



COMPETITION FOR STUDENT PLACES ACADEMIC YEAR 2018–2019 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

THE COLLEGE

Collegio Universitario S. Caterina (the College) was founded in 1973 by the Diocese of Pavia, in accordance with the wishes of Pope Paul VI. In 1991, it was transformed into a foundation. It is a member of the Association of University Colleges of Merit, which are colleges accredited by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) as institutions of educational excellence. As indicated in the statute of the University School for Advanced Studies of Pavia (IUSS), which is recognised by MIUR as a special-statute School of Advanced Studies, Collegio Universitario S. Caterina has been one of its member colleges from the time of its foundation.

The College is situated in the town centre, which is home to a number of university colleges. It is just a short walk from the University. It has 75 places, which are awarded by a board of academics following a selection procedure based on qualifications and tests.

Successful applicants are entitled to keep the place they have been awarded up to and throughout a second-level (two-year) Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale) or a long-cycle Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico), provided they continue to meet the merit requirements laid down in the College Regulations. Furthermore, if they are accepted, they may also attend courses at IUSS, to take the relative diploma.

Every year the College awards study grants for stays abroad.

Free places and special grants are reserved for deserving students from lower income backgrounds.

The College has an agreement with the Italian National Social Security Institute (INPS) to provide study grants for students who are the daughters of living, retired or deceased public servants (i.e. employees of INPS, now also incorporating the former INPDAP, iPost and ENAM).

The students are accommodated in single rooms with private bathrooms, a telephone, free internet access and a weekly cleaning service. The college has a refectory, library, chapel, study rooms, common rooms, computers connected with the University of Pavia computer network, and a garden. Emergency medical care is available.

With the support of tutors, the College 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 College offers ideas and input to help students enrich their personal abilities. To this end, individual programmes are drawn up and agreed with the College Board at the start of each academic year. Upon completion of these College studies, a College Diploma is issued certifying that the established targets have been reached.

AVAILABLE PLACES

For the academic year 2018–2019, at least **twenty places** will be available, to be assigned to female students already enrolled or enrolling on any degree course at the University of Pavia.

The selection procedure is based on qualifications and tests, and an interview.

The available places are **divided as follows**:

a) at least **fifteen places** (including 5 reserved for students on degree courses in: Medicine and Surgery - Italian language course; Dentistry and Prosthodontics; Medicine and Surgery - English language course)



for female students enrolling in the first year of a first-level (three-year) Bachelor's degree course or a long-cycle Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico). Applicants need to possess an Italian High School diploma with a final mark of at least 80/100, or a foreign equivalent;

b) at least five places for:

- female students enrolling in the first year of a second-level (two-year) Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale). At the time of application, these students must have completed their Bachelor's degree within the stipulated three-year time frame, or undertake to have completed it by 31st October 2018; they also need to have passed the examinations in the three-year study programme with an average annual mark of at least 27/30; **or**

- female students enrolling in any year except the first of a Bachelor's degree course, a long-cycle Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico), or a second-level (two-year) Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale). At the time of application, these students must have passed all the examinations of the previous year(s) and obtained at least 45 credits in the current year, recording an average mark, considering all the examinations taken, of at least 27/30.

APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

The application must be submitted by filling in the online form which will be available on the College website (www.collegiosantacaterina.it) from 19th June 2018 onwards. Completed forms must be submitted **by 12 noon on Tuesday, 4th September 2018**.

Oral tests will then be held, beginning on Thursday 6th September. The dates and times of the oral tests will be published online on 5th September, otherwise students may call +39 0382 375083 or +39 0382 375087.

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents, to be handed in at, or sent by registered mail to Segreteria didattica, Via S. Martino 17/B, 27100 Pavia, Italy (tel. +39 0382 375087– 0382 375099, fax +39 0382 24108) **by the same 4th September deadline** (failure to meet this deadline will exclude the applicant from the selection process):

- 1) a legal certificate showing that the applicant passed her **High School leaving examination** with an overall mark of **at least 80/100**;
- 2) a valid (current) University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator (**ISEEU**) certificate, obtainable from the student's municipality of residence, from the local INPS office, or from local public accounting services (CAF), together with the relative *Dichiarazione Sostitutiva Unica* (**DSU**);
- 3) a signed passport-size **photograph** of the applicant.

The College Board reserves the right to check, with the appropriate tax offices, the validity of the documents presented and to request additional tax documentation whenever this is considered necessary. Inaccuracies and/or omissions in the declarations regarding income and assets could lead to exclusion from the allocation procedure or the loss of an allocated place.

The documentation referred to in point 2) need not be presented if the applicant declares that she is willing to pay her contribution to college accommodation costs at the ordinary rate.

Foreign applicants must submit documentation equivalent to that referred to above.

Students may also wish to support their application by presenting, at the interview, any other qualifications or certificates obtained that further illustrate their education and interests.

Applicants enrolling in the first year of a Bachelor's degree course, a long-cycle Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico), or 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).



Depending on the number of places that may still be available after completion of the allocation procedure, a further deadline will be set for the submission of late applications. This deadline will be the end of November.

TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

- a) Students enrolling in the first year of a Bachelor's degree course or a long-cycle Master's degree (Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico) course will take **an oral test**. These tests will be held in the College from **Thursday, 6th September 2018** onwards. Each applicant's test will take the form of an interview focusing on two subjects, to be chosen by the applicants themselves from the following options:

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.

- b) The assessment of applicants enrolling in the first year of a second-level (two-year) Master's degree course (Laurea Magistrale), or in the subsequent years of any other type of degree course, will consist of a preliminary assessment of the **qualifications** they have presented (for which they will be assigned up to **thirty points**), followed by an interview focusing on key topics relevant to the university examinations previously passed. These interviews will be held at the College from **Thursday, 6th September 2018** onwards and they will be **marked out of thirty**.

Furthermore, **all** the applicants will be required to introduce themselves during an interview. The Selection Board will assign up to **five points** for this interview.

RANKING LISTS AND ALLOCATION OF PLACES

Under the terms of the competition for places, two separate ranking lists will be drawn up, one for each type of candidate: **a)** and **b)**.

For **every** applicant, there are a further **ten points** available that the College Board may decide to award after taking into account the distance of the student's home from the university, her economic background, and other factors of which it may have been informed, as well as the need to ensure a balance between the various subject areas. The final **score out of seventy-five** will be confirmed by the College Board, which will draw up the ranking lists for the two categories of applicant.

Applicants will be deemed eligible for admission to the College, 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 may also, subject to the availability of places and according to their position in the relevant ranking list, be granted places on courses offered by IUSS, to take its diploma. These places will be assigned according to the rules set out in the notice available at: www.iusspavia.it.

All students awarded College places must present the following documents by 20th November 2018:

- 1) certificate of registration at the University of Pavia;
- 2) a declaration in lieu of a criminal record certificate;
- 3) a self-declaration of any other economic benefits and/or study grants that they receive;
- 4) a medical certificate – issued by a district Health (ASST) Officer – declaring that they are healthy and do not require special care or supervision.

The College Board reserves the right to use the competition ranking as the basis for granting any further places that may become available at a later date.

FREE PLACES AND GRANTS

The following **free places** are available for type **a)** candidates.

- Two free places, both renewable. Referred to as MINTAS Foundation places, these places are assigned, on the basis of the ranking list, to students enrolling on degree courses in the biomedical area; they will be renewed for subsequent years on condition the students continue to meet the necessary requirements;
- One free place for one year. Also referred to as a MINTAS Foundation place, this place is assigned, on the basis of the ranking list, to a student enrolling in the first year of a degree course in the biomedical area;
- One free place, renewable. One place, referred to as the PAOLO VI place, will be assigned to a successful applicant from a lower income bracket enrolling on a non-biomedical degree course; this place will be renewed for subsequent years on condition the student continues to meet the necessary requirements;
- One free place for one year. One free place, referred to as the ENRICO MAGENES place, will be assigned, irrespective of income, to the student highest placed in the ranking list, providing she has not already been awarded a free place; in the event of a tie between two or more students, the Magenes place will be awarded to the student with the lowest ISEEU score.

Further places are reserved for students who, under the terms of articles 8 and 14 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 College accommodation costs at the ordinary rate of **€10,500**. This represents a reduction on the real costs of maintaining their place, and it is granted by the College 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 College Board, taking into account the student's family income and any other relevant documents presented, may grant further reductions, of up to **€6,500**, in order to reduce the



ordinary contribution to College accommodation costs.

These reductions will be calculated according to a table that can be consulted on the College website: www.collegiosantacaterina.it.

The amount of the reduction is decided at the start of each academic year by the College Board. Completely free or subsidised places are granted subject to compliance with the College rules and *Progetto Formativo*, and they can be withdrawn by the College Board for serious violations of the rules in force.

Applicants who are daughters of public sector employees (current or retired, living or deceased) are reminded that Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena has an agreement with INPS under which study grants are awarded to students who are daughters of 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 and updates on the College website www.collegiosantacaterina.it.

Admission to Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena, since it is a College of Merit recognised by MIUR, is an element that would be taken into account should a student apply for grant support from the merit-based fund set up by MIUR (Art. 4, Italian Law 240/2010).

For further information, contact:

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Pavia, 14th May 2018

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