



Sub-Saharan Africa Project

Notice of competition for the awarding of five scholarships reserved for students holding citizenship of a Sub-Saharan Africa nation who participate in the international selection process for admission to a master's degree program in the 2023/2024 academic year

1. Subject Matter of the Competition

The "Sub-Saharan Africa Project" is a Luiss University program designed for students and researchers and aimed at providing an educational opportunity to talented young people from the Sub-Saharan Africa region, enabling them to pursue bachelor's or master's degree programs in Italy through the awarding of scholarships disbursed by the University's partner organizations and business enterprises.

For the 2023/2024 academic year, thanks to the contribution of **ECU - Eni Corporate University S.p.A.**, Luiss University is announcing five scholarships for future master's students who are citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country with priority afforded to students from the following nations: **Angola, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mozambique** and **Rwanda**.

In Eni, training has always played a fundamental role. In fact, its founder Enrico Mattei, placed his trust in the contribution that people could make to the company's growth, and much of the secret of the company's success was linked precisely to the speed with which he managed to set up and put in place a formidable network of technical specialists and managers. In this spirit, 2001 witnessed the establishment of **Eni Corporate University**, which undertakes training activities so as to ensure that the company's culture is preserved, shared and developed.

2. Amount of the Scholarship

The scholarship, **worth a total of €54,000**, consists of:

- a **full waiver of the University's annual tuition fee**, for the entire standard duration of the degree program (two years), and the taxes levied by the State or the Lazio Region (e.g. regional student welfare tax, graduation tax, etc.);
- free **room and board** provided at the University's halls of residence from the student's arrival in Italy until 31 July 2025;

- the disbursement of €2,500 per annum to cover expenses incurred by the student for the purchase of a round-trip **flight** from the student's country of residence, the obtaining of a visa and residence permit and the **purchase of learning materials**.

Services provided free of charge, if not actually used, cannot be monetized.

There are no additional benefits beyond the aid envisaged by this competition. Anything not expressly stated when awarding the scholarship is the student's own responsibility.

NB. Should a scholarship holder not graduate by the summer session of the 2024/2025 academic year, in the following months and until the degree is awarded the said student may continue to stay at the halls of residence and use the canteen service but at their own total expense. Failure to graduate on-track will result in the cessation of all financial aid, so costs for off-track enrollment will have to be borne in full by the student concerned.

3. Eligibility

This competition is open to all students from the Sub-Saharan Africa region who have been admitted, in the 2023/2024 academic year, to a master's degree program at Luiss University as part of the international selection process based on qualifications.

4. Incompatibility

The aid envisaged by this competition is incompatible with other tuition fee waivers or scholarships held for any reason whatsoever, except for those awarded by Italian or foreign institutions designed to support, through periods abroad, a student's education for the academic years covered by this competition.

Should a scholarship holder under this competition participate in a mobility program, a monthly grant of €1,000 will be paid to the student for the entire duration of the stay abroad to cover room and board. No further contributions are envisaged: accordingly, if the chosen program requires the payment of fees to the partner university, they will have to be borne in full by the student.

5. Participation in the Competition and Awarding of the Scholarships

Students admitted as part of the international selection process for enrollment in a master's degree program in the 2023/2024 academic year will be automatically evaluated for the purpose of awarding the scholarships. Therefore, there is no requirement to fill out additional forms beyond the one required by the University for admission.

The names of candidates judged deserving of scholarships by the Admissions Commission in charge of deciding on the admissions of international students are forwarded at the end of each selection round to the International Scholarship Commission chaired by the Vice Rector for Internationalization.

For more information on the deadlines for the various selection rounds, students should read the calls for applications for admission ([Master's Degree Programs](#)).

After having obtained ECU's positive opinion and on the basis of each candidate's curriculum vitae, the International Scholarship Commission will proceed to award the scholarships.

Winning students will receive an e-mail regarding the scholarship awarded and instructions for accepting or not accepting the aid. Failure to accept by the deadline stated in the e-mail will result in automatic revocation of the awarded scholarship, in which case the scholarship will be reallocated in subsequent selection rounds.

If there are still scholarships available at the end of the selection period (31 May 2023), students who were not awarded one in the previous rounds may be contacted by the University with a view to being awarded a scholarship at the sole discretion of the International Scholarships Commission and ECU.

6. Renewal of the Scholarship for the Second Year of the Program

The scholarship will be renewed for the second year of the degree program, on condition that the student, by the end of the summer exam session of the first year, has earned at least 70% of the education credits required under their study plan for graduation purposes.

The end of the summer session is set annually by the University and does not include the month of September.

7. Internship Opportunities

Scholarship recipients whose scholarship is renewed for the second year of the degree program will be given the opportunity to undertake a curricular internship at Eni S.p.A.

8. Revocation

The aid envisaged by this competition will be revoked upon the occurrence of any one of the following:

- the student fails to enroll in the Luiss University master's degree program to which they have been admitted for the 2023/2024 academic year;
- the student no longer fulfills the requirements necessary for renewal, as specified in the Article 6 above;



- **failure by the student to attend classes and unjustified and prolonged absence from the University;**
- the student discontinues their studies.

9. Information and Clarification

Any requests for further information or clarification on scholarships can be addressed to the Financial Aid Office by e-mailing financialaid@luiss.it or to the Tutoring Service by e-mailing financialaid.tutor@luiss.it.

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