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THE MANAGER

GIVEN the participation of Politecnico di Milano to the IDEA League network;

GIVEN the *Student Exchange* program offered by IDEA League to students of its partner Universities;

VERIFIED the availability of funds;

HEREBY DECREES

the publication of this announcement for the award of grants for **short-term research exchanges**.

Art. 1 – Beneficiaries

This announcement is open to all Politecnico di Milano regularly enrolled PhD candidates. Beneficiaries must be regularly enrolled as PhD candidates at Politecnico di Milano throughout all the research exchange.

Art. 2 – Description of the project

This call provides scholarships to support short-term research exchanges between PhD candidates of IDEA League partner institutions.

These grants are awarded based on academic merit. The grants are made available to PhD candidates enrolled at one of the universities of the IDEA League network, who want to do short-term research stay at an IDEA League partner University. For example, the development of experimental and/or theoretical parts of their PhD theses would fall under this category. The grant is awarded by the IDEA League Home university of the PhD candidates.

The grant amount equals to 600 EUR gross per month, inclusive of the taxes owed by Politecnico di Milano. The monthly amount will be reduced accordingly in case the period of stay is less than one month.

The research grants distributed within this call may cover up to 100.000,00 EUR gross, inclusive of the taxes owed by Politecnico di Milano.

Research exchanges from 2 weeks to 6 months are covered and non-consecutive periods are also permitted. The research exchange must start in 2027.

More information about Grants & exchanges can be found here.

Art. 3 – Application

Prior to the application submission, candidates must contact their supervisor in order to define a project and find the most suitable partner, possibly linking the project to existing contacts and cooperation within the IDEA League.

The application for admission to the selection procedure must be sent **only through the application "Application form" > "Selection procedures", available in the online services of Politecnico di Milano.**

All the applications must be received **no later than Midday (12.00 Italian time) on December 21 2026**, otherwise they will not be considered admissible.

In order to apply for the selection, the candidates are requested to fill the **application form** enclosed in this call. The application form can also be downloaded at the following **link** or directly from the application and attached to the same application (**attachment No. 1 mandatory**).

Under penalty of nullity, the application must be accompanied by the following documents included as attachments in **a single PDF file** (**attachment No. 2 mandatory**):

- Curriculum vitae and publications list (if any);
- Short research proposal (5000-character max, including spaces);
- Letter of recommendation from tutor or supervisor at Politecnico di Milano;
- Motivation letter;
- Agreement email/letter from academic at the IDEA League hosting institution.

Delivering the Agreement email/letter from academic at the IDEA League hosting institution is a necessary condition for the granting of any assigned funds.

The personal data required will be processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679. Before closing the application, the candidate must declare that she/he has read the information on the personal data processing in administrative processes, which can be consulted on the University web site: https://www.polimi.it/en/the-politecnico/communication/privacy.

The candidate must also give consent to the data processing, in order to allow the verification of requirements to access in the call and the completion of the related call procedure by the admission commission.

The Commission for the evaluation of the applications is nominated by the Education Division Manager by decree. The Commission will draw up a ranking, giving the research grant for as long as the budget allows. The PhD School may award additional scholarships (in addition to the previously declared budget) if additional funds dedicated to this initiative will become available. The Commission also reserves the right not to allocate all of the available funds.

The scholarship will be paid in full after verification of the candidate's departure. Following the publication of the final ranking, winners will be contacted and invited to communicate their departure. At the end of their stay, winners will be asked to provide a report on the period abroad, upon request of the PhD School. The contribution is subject to the current tax law of scholarships.

Successful candidates will be informed **starting from 20 January 2027**.

Candidates participating in the grant scheme may be listed on the IDEA League website and in the Politecnico di Milano media for promotional activities.

In case the PhD candidate fails to meet the conditions above, or in case the research period abroad is cancelled for unforeseen reasons, or the period of stay ended earlier than originally intended, candidates are obliged to return the corresponding part of the grant.

The Manager
Dr. Assunta Marrese

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