



**SELECTION CALL FOR STUDENT EXCHANGES IN  
UNITED KINGDOM AND SINGAPORE  
DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026**

The University of Milan- UNIMI, in the frame of bilateral Student Exchange Agreements, invites applications for academic study periods at the following Partner Universities:

-[University of Leicester](#) (United Kingdom);

-[Singapore Management University - SMU](#) (Singapore).

Up to 5 students will be selected to spend a semester/academic year abroad, as follows:

- at University of Leicester: up to 2, for an entire academic year (10 months);
- at SMU: up to 3, approximately August - December, 2025 or January-o April, 2026;

**Study abroad provisions**

The study period abroad will be recognized as part of the academic program.

The study plan to be carried out abroad will be agreed and formalized through a Learning Agreement signed between the academic coordinators of both Universities (Home and Host Institution) and the student, prior to departure. A draft of Learning Agreement will be provided. In this regard, it is recommended to submit study plans for the courses / programs of the university that can be accessed, based on the requirements indicated on the web page of the universities.

**Admission requirements**

As to apply, applicants must be enrolled:

- for the University of Leicester: in Bachelor Degree Program in Economics and Management - EMA (1st or 2nd year);



- for SMU: in Bachelor Degree Programs in Economics and Management - EMA or Management and Public Administration Policies - MAPPE (1st or 2nd year).

Applicants must be regularly enrolled in one of the above-mentioned study programs during the current academic year.

The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied when applying as well:

- applicants must have earned at least 12 ECTS if first-year bachelor or master students, or 60 ECTS if second-year bachelor students;
- applicants weighted cumulative grade point average must be not less than 26/30 (the equivalent of GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale);
- applicants must prove English proficiency. As per SMU requirements, students from non-English-medium institutions must fulfill by the Application procedure (mid-April) at least one of the following certificates/ proficiency levels: IELTS (7.0 and above), TOEFL (paper-based 583 and above; internet-based 93 and above), C1 Advanced (185 and above).

As per Leicester, a minimum 6.5 IELTS level is required (<https://le.ac.uk/cite/study-abroad-unit/incoming/studying>).

Only for UNIMI selection, B2 or higher level certificate will be accepted: in the latter case, selected candidates are encouraged to obtain the above mentioned certifications.

### **Mobility requirements**

Selected students must be regularly enrolled in one of the above-mentioned study programs for the a.y. 2025-2026.

The status of student, guaranteed by the regular payment of UNIMI fees, must be maintained for the entire duration of the study period abroad.

**Attention: should it not be allowed to reach the destination country, upon the consent of the Partner University, the exchange program will be held on a virtual basis.**



## Application procedure

Applicants must submit their application along with all the relevant documents through the online platform [elixForms](#).

Applicants have the opportunity to apply for no more than 2 universities from those listed in the call, indicating the order of preference and declaring to accept the possible assignment of other destinations.

Documents required are the following:

1. copy of a valid identity document, possibly a passport if already in the possession of the candidate (pdf);
2. CV in European format (pdf);
3. screenshot of the UNIMIA page showing matricola number, list of exams taken and average marks; graduate students must also submit the screenshot of the UNIMIA page showing their previous career and graduation grade. Students that have graduated in a different University than UNIMI must also fill up the form [Dichiarazione sostitutiva di iscrizione, conseguimento titolo, esami \(box 2\)](#) or, if available, submit the certification issued by the University where they graduated, with the information related to their undergraduate degree and career records (pdf);
4. statement of purpose in English (pdf);
5. draft of the study plan to be carried out abroad in English (pdf): the course load for exchange students is 2 to 4 SMU credits/courses;
6. any certification attesting language skills in the English language (pdf). The certification must be included among those recognized by the University (in this regard, please refer to the following [link](#)).

If students do not have any valid language certification, they can prove their English or Spanish language skills by submitting a certificate of level issued by Centro Linguistico dell'Ateneo di Milano - SLAM: information regarding language assessment tests and enrollment dates can be found [here](#).(Test calendar) Test sessions are limited, therefore it is recommended to sign up as soon as possible.



Proficiency statements made by a language teacher whatsoever will not qualify. Likewise, credits earned in “Accertamento delle conoscenze linguistiche” during the students’ academic studies will not qualify, unless they have been issued as a result of the students’ participation in a language course organized by SLAM, therefore accompanied by the certificate of level previously referred to.

### **Application deadline**

All the documents required must be sent by **March 20, 2025 at 12 pm** (Italian local time), under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

### **Selection procedure**

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee, chaired by Prof. Alessandro Barbiero and composed of Prof. Giovanna D'Adda and Prof. Marcella Lorenzini.

The committee will interview the applicants on **March 26, 2025 at 10.30 am**, via videoconference on the platform Microsoft Teams on invitation by the Commission. Participation in the interview is mandatory, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure.

After completing the interviews, the committee will rank the applicants according to their merit. For each candidate the overall score will be obtained by adding the following partial scores:

1. curriculum vitae (up to 20/100);
2. academic career and grades obtained (up to 20/100);
3. statement of purpose (up to 15/100);
4. study plan proposed (up to 15/100);
5. proficiency in English (up to 15/100).
6. Interview (up to 15/100)

Only candidates achieving an overall score of at least 70/100 will qualify for the exchange program.



### **Selection results**

The final ranking will be published online on the UNIMI website [here](#), by **April 7, 2025**. No personal communication will be sent to the applicants.

The positions of winners of the ranking will be automatically confirmed as selected candidates. Any withdrawal must be sent within 3 days from the online publication of the ranking, through this [link](#).

Ufficio Mobilità internazionale e per la Promozione internazionale (Office) will contact any eligible student who will replace the renouncer in the ranking and will send the data of the selected candidates to the Host Universities for final approval.

All the information necessary for this purpose will be communicated by e-mail. It will be the responsibility of the selected student to carefully check the e-mail address communicated at the time of application: it is recommended to use an address clearly showing name and surname.

### **Insurance coverage**

Exchange students will be covered with UNIMI civil liability insurance and accident insurance exclusively during the performance of their study activities at the Host University. Accordingly, they will personally provide for a general civil liability and accident insurance as well as medical insurance coverage during their stay abroad.

### **Mobility costs**

Exchange students will pay tuition and fees to the Home University. The Host University will waive tuition and fees. Travel and living costs (room and board, local transport, etc.), for the visa and health insurance will be borne by the student, except as indicated below.

### **Financial aspects**

The University of Milan will award a grant according to the student's income, based on ISEE statement as already submitted to Divisione Segreteria Studenti. Students selected for SMU will also be given a travel grant based on the distance between the University and the destination country (a maximum amount per km).



Here below the awarding criteria:

ISEE (€)	Monthly allowance	Travel grant (€)
		SMU, LEICESTER
Less or equal to 13.000	700	1000
From 13.000 to 21.000	650	
From 21.000 to 26.000	600	
From 26.000 to 30.000	550	
From 30.000 to 50.000 and further	350	

The amount of the grant corresponds to the actual period of mobility spent abroad. Should it last shorter than that established by the call will result in a partial refund of the grant itself.

Important Notice for International Students

Please note that International students whose household resides and has their income abroad, are not required to submit their ISEE. Therefore, the monthly allowance is not calculated on their ISEE University value but on the predetermined income values linked to the group their country of origin has been assigned to, according to the [University's Regulation on Tuition and Fees](#).

**Confidentiality**

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 "RGPD" and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 and ss. mm. ii, with regard to the protection of personal data, the Institution undertakes to respect the confidential



nature of the information provided by the Participant: all data provided will be processed only for the purposes connected and instrumental to participation in the Program. Information on the implementation of legislation on the processing of personal data is available on the [University website](#) at: Home> University> Regulations> Privacy.

### **Contacts**

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the Academic Coordinator, [Professor Alessandro Barbiero](#), and [mobility.demm@unimi.it](mailto:mobility.demm@unimi.it).

For information on administrative issues related to the call and to all aspects relating to mobility, students are invited to consult our Guide to the Extra-European Mobility (available [here](#)).

They may also get in touch with the Office at [international.education@unimi.it](mailto:international.education@unimi.it).

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