



# RESIDENZA UNIVERSITARIA BIOMEDICA

FONDAZIONE COLLEGIO UNIVERSITARIO  
S. CATERINA DA SIENA

## COMPETITION FOR STUDENT PLACES ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### BIOMEDICAL UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE

Situated in the Polo Cravino complex (Via Giulotto 12, Pavia), the Biomedical University Residence of the Fondazione Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena is a College of Merit recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research. The Residence is open to students studying for first-level (three-year) Bachelor's degrees or second-level (two-year) Master's degrees (Laurea Magistrale) or long-cycle Master's degrees (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico), preferably in biomedical subjects, and to students on post-lauream Master's courses, PhD programmes, or specialist courses.

Students living in the Residence are accommodated in single rooms with *en suite* facilities, air conditioning, telephone, internet access and a weekly cleaning service. Each unit of six rooms has a fully equipped kitchen with hob, oven, refrigerator, dishwasher, and a television. Emergency medical care is provided and students have full access to all the communal areas in the Residence.

With the support of tutors, the Biomedical University Residence promotes the acquisition of excellence in the various disciplines and also complements the students' university curricula with internal educational and cultural initiatives, such as courses, conferences, seminars, meetings, labs/workshops, debates, foreign language courses, art exhibitions and cultural visits. Through its *Progetto Formativo* (Educational Project), the Residence offers ideas and input to help students enrich their personal abilities. To this end, individual programmes are drawn up and agreed with the Residence Board at the start of each academic year. Upon completion of these studies in the Residence, a College Diploma is issued certifying that the established targets have been reached.

Every year the Residence awards study grants for stays abroad

### AVAILABLE PLACES

For the 2020-2021 academic year, there are at least **eleven places** available for:

**a) female and male students** enrolling on *post-lauream* Master's courses, PhD programmes or specialist courses of any kind.

**b) female and male students** enrolling in the first year of a second-level (two-year) Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale) or in the fourth year of a long-cycle Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico). Female students may apply only if they are not already alumnae of the Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena. These students need to have obtained a mark of at least 95/110 in their first degree or, in the case of those doing a long-cycle Master's degree (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico), an average mark, considering all the examinations taken, of at least 27/30.

**c) male students** enrolled or enrolling on a Degree course at the University of Pavia for the 2020–2021 academic year.

Students enrolling in the first year of a course need to possess an Italian high school diploma with a final mark of at least 80/100; students enrolling in subsequent years need to have an average mark, considering all the examinations taken, of at least 27/30.

In all cases (a, b, c) preference is given to students doing biomedical courses, resident in municipalities situated not less than 30 km from the city of Pavia, and who have a family income, according to their University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator (ISEEU) certificate, no greater than €44,000 (in accordance with Art. 8 of Italian Prime Ministerial Decree No. 159/2013).

### APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ADMISSION TO THE COMPETITION

Applications must be submitted online, filling in the application form available on the Foundation website ([www.collegiosantacaterina.it](http://www.collegiosantacaterina.it)) as from 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020 and **by 12 noon on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020**. The oral tests will follow from 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020, according to the calendar published online

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents, to be sent by registered mail to: **Segreteria della Residenza**, Via Giulotto 12, 27100 Pavia, Italy or to be sent by certified email to [biomedica.collegiosantacaterina@legalmail.it](mailto:biomedica.collegiosantacaterina@legalmail.it) **by the same 1<sup>st</sup> September deadline**, (failure to meet this deadline will exclude the applicant from the selection process):

- For students belonging to **type a) and b)**

1) self-certification of the marks obtained in examinations taken and of any degrees obtained;

- 2) a valid (current) University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator (ISEEU) certificate showing the student's family income. This can be obtained from the student's municipality of residence, from the local INPS office, or from local public accounting services (CAF), and must be presented together with the relative *Dichiarazione Sostitutiva Unica* (DSU); foreign applicants must produce equivalent documentation;
- 3) signed passport-size photograph of the applicant;
- 4) any other qualifications or certificates obtained that further illustrate the applicant's education and interests.

- For students belonging to **type c)**

- 1) for students enrolling in the first year of a first-level degree course: a legal certificate showing that the applicant passed his **High School leaving examination** with an overall mark of **at least 80/100** or, for students enrolling in subsequent years, a certificate showing that the applicant has an average mark, considering all the examinations taken, of at least 27/30;
- 2) a valid (current) University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator (ISEEU) certificate showing the student's family income. This can be obtained from the student's municipality of residence, from the local INPS office, or from local public accounting services (CAF), and must be presented together with the relative *Dichiarazione Sostitutiva Unica* (DSU); foreign applicants must produce equivalent documentation;
- 3) signed passport-size photograph of the applicant;
- 4) any other qualifications or certificates obtained that further illustrate the applicant's education and interests.

The Foundation Board reserves the right to check the validity of the documents mentioned in points 1 and 2 with the appropriate University and tax offices. Inaccuracies and omissions in the declarations could lead to exclusion from the allocation procedure or the loss of an allocated place. Foreign applicants must submit documentation equivalent to that referred to above.

**Applicants c) enrolling in the first year of a Bachelor's degree course or long-cycle Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico),** and applicants b) enrolling in the fourth year of a second-level (two year) **Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale)** who wish to attend courses at **IUSS** must also apply for admission to **IUSS** in accordance with the rules of the relative call for applications (available at: [www.iusspavia.it](http://www.iusspavia.it)).

Subject to availability of places, there may be further calls by 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 and subject to availability of remaining places by 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

The places offered, both **free and subsidised**, depend on actual availability and are assigned for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, inclusive, and may be renewed for subsequent years on condition the students continue to meet the necessary requirements

#### TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

- For type a) and b) candidates

The selection will be made through a preliminary assessment of the qualifications presented (with assignment up to a maximum of thirty points) and an interview on the most important topics related to the degree thesis and / or research project (applicants type a) or to the exams passed (applicants type b), which will be assessed out of thirty and which will take place at the Collegio S. Caterina in S. Martino street at n. 17 b, or online, according to the indications written on the homepage of the site [www.collegiosantacaterina.it](http://www.collegiosantacaterina.it) on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020, and starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020.

- For type c) candidates

The selection will be made through an oral test which will take place at the Collegio S. Caterina, in S. Martino street n. 17 b, or online, according to the indications indicated on the homepage [www.collegiosantacaterina.it](http://www.collegiosantacaterina.it) on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020, and starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020 and which will consist of an interview on two of the following disciplines (chosen by applicants):

*for degree courses in the areas of Economics, Law, Politics:*

Political Economy - Philosophy - Mathematics - History - Law - Italian;

*for degree courses in the areas of Pharmacy, Engineering, Medicine and Surgery, Mathematics, Physical and Natural Sciences:*

Chemistry - Physics - Natural Sciences (Anatomy, Biology, Human Physiology) – Mathematics - Information Technology;

*for degree courses in the Humanities:*

Italian - Latin - Greek - History - Philosophy.

Candidates should prepare for the test by revising the most important subjects covered in the curriculum of their final cycle of High School. In preparing for the oral test, they are advised to focus on topics covered during their previous schooling.

The Selection Committee will assess the student's performance during the interview, assigning up to a maximum of **thirty points** for **each** of the two selected subjects

In addition, a self-presentation interview is scheduled for all applicants, for which the Selection Committee has up to a maximum of **five points**.

#### RANKING LISTS AND ALLOCATION OF PLACES

The competition has three distinct rankings, one for each type of applicants a), b) and c).

For all applicants, the Board of the Fondazione Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena has another ten points available which it assigns in consideration of the distance from the university, the economic conditions of the family and other elements of which it can be informed, as well as the criteria of balance between the various disciplinary areas .

The final **score out of seventy-five** will be confirmed by the Foundation Board, which will draw up the ranking lists for the three categories of applicant. Applicants will be deemed eligible for admission to the Residence, and thus included in the relative ranking list, only if they have attained an overall score of at least **55/75**. In the event of ties, precedence will be given to students with lower incomes.

The successful applicants belonging to the categories b) and c), subject to the availability of places and according to their position in the relevant ranking list, access the ordinary courses of the University of Pavia (IUSS) for the achievement of the license diploma, according to the rules indicated in the relevant call available on the website [www.iusspavia.it](http://www.iusspavia.it) .

Successful applicants must submit, by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020, the following documents:

- a) certificate of registration at the University of Pavia;
- b) declaration in lieu of a criminal record certificate;

- c) a self-declaration of any other economic benefits and/or study grants that they receive;
- d) a medical certificate – issued by a district Health Officer (ASST) – declaring that they are healthy, free from infectious diseases and do not require special care or supervision.

The Foundation Board reserves the right to use the competition ranking for the assignment of further places which will subsequently become available.

### **FREE PLACES AND BENEFITS**

**Two free places for one year**, referred to as a MINTAS Foundation place, will be assigned, in accordance with the ranking list, to two female students enrolling in the first year of a second-level (two-year) Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale) or in the fourth year of a long-cycle Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico) in the biomedical area. In case of a tie, preference is given to student who is in less comfortable economic conditions.

For the following year, the students, providing they have not breached any of the College rules and have an average mark, in the examinations taken, of at least 28/30, may subsequently apply for renewal of the free place for the following year. These applications will be evaluated by the Foundation Board, which will make a decision on the basis of availability and merit.

Further places are reserved for students who, under the terms of the competition for admission to IUSS courses, have been awarded IUSS-funded **free places** at one of Pavia's University Colleges of Merit. Such students are required to transfer the sum of the IUSS grant (€4,000) to the College.

**All students assigned the remaining places** pay their contribution to Residence accommodation costs at the **ordinary rate of €5,400**. This represents a reduction on the real costs of maintaining their place, and it is granted by the Foundation Board in recognition of their merit in winning admission to the College.

In the case of students **not receiving any other economic benefits** (grants or contributions from public or private bodies), the Foundation Board, taking into account the student's family income and any other relevant documents presented, may grant further reductions, of up to €840, in order to reduce the ordinary contribution to Residence accommodation costs.

**Applicants who are sons of public sector employees** are reminded that the Biomedical University Residence has an agreement with the Italian National Social Security Institute (INPS) to provide study grants for students who are the offspring of living, retired or deceased public servants (i.e. employees of INPS, now also incorporating the former INPDAP, iPost and ENAM). Details and the relevant notice are available on the website [www.inps.it](http://www.inps.it) and updates on the Foundation website [www.collegiosantacaterina.it](http://www.collegiosantacaterina.it).

Places awarded can be withdrawn at any time should students be in arrears with the payment of their accommodation fees or fail to comply with the College rules and *Progetto Formativo*.

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