



CA' DELLA PAGLIA
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PHD STUDENTS, RESIDENT DOCTORS AND STUDENTS ENROLLED AT A SCHOOL OF SPECIALIZATION AT COLLEGIO CA' DELLA PAGLIA

Ca' della Paglia is a merit-based Collegio (“Collegio di merito”) for students enrolled in bachelor’s and master’s degree courses, PhD students, resident doctors and students enrolled at a School of Specialization based at the University of Pavia or at the Scuola Universitaria Superiore di Pavia IUSS.

The Collegio has 40 fully furnished single apartment studios, with bathroom, kitchenette and equipment and Internet connection. A laundry room is also available. The Collegio provides cleaning and linen change service. Furthermore, the Collegio offers study and class rooms, has its own car park, is surrounded by a private garden and is well served by public transport.



Call for applications

Academic Year

2025-2026



1. AVAILABLE PLACES

This call for applications is to assign **5 places** at the Collegio Ca' della Paglia. The call is open to **PhD students, students enrolled at a School of Specialization and resident doctors based at the University of Pavia or at the Scuola Universitaria Superiore di Pavia IUSS.**

The winners of the competition (henceforth referred to as “alumni”) will have the right to use one of fully furnished studios and the common areas. They will also benefit from the internationalization and training programmes organized by the Ghislieri Foundation.



2. COSTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For the academic year 2024-2025, **the rent** to be paid **each month** (henceforth referred to as “**fee**”) by selected students is **€ 625**. Utilities (electricity, water, heating, Wi-Fi, waste tax) are included.

If the candidate is a resident doctor or a PhD student in biomedical disciplines, or a student enrolled at a School of Specialization in biomedical disciplines, he or she may also apply for one of the scholarships granted by the Centro Ricerca e Didattica Universitaria (CRDU) of Fondazione Ghislieri, which cover the full cost of the place at Collegio Ca' della Paglia. For the academic year 2025-26, 5 new CRDU scholarships will be available.

The other candidates (i.e. not beneficiary of the CRDU grant) can be granted a scholarship of € 1.875 (which covers the fee at Ca' della Paglia for the months of June, July and August) if they fulfill by May 31st of each academic year the educational obligations indicated at the point 4 of this call for applications.



3. BENEFITS

Training and cultural activities

Ca' della Paglia organizes a wide range of **training and cultural activities**. For the academic year 2025-26, students of Collegio Ca' della Paglia will be able to participate to the training and cultural activities **organized by Fondazione Ghislieri at Collegio Ghislieri** and also to the specific activities for Collegio Ca' della Paglia, such as:

- Coaching sessions in Public Speaking e Time Management
- Course of Biostatistics
- Course "The History of Renaissance Art"
- Course "Food Resources: History, Politics and Sustainability"

Fondazione Ghislieri also offers language courses (English, German, Spanish and French) at its main campus, which students of Collegio Ca' della Paglia may attend free of charge.

Furthermore, Collegio Ca' della Paglia refunds the costs of language certifications exams.

Additional benefits

When participating in international activities (Erasmus, Erasmus+, Erasmus placement, conferences or workshops held abroad, short or long stay periods of research, language courses, periods of specialization, research and study time within a joint supervision agreement), **they may also apply for financial support**. The Director of the Collegio Ca' della Paglia will evaluate the scientific and spending plan for each application.



4. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Given the offered benefits, the **Collegio requires each student to sign a Personalized Training Project ("Progetto Formativo Personalizzato")**, which entails the participation in the training activities organized by the Collegio Ca' della Paglia or by the Collegio Ghislieri for at least **25 hours**. These activities can consist of courses, seminars, orientation meeting and tutorships, coaching, workshops; for further information, please refer to the website of Collegio Ca' della Paglia.

Failure to comply with the training requirements will result in the revocation of all the rights associated with the position of Ca' della Paglia student.



5. OBLIGATIONS

The students have the right to use the studio assigned at Collegio Ca' della Paglia, the common areas and facilities offered by the Collegio, in accordance with the obligations provided by the Contract of Hospitality ("Contratto di Ospitalità"), undersigned by each student.

The rent for the entire year is € 7.500. **The rent has to be paid monthly (€ 625)** for each period of stay longer than fifteen days.

Failure to comply with the obligations provided by the Contratto di Ospitalità will result in the revocation of all the rights associated with the position of Ca' della Paglia student.



6. ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

The competition is open to candidates who are enrolled at least until August 31st, 2026 in PhD programmes, resident programmes for doctors, or specialization schools based at the University of Pavia or at the Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS.

At the time of submitting application, if the candidate is awaiting the outcome of the selections at the Università di Pavia or at the Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS, she/he can apply to the call for the admission to Collegio Ca' della Paglia under condition. In such a case, the assignment of the place according to the ranking will be possible but conditional on the following delivery of the documentation proving the enrollment in the doctorate or specialization programme.



7. APPLICATION PROCESS

The application is available at <https://www.ghislieri.it/ammissioni-phd-e-specializzandi/>. It can be submitted from 12.00 noon on Monday, July 28th 2025 (Pavia date and time) to 12.00 noon on Monday, October 13th 2025 (Pavia date and time), supported by the following documents, in Italian or English:

- **Academic transcript of records** reporting the final score and grades of individual exams (BA and MA if the student has been awarded by both degrees); in the event that the degree was obtained in a non-Italian university, the candidate will also attach a conversion table of the exam marks and graduation grade respectively in thirtieths and in one hundred and ten; if the candidate does not have this document, the commission will use for the conversion the table on the website of the Ministry of University and Research, available at the following link http://attiministeriali.miur.it/media/240734/allegato_5.pdf;
- **Curriculum vitae et studiorum** to be dated and signed by the candidate. It must report the list of any scientific publications;
- **Certificate of enrollment from the Università di Pavia or from the Scuola Universitaria Superiore di Pavia IUSS**. It must attest the enrollment in a resident programme, in a school of specialization or in a PhD programme (if these documents are not available, candidates can submit them at a later stage);
- **Copies of any scientific publication** (if any; up to three);
- **Copy of the final MA dissertation** (if any).
- **Copy of ID card/passport**.

The candidate can ask for confirmation of registration at the competition by writing at cadellapaglia@ghislieri.it.





8. ASSESMENT AND AWARDING OF PLACES

The assessment is carried out by a Selection Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of Fondazione Ghislieri. **The competition is based on qualifications and interviews.**

For the part concerning the qualifications, the selection Committee will take into consideration:

- The final degree score (if any);
- The average score of the exams;
- The *curriculum studiorum*;
- Any scientific publication;
- Having been awarded by one of the fellowships of CRDU (Centro Ricerca e Didattica Universitaria).

In the evaluation of the curriculum, the Selection Committee will also consider the attendance, in the previous course of study, of other relevant merit-based institutions and in particular of the Collegio Ghislieri.

For the part concerning the interview, to be held in Italian or English, the Committee will take into consideration the motivation and aptitudes of the candidates, the predisposition to internationalization in their study and research path and their research interests or training. **The minimum score to be eligible is 80/130.** In evaluating the candidate, the Committee will assign the maximum score of 100 points for the part relating to qualifications and 30 points for the part relating to the interview.

The interviews will be held online between Monday, October 20th, 2024, and Friday, October 24th, 2024. The calendar and the instructions for the online interview will be communicated to competitors via e- mail.

At the end of the selection process, the final performance ranking will be published. In case of tie, priority will be given to the younger candidate.

The attribution of the position of *selected student* at Ca' della Paglia is assigned at the unquestionable discretion of the Management Board of the Fondazione Ghislieri on the base of the performance ranking.

The Collegio reserves the right to use the performance ranking for opening additional positions of selected student.

For the same reasons, the College reserves the right to announce further student positions during the same academic year.





9. ACCEPTANCE, RENEWAL AND DURATION OF THE PLACES

The performance ranking will be published on Ca' della Paglia website by October 31st, 2025.

All winners are notified of the outcome of the competition. Winners, within 7 days of receiving this communication, must send a declaration of acceptance to the email address cadellapaglia@ghislieri.it. Following acceptance, the College Management will communicate the date from which students can enter the Collegio

For non-CRDU scholarship beneficiaries, the acceptance letter must be accompanied by evidence of payment of the first month's tuition fee. Upon receipt, the College Management will communicate the date from which the student can access residential services.

The assigned places will be available until August 31st, 2026. They can be renewed every academic year (lasting from September 1st to August 31st) until the conclusion of the Phd or specialization course, upon written request to be submitted to the Board of Ca' della Paglia by June 30th of each year.

The renewal, decided at the unquestionable judgment of the Board of Directors of **Fondazione Ghislieri**, requires the compliance to all the conditions specified in this call (including those provided for by the signing of the Progetto Formativo Personalizzato and the Contratto di Ospitalità) and the enrollment to the next year of Phd or specialization. Enrollments under an extension status ("regime di proroga") to Phd and Specialization Schools will not be considered. The renewal application can be accepted under condition until all the necessary documentation is presented.

In the event of a request for renewal lasting less than 12 months or if the study path ends before the end of the academic year, conventionally fixed on August 31st, the Board of Directors may reserve the right not to accept the renewal application and to reappoint the place.

Pavia, July 2025

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