

SELECTION CALL FOR DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM IN JAPAN MOBILITY DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

The University of Milan- UNIMI has established an agreement with <u>Tokyo University of Agriculture</u> and <u>Technology- TUAT</u> for the activation of a Double Degree program of "Corso di Laurea magistrale in Scienze della produzione e protezione delle piante / Crops and Plant Sciences" and "Master of Agriculture".

On the basis of the agreement, n° 2 places are available to study abroad at partner university.

Study program provisions

The study period abroad will last 1 academic year and will take place during the second year of Master Degree. It will be recognized as part of the academic program.

The study abroad period 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 L.A. will be provided.

UNIMI students taking part in the Double Degree program will simultaneously be recognized as TUAT students registered in the "Master of Agriculture", according to the study plan they choose to follow during their second year at TUAT (see below, Annex 1).

The thesis will be defended in English either at TUAT or at UNIMI (if videoconference is possible at TUAT). The thesis will be academically jointly supervised by teachers at UNIMI and TUAT.

Admission requirements

Applicants must be regularly enrolled, in the current academic year, as first-year students in the Crops and Plant Sciences program.



The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied when applying:

- a. applicants must have achieved 12 ECTS in the first semester;
- applicants must have passed either the IELTS English language proficiency test (at least 6.5) or TOEFL (at least 575 paper-based, 233 computer-based, or 90 internet-based). SLAM Placement test or SLAM certificate of level B2 also will be accepted as English Proficiency certification.

Mobility requirements

Selected students must be regularly enrolled in the above-mentioned study program 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 through the platform <u>elixForms</u>.

Documents required are the following:

- 1. curriculum vitae (pdf);
- 2. motivation letter, addressed to the Coordinator of Double-Degree program (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 <u>Dichiarazione sostitutiva di iscrizione</u>, <u>conseguimento titolo, esami (box 2)</u> 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. English proficiency certification.

Application deadline

All the documents required must be sent by 15th May, 2025, at 12 pm (Italian local time), under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

Selection procedures

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee composed of Prof.ssa Laura Rossini, Prof. Roberto Salvatore Pilu and Prof. Lucio Brancadoro.

The committee will interview the applicants on 20th May, 2025, at 3.30 pm via videoconference on the platform Microsoft Teams. Participation in the interview is to be considered mandatory, under penalty of exclusion from theselection procedure.

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

- academic career and grades obtained in the exams taken in the Crops and Plant Sciences program (up to 60/100);
- 2. curriculum vitae (up to 10/100);
- 3. motivations (up to 20/100);
- 4. proficiency in English (up to 10/100).

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

Selection results

The final ranking will be published online on the UNIMI website <u>here</u> by **26th May**, **2025**. No personal communication will be sent to the candidates.



The positions of selection winners are to be considered automatically confirmed. Any withdrawal must be sent within 3 days from the online publication of the ranking, through this <u>link</u>. Ufficio Mobilità internazionale e per la Promozione internazionale (Office) will contact any eligible student who will replace the renouncer in the ranking.

The Office 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 University of Milan 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 Segreterie Studenti. Students 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 (€)
Less or equal to 13.000	700	
From 13.000 to 21.000	650	
From 21.000 to 26.000	600	1000
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 <u>University's Regulation on Tuition and Fees</u>.

Confidentiality

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 GDPR 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 <u>University</u> website at: Home > University > Regulations > Privacy.



Contacts

Further information on didactic issues will be provided by the academic coordinator, <u>Prof. Laura</u> <u>Rossini</u>.

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 Double Degree Mobility (available <u>here</u>). They may also get in touch with the Office at <u>international.education@unimi.it</u>.

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ANNEX 1 - STUDY PLAN

STUDENTS OF UNIMI AS HOME UNIVERSITY SECOND YEAR AT TUAT UNIVERSITY

Course code	course name	ECTS		
Third & Fourth semester				
At least the followings:				
Special filed lectures	Any subjects below table	3.6(2crd)		
7.2 ECTS(4 credits)	Any subjects below table	3.6(2crd)		
New developed course	Advanced practice on IEAS I			
for DDP students	"tentative"	3.6(2crd)		
18 ECTS	Advanced practice on IEAS II			
	"tentative"	3.6(2crd)		
	Advanced practice on IEAS III			
	"tentative"	3.6(2crd)		
	Advanced practice on IEAS IV			
	"tentative"	3.6(2crd)		
	Advanced practice on IEAS V			
	"tentative"	3.6(2crd)		
Related topics on	Subjective Exercise for			
Thesis	International Environmental and			
25.2 ECTS	Agricultural Research	1.8(1crd)		
	Practical Exercise for International			
	Environmental and Agricultural Research 3.6(2crd			
	Communication Exercise for			
	International Environmental and			
	Agricultural Research	1.8(1crd)		
	Research in International			
	Environmental and Agricultural			



	Science	10.8(6crd)		
	Exercise for International			
	Environment and Agricultural			
	Science	7.2 (4crd)		
Sub-Course lectures	Sub-course Lecture for IEAS	3.6(2crd)		
3.6 ECTS(2 credits)	Sub-course Exercise for IEAS	3.6(2crd)		
Elective	Any subject	3.6(2crd)		
Total ECTS61.2				
Total credits+transfer	34+10			
Thesis supervised by both partners				
The student will develop his/her Master Thesis full time for a value of 45				
ECTS, to be developed in ENGLISH. The thesis will be academically				
jointly supervised by teachers at TUAT and UniMI				
Total minimum of EC	121.2			