

SELECTION CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO THE STUDENT EXCHANGE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (IL, USA)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

The University of Milan (UNIMI) invites applications to the pre-selection procedure for a summer internship at The University of Chicago - UChicago (IL, USA).

Applications are open only to UNIMI students of the Bachelor Degree Programs in "Informatica", "Informatica per la Comunicazione Digitale", "Informatica Musicale", "Sicurezza dei Sistemi e delle Reti Informatiche", "Scienze e Tecnologie per lo Studio e la Conservazione dei Beni Culturali e dei Supporti della Informazione", "Informatica - Crema", "Comunicazione Digitale", and the Master Degree Programs in "Informatica", "Sicurezza informatica", "Data Science and Economics", "Informatica per la Comunicazione", "Scienze per la Conservazione e la Diagnostica dei Beni Culturali", "Informatica - Crema".

Up to 5 students will be selected in this pre-selection procedure carried out at UNIMI to apply to the final selection procedure for a 2-month summer internship at UChicago in the Academic Year 2018-2019.

Study abroad provisions

The student internship envisioned in this call for applications is managed within the agreement between UNIMI and UChicago and organized as part of the Summer Quarter Exchange Program at UChicago.

Further information about this program can be found here.

Up to 3 undergraduate and/or graduate students at UNIMI may participate in the Summer Quarter Exchange Program in the Department of Computer Science at UChicago. Students



who wish to participate in the program will be pre-selected first by the University of Milan, then the final section procedure will be performed by the Department of Computer Science at UChicago.

The students selected by UChicago will spend approximately 3 months at UNIMI for a preliminary internship period directed to acquire the necessary knowledge and prepare the internship abroad. This preliminary internship is mandatory to access the internship at UChicago. After this period at UNIMI, the students will spend approximately eight weeks during the Summer Quarter (June, July, and August) in their host research group at UChicago.

The study period abroad will be recognized as part of the academic program at UNIMI as internship of 6 ECTS.

The internship plan to be carried out abroad will be agreed and formalized through a Work Plan Agreement signed between the academic coordinators of both Universities (Home and Host Institution) and the student prior to departure.

Admission requirements

Undergraduate applicants must have passed all mandatory courses of the first two years of the respective Bachelor Degree program and collected at least 120 ECTS within this program.

Students behind the legal duration of their study program cannot apply.

Applicants must be regular students of a Degree Program mentioned above.

Mobility requirements

Applicants must be regular students enrolled in a study program mentioned above in the academic year 2018/2019. They must keep being registered at UNIMI all over their study period abroad.



Application procedure

Applicants must fill up and sign an Application form (Annex A) for admission to the preselection procedure carried out at UNIMI.

The following documents must be enclosed along with the application form:

- curriculum vitae (pdf);
- 2. copy of the identity card or passport (pdf or jpeg);
- 3. transcript of academic career, with the grades obtained in all the exams taken (screenshot of the relevant UNIMIA page- jpeg or pdf);
- 4. motivation letter in English (pdf);
- 5. recommendation letter (pdf or jpeg).

Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents through the following <u>link</u>.

Deadline: January 28, 2019, at 12 pm (Italian local time).

Selection procedure

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee composed of Proff. Sabrina De Capitani di Vimercati, Vincenzo Piuri e Gianpaolo Rossi.

The applications which do not satisfy the admission requirements will be discarded.

The committee will evaluate the admitted applications and will rank the applications according to their merit.

Each application will be evaluated by adding the following partial scores:

- 1. curriculum vitae (up to 15 points);
- 2. motivation letter (up to 5 points);
- 3. recommendation letter (up to 5 points).

The committee will admit the top 10 candidates in the above ranking to the interview.



The interview of the candidates will be performed at the Department of Computer Science, via Celoria 18, Milano, on February 1, 2019, at 10.00 (Italian local time).

Applicants unable to attend the interview due to circumstances beyond their control must submit any relevant documentation proving said circumstances. The Committee may decide to interview such applicants via videoconference.

The interview will be held in English and is aimed at testing the applicants' motivation and competences in the computer science and technology area.

The committee will evaluate each interview with a score up to 25 points.

The overall score of the candidates will be obtained by adding:

- 1. the total score of the application (up to 25 points);
- 2. the evaluation of the interview (up to 25 points).

The top 5 candidates achieving an overall score of at least 25/50 points will pass the preselection procedure and will be admitted by UNIMI to submit the application to the UChicago for the exchange program.

The final ranking will be published online on the University of Milan website <u>here</u>, by February 11, 2019. No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.

If appointed in academic year 2018-2019 for an Erasmus+ mobility or any other mobility abroad funded by UNIMI, any selected student to the UChicago must opt for one single position.

Financial aspects

Exchange student will pay tuition and fees to the Home University. The Host University will waive tuition and fees.

Exchange student will be covered with civil liability insurance and accident insurance provided by the University of Milan during the performance of her/his study activities at



the Host University. Exchange student will personally provide for medical insurance coverage during her/his stay abroad.

The University of Milan will award a grant towards travel and living costs abroad. The university grant will be awarded according to the student's income, based on ISEE statement as already submitted to Divisione Segreterie Studenti.

The awarding criteria will be as follows:

| ISEE | Monthly allowance |
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| less or equal to 13.000 euros | 700 euros |
| from 13.000 to 21.000 euros | 650 euros |
| from 21.000 to 26.000 euros | 600 euros |
| from 26.000 to 30.000 euros | 550 euros |
| from 30.000 to 50.000 euros and further | 350 euros |

The grant final amount will correspond to the study period actually spent abroad. In case of students not spending their period abroad entirely, the amount will be calculated by multiplying the number of days actually spent abroad by 1/30 monthly allowance.

Confidentiality

According to D.Lgs. n. 196/2003 the University shall fully respect the confidential nature of any information furnished by the candidates: said information will only be processed for the purposes of the selection call, the formalization of any relation between the University and the candidates and the management of the relation thereof.

Contacts

Further information on didactic issues and study period at the University of Chicago will be provided by the academic coordinator, <u>Prof. Vincenzo Piuri</u>.



For information on administrative issues students are invited to contact Ufficio Accordi e Progetti Internazionali per la Didattica e la Formazione, e-mail: international.education@unimi.it.

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