



Call for applications for the awarding of four scholarships to female students enrolled in the first year of one of the following master's degree programs at Luiss University in the 2023/2024 academic year: Global Management and Politics, Data Science and Management, and Strategic Management

1. Subject Matter of the Competition

Luiss University announces a competition for four scholarships to be awarded to female students enrolled in the first year of the master's degree programs in Global Management and Politics, Data Science and Management, and Strategic Management in the 2023/2024 academic year.

The scholarships are awarded in conjunction with **Only The Brave Foundation (OTB)**, the non-profit organization of the **OTB Group**, the international fashion hub founded by entrepreneur Renzo Rosso, which includes the brands Diesel, Maison Margiela, Marni, Viktor & Rolf, Jil Sander, Amiri, and the companies Staff International and Brave Kid.

OTB Foundation has been operating since 2008 and its mission is to act promptly and concretely where emergencies arise and to sustainably improve people's lives by guaranteeing equal opportunities. To this end, **OTB supports projects to protect women** by offering material help such as shelter, free psychological and legal support, and traineeships.

The scholarships, consisting of a full waiver of the University's annual tuition fee, will be awarded in accordance with the following criteria:

- one in the master's degree program in Global Management and Politics;
- one in the master's degree program in Strategic Management;
- two in the master's degree program in Data Science and Management.

2. Eligibility

The competition is open to female students who:

- are enrolled in or who have been enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at Luiss University or another Italian university;
- have completed on track (**in corso**) all the examinations provided for in their study plan by the deadline for submission of applications for this competition, with the exception of the final examination for graduating students;

- in the 2023/2024 academic year will enroll in the first year of one of the Luiss University master's degree programs specified in Article 1 above;
- hold an **ISEE means test certificate, valid for the purposes of obtaining aid for university studies, with a value of no higher than € 50,000.**

Applications that do not meet all of the above requirements will be excluded from the competition.

3. 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. The aid is, moreover, incompatible with participation in mobility programs that require the payment of university fees at the host university.

4. Award Criteria

The scholarships will be awarded based on position in the rankings that will be compiled, one for each master's degree program. The process will be overseen by an examining commission composed of a Luiss University representative and one from OTB Foundation.

The selection process envisages an initial phase entailing an evaluation of each candidate's weighted average grade and curriculum vitae.

The ten students with the highest score, given by the sum of the average grade and the evaluation of the curriculum vitae to which a maximum score of 30 points will be awarded, shall be admitted to the next phase consisting of an interview with the examining commission.

In case of a tie, the student with the lowest ISEE value takes precedence.

The individual interview will focus on the candidates' acquired skills and will aim to assess:

- motivation, understood as the ability to channel one's energies toward professional goals;
- the breadth of the academic profile and the depth of the experiences gained;
- resilience and aptitude in relation to facing challenges with determination;
- effectiveness in communication and interpersonal skills;
- problem solving (analyzing, tackling and positively solving problem situations).

In order to determine the winners, the examining commission may award the oral interview up to a maximum of 40 points to be added to the score on foot of which the candidates were called to the interview.

Students selected for the interview, to be held in July, will receive an e-mail with precise details of how the interview will be conducted, including the date and time thereof. In case of unjustified absence, the student will be excluded from the selection process.

The outcome of the application will be published in each candidate's own private area by July 2023.

The judgment of the examining commission is final and unappealable.

5. Renewal of the Aid

The scholarship may be renewed for the next academic year of enrollment in the master's degree program, on condition that the student, by the end of the summer exam session of the 2023/2024 academic year, has earned at least 70% of the education credits required under her study plan for graduation purposes and also has a weighted average grade of not less than 27/30.

6. Revocation of the Aid

The scholarship will be revoked upon the occurrence of any one of the following:

- the student fails to complete the enrollment process for the 2023/2024 academic year at Luiss University, in the manner and by the deadline set by the University;
- the student no longer fulfills the merit requirements necessary for renewal for the subsequent year, as specified in Article 5 above, in which case the scholarship for the second year of the master's degree program will be assigned to the relevant next highest ranking student who meets the requirements envisaged by Article 5 above;
- the student discontinues her studies;
- the student transfers to another degree program or university.

7. Internship Opportunities

Subject to availability, the scholarship winners will be given the opportunity to undertake their curricular internship at OTB Foundation.

8. Submission of Applications

Applications must be submitted through the online application form available at: <https://www.luiss.it/studenti/agevolazioni-economiche/esoneri-e-borse-di-studio/futuri-studenti-lauree-magistrali> **between 1 June and noon on 4 July 2023.**

The application form must be accompanied by the following documentation uploaded as attachments:

- ISEE means test certificate (***indicatore della situazione economica equivalente***), valid for the purposes of obtaining aid for university studies; **applications that attach a DSU declaration (*dichiarazione sostitutiva unica*) instead of an ISEE certificate will not be accepted;**
- for students who have obtained or will obtain a bachelor's degree from an Italian university other than Luiss: self-certification/official certificate of the exams passed with associated grade. Moreover, those students must record on the application form all the exams passed, including those that envisage a mere pass-fail grade (***idoneità***), with the associated credits and grades for each one in order to be able to display during the application process the weighted average grade on the basis of which the admission to the interviews will be evaluated and the final score calculated.

Only complete applications actually received by the deadline of **noon on 4 July 2023** will be considered. Luiss University disclaims any liability in relation to applications that are not received due to technical issues or reasons attributable to third parties.

9. Checking of Documentation

Luiss University reserves the right to check the documentation submitted with the applications and should there be a discrepancy between what has been stated and what is actually the case, the scholarship will be revoked and action will be taken in accordance with law.

10. Contact Information

Any request for clarification should be addressed to the Financial Aid Office by sending an e-mail to: agevolazioneconomiche@luiss.it.

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