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"Francesco Mansutti" Degree Prize - 2024 Edition

Luiss University, in conjunction with the family of **Francesco Mansutti**, announces a competition for the awarding of two degree prizes, for a total amount of € 4,000, reserved for **holders of a bachelor's degree**, **master's degree or single-cycle master's degree** conferred by Luiss University upon completion of their studies <u>on track</u> (*in corso*) in the period running from 1 July 2023 – 31 July 2024 defending a thesis on a topic related to the agricultural/food industry in the economic, legal and taxation fields and achieving a grade of not less than **105/110**.

Special attention will be given to theses related to the grain and animal feed industry and/or family businesses operating in the said sector with a focus on possible major strategies for growth and consolidation in the relevant market. For master's graduates, priority will be afforded to theses of an experimental nature.

After obtaining a brilliant master's degree in Amministrazione, Finanza e Controllo, Francesco had started working in the family's food sector business, dedicated in particular to the grain and animal feed areas, aware that sustainability and innovation are the challenges faced by new generations of entrepreneurs in order to adapt to market needs and to ensure the business continuity of their enterprise, including following a natural generational transition. The degree awards are funded by the Mansutti family with the aim of honoring Francesco's memory and encouraging research in a primary sector for the development of our country.

The degree prizes are broken down as follows:

- a prize of €3,000 will be awarded to a graduate of a master's degree or single-cycle master's degree program;
- a prize of € 1,000 will be awarded to a graduate of a bachelor's degree program who is enrolled in the first year of a master's degree program at Luiss University.

Applications to participate in this competition must be submitted by and no later than **noon on 20 September 2024 (extended deadline)** using the form available online at:

https://www.luiss.it/studenti/agevolazioni-economiche-e-prestiti/premi-di-laurea

accompanied by a copy of the **degree thesis** and abstract together with a detailed curriculum vitae and a **motivational letter** in which the candidate explains the reasons for having chosen the topic of his or her thesis.

The applications will be examined by a special Commission, which will award the prize at its absolute discretion and will be composed of a Luiss professor designated by the University and two representatives of the Mansutti family.

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The Commission may decide not to award one or both prizes in the event that they deem the entries received to be unsuitable.

The award ceremony will be held at Luiss University in October 2024.

The second edition of the Francesco Mansutti Degree Prize for will be published in March 2025..

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