

Call for Proposals for the Grant of a Full Scholarship plus a Research Grant for Participation in the 2019-2020 Master in European Economic Governance (MEEG)

ART.1 - OBJECTIVE

The LUISS School of European Political Economy (SEP) is offering **1 full exemption scholarship plus a research grant** (for a total of **22,400 EURO**) subject to the European Investment Bank's (EIB) approval. The candidate, selected by SEP and approved by EIB, will also have to pursue studies in the 2019-2020 edition of the Master Program in European Economic Governance (MEEG) and meet the requirements of this call.

The full exemption scholarship (**full grant** hereafter) covers the total cost of tuition at a value of 8,000 EURO plus an additional grant of 14,400 EURO gross to cover living expenses during the period of the Master starting from January 2020. The holder of the full grant will be employed, for 12 months, as temporary researcher at the EIB in order to complete a research project which he/she must have submitted as a requirement of the application (see Art. 3 below). Her/his appointment will last up to December 2020. During this period, he/she will have to follow an introductory course on the EIB organization, attend the two terms of the Master and spend a 6-month internship period at the EIB headquarters in Luxembourg.

ART.2 – INCOMPATIBILITY

The scholarships are incompatible with any other study grants and/or scholarships granted by a public body or private organizations based in Italy and other member states of the EIB.

ART.3 - REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- An EU second cycle university degree or equivalent, or eligible non-EU four-year university degree with at least 240 ECTS or equivalent US/ British number of credits
- Knowledge of English (Level of C2); if this knowledge level is not certified, it will be verified via a specific interview with a mother tongue.
- Certified undergraduate studies in the fields of Economics (including exams on quantitative subjects).
- Submission of MEEG application before the deadline (see Art. 4) and acceptance by the School (see Art. 5).

Applicants who are completing their EU second cycle university degree or eligible non-EU four-year university degree with at least 240 ECTS by 30 September 2019 are also eligible to apply.

ART.4 – APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted by **March 15, 2019** using exclusively the online platform. The uploaded application must include:

- Copy of an identity document;
- Graduate certificate with examinations and grades;
- *Curriculum vitae* including attestation of any periods of training abroad;

- Motivational letter in English;
- One recommendation letter specific to the MEEG dated no earlier than February 1, 2019;
- Any English language level attestation;
- Declaration of adherence to the scholarships (download the form on the website).

On this basis, the MEEG Selection Committee will short-list 2 candidates who will be asked to prepare, by **April 15, 2019**, a research proposal (around 3,500 words) on a topic that will constitute the focus of their research project (see Art. 1). The topic will be communicated to the short-listed candidates by the Selection Committee no later than March 21, 2019.

ART.5 – RULES & CRITERIA OF ASSESSMENT

Candidates may be invited to an **interview**, which may also be held using Skype or similar online platforms, meant to assess their professional and academic motivations. During the elaboration of their research project, the 2 short-listed candidates may request two meetings to ask for advice from the faculty members of the Master. The 2 short-listed candidates may be asked to undertake an additional interview with officials of the EIB, if needed.

In the first round, candidates will be ranked according to the following grading scale:

- Academic degree: up to 30 points
- Professional CV (including the interview if needed): up to 60 point
- Level of knowledge of English: up to 10

Then, the 2 shortlisted candidates will be ranked according to the following grading scale

- Score obtained in the first round
- Research Proposal (up to 100)

In any case, the final attribution of the full grant will be subject to the binding approval by EIB internal committees.

ART.6 – RESULTS AND FORMAL ACCEPTANCE

The final ranking for the granting of scholarships will be decided by the Selection Committee's unquestionable judgment.

The Selection Committee is composed by the MEEG Director, the Academic Coordinator of Postgraduate Activities of the SEP and one faculty member of the MEEG. The EIB selection committee will follow the internal selection rules of the EIB. To improve the coordination between the MEEG and the EIB Committees, an EIB official may be invited as sleeping member of the MEEG Committee.

The winner will be informed using the email contact indicated in the application by June 20, 2019. The winner must send to SEP his/her formal acceptance and any other requested documents within five days from the date of this communication. After five days, the Selection Committee can be in a position to make the final offer to the applicant with the highest score.

ART.7 – SCHOLARSHIP RULES

The student awarded the **full grant** will be fully exempted from the payment of the tuition fee and will receive EUR 14,400 gross in 12 monthly installments starting from **January 2020**. The following conditions, however, apply:

- enrolment in the Master in European Economic Governance;
- regular attendance (at least 80%) at the lessons of the Master, guaranteeing punctual arrival and full attendance of classes to be verified on an ongoing basis;
- positive results of all tests and exams planned during the course.

The scholarship will be withdrawn if the holder does not satisfy even just one of these conditions indicated in this article or in this call. Should this be the case, the scholarship holder will be mandated to full payment of the tuition fee if they want to receive the final title. They will also be required to reimburse LUISS for all monthly installments received.

ART.8 – CHECKS

SEP reserves the right to carry out checks on the applications. In the case of any discrepancy between what has been declared and what has been verified, the scholarship shall be withdrawn, and any further action envisaged by the law initiated.

ART.9 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

In compliance with all application EU and national law on the protection of personal data, LUISS will use process data contained in applications only for the purposes indicated in this document. Still, the provision of the above data is obligatory with the consequence of not being admitted to the call in the case of refusal to provide such data. The data controller is LUISS Guido Carli, with headquarters at Viale Pola 12, 00198 Rome, Italy. The parties to whom the personal data refers have the right, at any time, to obtain confirmation of the existence of said data and to learn their content and origin, verify their accuracy or request their completion, update or rectification. For the purposes of this article, said parties have the right to request the cancellation, transformation into an anonymous form or blocking of any data processed unlawfully, or to object to their processing for legitimate reasons. Requests must be submitted to LUISS Guido Carli.

ART.10 GOVERNING LAWS

The Master and the assignment of scholarships shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Italy and the LUISS University regulations.