

Call for applications for the awarding of a scholarship reserved for female students who in the 2023/2024 academic year will enroll in the first year of the master's degree program in Data Science and Management at Luiss Guido Carli

1. Subject Matter of the Competition

In collaboration with **Fondazione Mario Gasbarri – Alleanza Assicurazioni**, Luiss Guido Carli announces a competition for the awarding of a **scholarship** reserved for female students who will enroll, in the 2023/2024 academic year, in the first year of the master's degree program in Data Science and Management.

The master's degree program, established in the 2021/2022 academic year, aims to produce data scientists with a specific focus on business, economics and management and arises from the labor market demand for qualified skills in **STEM** (Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects that will play a central role in the social, cultural and economic revival of our country.

The scholarship is intended to honor the memory of **Mario Gasbarri**, who led Alleanza Assicurazioni for forty years, first as General Manager and then as Chairman. Gasbarri lived through both world wars and during the years of reconstruction he personally dedicated himself to helping young and old alike to cope with those difficult times. As an optimistic and pragmatic man, he put concrete solutions into practice, believing in the importance of investing in education and in the valuing of talent. His principles in Alleanza still keep his memory alive today.

The scholarship, worth **€13,000**, consists of a full waiver of the University's annual tuition fee. As part of the University's initiatives under its Gender Equality Plan, the scholarship aims to **encourage young female students to develop a greater awareness of their aptitude for scientific knowledge**.

2. Eligibility

This competition is open to female students who, in the 2023/2024 academic year, will enroll in the first year of the master's degree program in Data Science and Management and who, by the deadline for submission of applications, are either graduates with a bachelor's degree or in the process of graduating on track (*in corso*) and have been admitted to attend lectures (*ammessi alla frequenza*) following direct admission if they are Luiss students or following selection if students from another university or Luiss students who do not meet the requirements for direct admission.

Students from a foreign universities cannot participate in this competition, even if the universities' campuses are located in Italy.

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.

4. Criteria for Compiling the Ranking

For the purposes of compiling the ranking, each candidate will be awarded a score based on the following formula:

$$[(C/CM) \times M] + LM$$

where:

M = weighted average grade of the examinations passed by 30 June 2023 by the candidate for the purposes of obtaining her degree, excluding excess examinations;

C = the number of credits earned by the candidate for the purposes of obtaining her degree and officially recorded by 30 June 2023, excluding excess examinations;

CM = the total number of credits that can be earned by the candidate for the purposes of obtaining her degree, with the exception of the final examination for graduating students;

LM = points, up to a maximum of 30, awarded by the Coordinator of the Data Science and Management Degree Program on the basis of the statement of purpose whereby the candidate sets out her learning experiences and extra-curricular activities and reasons underlying her choice of university studies.

Students coming from an Italian university other than Luiss are required to self-certify on the application form the exams passed in their bachelor's degree program with an indication of the grade and credits earned for each subject. This **in order to be able to display during the application process the weighted average and the sum of the credits that will be taken into consideration for the rankings**. Credits obtained for exams with a mere pass-fail grade (*idoneità*) do not count towards calculating the average but are assessed for the purposes of awarding the score.

In the event of a tie, preference will be accorded to the student with the highest average grade achieved during her bachelor's degree program.

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

5. Renewal of the Aid

The scholarship will be renewed for the second year of the master's degree program on condition that the student, by the end of the summer exam session of the first year (July 2023), 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 and Renunciation

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 Data Science and Management master's degree program in the 2023/2024 academic year;
- the student no longer fulfills the merit requirements necessary for renewal for the second year as specified in Article 4 above;
- the student discontinues her studies;
- the student transfers to another degree program or university.

In case of revocation or renunciation, the aid will be awarded, as regards the residual amount thereof, to the next highest ranked eligible student who fulfils the requirements of this competition.

7. Submission of Applications

Applications to participate in this competition can be submitted, using the online form available at the Financial Aid web pages, **from 1 June 2023 to noon on 4 July 2023**.

The application form must be accompanied by the following documentation included by way of attachment:

- if the student comes from a university other than Luiss, transcript of records showing the exams passed during the bachelor's degree program;
- statement of purpose (max one A4 page), written in Italian or English.

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

8. Contact Information

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

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