

## Progetto Mediterraneo a.y. 2021/2022

### **A collaboration between Luiss University, Fondazione Terzo Pilastro – Internazionale and The Malta Trust Foundation.**

In 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 from vulnerable communities 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.

The Malta Trust Foundation, (formerly known as The President's Trust), established a collaborative relationship with Fondazione Terzo Pilastro- Internazionale in 2017. **Enhance- Making Higher Education More Accessible** is one of the educational projects led by The Malta Trust Foundation and this ongoing collaboration with Luiss University was made possible through Progetto Mediterraneo,

Through this ongoing fruitful collaboration between The Malta Trust Foundation and Fondazione Mediterraneo, 3 scholarships are being made available for the 2021/2022 academic year. Bachelor's Degree Programs in Economics and Business, Politics: Philosophy and Economics and Management and Computer Science at Luiss University in Rome. Delivered in the English language, these programs will be open to either refugees or disadvantaged students of all nationalities residing in Malta and Gozo. The program envisages awarding fully-funded scholarships to the three selected candidates, covering tuition fees, teaching materials, travel costs and board and lodging in Rome to cover 3 academic years. The scholarship will be confirmed for the following academic year on the 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. In order to fill in the application form, the candidate will be required register on the Luiss University online platform first, and subsequently, go back to the application form.

The scholarship is open to refugees or disadvantaged students who:

- have obtained a post-secondary school certificate 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 post- secondary school leaving certificate with an average grade of B- in the subjects related to their chosen Bachelor's Degree course.

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

**Documents required to submit the application:**

- proof of disadvantaged socio-economic status [one's own and/or family's financial statements including if necessary, evidence of other extraordinary expenses, references related to social situation.]
- refugee status in Malta or subsidiary protection in Malta, proved with the proper documentation. In addition to the documentation regarding their status, refugee students must be entitled of a Convention Travel Document issued by the Malta Passport Office in order to travel to Italy. In addition to the documentation regarding their status, subsidiary protection beneficiaries must be entitled of an Alien Passport, issued by the Malta Passport Office in order to travel to Italy. The selection will foster the inclusion of refugee students or beneficiaries of international protection in the program.
- certificate showing the studies completed to date (updated transcript of records or, if not available, provisional transcript) and associated grades;
- e- mail and/or phone contact details of a referee (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. 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 candidates will be interviewed and assessed by the Admissions Board, made up of the Deputy Rector for Internationalization, 2 members of the Progetto Mediterraneo staff, two members of The Malta Trust Foundation 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 given to candidates with an average grade of B- in the subjects related to their chosen Bachelor's Degree course.), 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 Admission Board will reach out to shortlisted candidates, duly assessed and selected by the Admission Board on the basis of the above-mentioned criteria, for online interviews which will be held in English.

The results will be communicated to the selected candidate via email, by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

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

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

In these circumstances, the Admission Board will consider shortlisted candidates previously assessed. Confirmation of acceptance from the selected candidate is to be received before 20 July 2021.

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](mailto:ammissione@luiss.it) keeping in copy [info@maltatrufoundation.org](mailto:info@maltatrufoundation.org)

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.