

Progetto Mediterraneo a.y. 2021/2022

Luiss and Fondazione Terzo Pilastro – Internazionale

Since 2017 Luiss University and Fondazione Terzo Pilastro – Internazionale launched Progetto Mediterraneo, a program of scholarships for refugees and disadvantaged students from the Mediterranean region.

Progetto Mediterraneo aims to educate refugees and students in need 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.

Progetto Mediterraneo is co-sponsored by Luiss University and Fondazione Terzo Pilastro – Internazionale. Together they established the foundation “Fondazione Mediterraneo – Diritto allo studio Luiss Guido Carli,” which is dedicated to the development of the project. The current edition of Progetto Mediterraneo is managed in collaboration with UNHCR.

Fondazione Mediterraneo is offering 20 scholarships for the 2021/2022 academic year for Bachelor's Degree Programs fully taught in English in Luiss University, open to refugee students of all nationalities- UNHCR registered – in Jordan (10) and in Morocco (10).

Once graduated in Italy in Luiss University (expected in 2024), students may apply for a Master's Degree Program in Luiss University (Rome, Italy) for 2 additional academic years (a.y. 2024-2025 and a.y. 2025-2026).

The program envisages the award of a full-ride scholarship to the admitted students, covering tuition fees, teaching materials, travel costs and the total cost of bed and board in Rome during the 3 academic years.

The scholarship will be confirmed for the following academic year on condition that the student, by 31 July of every year, has earned at least 70% of the education credits required under his/her first-year study plan. Should the selected student not comply with the above-mentioned requirements, he/she will be responsible for the payment of the remaining tuition fee payments for the second a.y. 2022/2023 and for living expenses.

To finalize the application candidates must fill out the [application form online](#) by June 3rd, 2021. In order to fill in the application form, the candidate will be required to register to the platform first, and then go back to the application form.

The scholarship is open to refugee students who:

- are UNHCR registered in Morocco or Jordan;
- have obtained a secondary school certificate or diploma achieved not earlier than 2017 or are going to graduate by no later than June 2021;
- have an English level of at least B2;
- have obtained a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3 out of 4, based on the American GPA system (more info [here](#)).

Please note that Progetto Mediterraneo offers student-based scholarships and their nuclear family members will not be included.

Documents required to submit the application for applicants in Jordan:

- certificate showing the studies completed to date (updated transcript of records or, if not available, provisional transcript) and associated grades;
- UNHCR documents proving the status (asylum seeker certificate or refugee certificate)
- contact details of a sponsor (a tutor, a professor, or more generally someone who can report on your character and academic performance) who may be contacted by the admission board in case we need additional information on your profile;
- other optional certification (for example, language proficiency, SAT or ACT).

Documents required to submit the application for applicants in Morocco:

- certificate showing the studies completed to date (updated transcript of records or, if not available, provisional transcript) and associated grades;
- UNHCR Certificate proving the status
- Valid passport (not mandatory, only if available);
- contact details of a sponsor (a tutor, a professor, or more generally someone who can report on your character and academic performance) who may be contacted by the admission board in case we need additional information on your profile;
- other optional certification (for example, language proficiency, SAT or ACT).

Multiple applications from the same candidate will not be considered, with all applications received after the first one being discarded. 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 candidacies will be examined by the Admissions Board, made up of 6 members: the Deputy Rector for Internationalization, 2 members of the Progetto Mediterraneo staff, 2 UNHCR members and the Head of the chosen Degree Course, which – at its absolute discretion – will draw up a ranking taking into account the following criteria:

- academic background (preference will be accorded to candidates with a GPA of – at least 3 out of 4), consistency of one’s previous studies with the chosen Bachelor’s degree programs and school record;
- the language level declared;
- SAT/ACT scores (if any).

The members of the Admission Board may change and/or be substituted during the selection process. The Admission Board will reach out to shortlisted candidates, selected discretionally by the Admission Board on the basis of the above-mentioned criteria, for online interviews held in in English.

The Admission Board will draft two shortlists, one list for applicants from Jordan and one list for applicants from Morocco. If the number of shortlisted candidates from one of the two countries will not reach the number of 10 positions the Admission Board may include more applicants from the other country, in order to reach the number of 20 available scholarships.

The results will be communicated by email to the selected student, by July 1st 2021.

The deadline for the finalization of the enrollment is 20 July 2021.

Should selected student wish to renounce or withdraw from the program, he/she may present a written formal renouncement/withdrawal before 10 July 2021.

In these circumstances, the Admission Board will consider the following shortlisted candidate, who must confirm his/her acceptance before 20 July 2021.

Students must receive their refugee status recognized by UNHCR before their mobility to Italy and before the start of the a.y. 2021/2022.

Admission entails compulsory attendance of the program from September 2021. Please note that the offer of admission will refer exclusively to the 2021/2022 academic year and will not be considered as valid for admission in subsequent years.

For any further info please write an email to: ammissione@luiss.it

For any information not included in the present Call for Applications, the current University rules concerning admission to Bachelor’s Degree courses apply.

The present Call for Applications is regulated under Italian law; for any dispute the competent court is Rome.