



## Collegio futuro

### A 4EU+ college for future leaders of a sustainable European Future

#### Call for applications for students enrolled at the University of Milan in the PhD programmes in Environmental Sciences; Agriculture, Environment and Bioenergy; International and public law, ethics and economics for sustainable development

Reaching the sustainable development goals of the United Nations and coping with major planetary problems, such as climate change and biodiversity loss, requires a socio-economic transformation that ensures sustainable development. In this transition, multiple societal stakeholders have to be involved. Conceptualizing this process demands an integration of perspectives from different research disciplines and needs creative and open-minded experts, who do not hesitate to step out of their comfort zone and collaborate in an interdisciplinary manner, striving for the best solutions. As a joint interdisciplinary PhD college of 4EU+ member universities, Collegio Futuro seeks to foster these skills, which are essential for tackling our urgent environmental, economic and societal challenges. Participants will work in multidisciplinary groups to develop solutions for hands on environmental issues with the goal of practicing a policy brief drafting. They will have an opportunity to exchange with their peers and examine the chosen problem from different perspectives. They will engage in discussions with scientists and practitioners in order to identify and propose feasible solutions to given problems. Altogether, the participants will engage in activities that will enable them to expand their network, generate impulses for new projects and improve their competences in science communication to the society.

**Topics** investigated in Collegio Futuro:

- Towards a sustainable aquaculture
- Ecosystem restoration
- Adaptation of historical cities to climate change
- Climate justice

The **outputs** of Collegio futuro are:

- Policy brief
- Results will be published in a Blog/CF Journal on Collegio futuro webpage.

**Involved Universities:** Charles University (Prague), Heidelberg University, Sorbonne University (Paris), University of Milan, University of Warsaw.

Five PhD candidates from the respective partner universities will be selected to become part of the college. Incoming PhD students will receive lump sum travel/accommodation allowances for the on-site activity from their home universities according to Erasmus+ rules. The training is offered free of charge. Completing Collegio Futuro will award candidates with 5 ECTS.



The mobility grant is provided as a lump sum according to the following rates:

- Return travel to and from Heidelberg: 180 euros.
- Accommodation allowance per night: 79 euros.

### Who can apply

Applicants must be regularly enrolled in the Programmes of Environmental Sciences, Agriculture, Environment and Bioenergy, international and public law, ethics and economics for sustainable development at the University of Milan for the 2024/2025 academic year and until the end of the educational activity (April 2025).

In order to receive the 4EU+ travel and accommodation allowance, they cannot be a recipient of any other EU grant for stays abroad that overlap, even partially, with the physical mobility period.

### Study Content

The programme lasts one term and it is structured as follows:

- Preparatory workshop, online: 12 February 2025 (suggested time 9:00–13:00)
- Spring school: 24–28 February 2025 in Heidelberg (starting at 9:00 on Monday, ending at 14:00 on Friday)
- Final meeting, online, 1h (each group separately with the supervisor(s)): late March/April

For further information, the candidates should contact [4euplusmobility@unimi.it](mailto:4euplusmobility@unimi.it) and [marco.parolini@unimi.it](mailto:marco.parolini@unimi.it)

### Application

Please apply by **20/11/2024** using the form you will find here/via email to: [collegio.futuro@uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:collegio.futuro@uni-heidelberg.de) (and in cc to [marco.parolini@unimi.it](mailto:marco.parolini@unimi.it) and [luigi.orsi@unimi.it](mailto:luigi.orsi@unimi.it)). Please include:

- 1) Motivation letter
- 2) Curriculum Vitae

Please include in your email: your name, surname, PhD programme, matriculation number (matricola).

### Selection process

Up to 5 students from the University of Milan can be selected for the 2024/2025 edition of the Programme.

Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Letter of motivation: up to 70 points



- Curriculum vitae: up to 30 points

The selection will be carried out by Proff. Marco Parolini and Luigi Orsi.

Selected candidates will be informed by email by the coordinator of the 4EU+ Joint educational activity (Prof. Tatjana Peskan-Berghoefer, University of Heidelberg) by 6/12/2024. The selection outcome will be posted to <https://www.unimi.it/en/international/study-abroad/international-opportunities>.

### **Personal data processing**

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 ("General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR") and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003, as amended and supplemented, the University undertakes to keep the information provided by the applicant confidential. All data will be processed only for the purposes of participation in the programme. Information on the enforcement of the GDPR is available on the University website at <http://www.unimi.it/ateneo/73613.htm> - pathway: [www.unimi.it](http://www.unimi.it) > University > Privacy.

Signed

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