23, 1992, no. 352 (Regulation for the discipline of the exercise modalities and cases of exclusion of the right of access to administrative documents, in implementation of article 24, paragraph 2, of Law no. 241/90, containing new rules on administrative procedure and the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments and integrations. The request must be sent to the Institutional and Legal Affairs Office, Via Palladio 8 Udine, by completing the specific form downloadable at the following address: [https://www.uniud.it/it/servizi/servizi-comunicazione/accesso-agli-atti/Accesso%20ai%20documenti%20amministrativi](https://www.uniud.it/it/servizi/servizi-comunicazione/accesso-agli-atti/Accesso%20ai%20documenti%20amministrativi).
ART. 8 FINAL PROVISIONS

The personal data provided by the candidates will be processed, in paper or electronic form, according to the current regulations (EU Regulation 679/2016 and Legislative Decree 196/2003).

Pursuant to Article 71 of Legislative Decree 445 of December 28, 2000, the Administration reserves the right to carry out suitable checks, even randomly, and in all cases where there are reasonable doubts about the truthfulness of the self-declarations. In addition to the criminal responsibilities provided for by law, providing false statements to the university administration entails automatic and irrevocable exclusion from the selection process.

Director of the Department
Prof. Pietro Corvaja