Call for Applications for PhD students, Resident Doctors, Students enrolled at a School of Specialization and Postgraduate students

Academic year 2021-2022

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

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

Call for applications

1. Available places

This call for applications is to assign 6 places at the Collegio Ca’ della Paglia. The call is open to PhD students, students enrolled at a School of Specialization, resident doctors, master’s students being based at the Università di Pavia or the Scuola Universitaria Superiore di Pavia IUSS. This call is open to all the nationalities.

Students selected to stay at Collegio Ca’ della Paglia have in use one of the studios and have access to the common areas of the structure. They will also benefit from the internationalization and training programs organized by the Fondazione Ghislieri.

2. Costs and scholarships

For the academic year 2021-2022, the rent to be paid each month by selected students is € 550. Utilities (electricity, water, heating, Wi-Fi, waste tax, TV fee) are included.

If the candidate is a 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 post at Collegio Ca’ della Paglia.

For information about these scholarships and their restrictions, please refer to the internet page: https://www.ghislieri.it/fondazione-ghislieri/centro-didattica-universitaria-e-ricerca/biologia-e-medicina/

The other candidates can be granted with another scholarship of € 1,650. This scholarship covers the rent at Ca’ della Paglia in June, July and August. Students living at Ca’ della Paglia are all granted by this scholarship if they fulfill the educational obligations indicated in point 4 of this call for applications by May 31st of each academic year.
3. Benefits

Students selected for staying at Collegio Ca’ della Paglia are entitled to benefit from the international mobility agreements that the Fondazione Ghislieri has undersigned with foreign universities and research institutions. When participating in international activities (like, for example, Erasmus, Erasmus+, Erasmus placement, conferences or workshops held abroad, short or long stay periods of research, language courses, periods of specialization abroad, 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.

The Collegio refunds the costs for language certificates. Fondazione Ghislieri also organizes language courses, which can be attended free of charge by students selected to stay at Collegio Ca’ della Paglia.

4. Training requirements

In addition to the benefits, the Collegio requires each student to sign a Personalized Training Project (“Progetto Formativo Personalizzato”), which entails the participation in training activities for at least 25 hours (these consist of courses, seminars, orientation meetings 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 Contratto di Ospitalità, undersigned by each student.

The rent for the entire year is € 6,600. Rent has to be paid monthly (€ 550) for each period of stay longer than fifteen days.

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6. Eligible candidates

The competition is open to candidates who are enrolled at least until 31 August 2022 in PhD programmes, resident programmes for doctors, postgraduates or specialization schools based at the University of Pavia or the Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS.

At the time of submitting the application for Ca’ della Paglia, if the candidate is awaiting the outcome of the selections at the Università di Pavia or Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS, she/he can apply for participation in the admission competition to Collegio Ca’ della Paglia under conditions. In this case, the selected student will show as soon as possible proof of matriculation at the University of Pavia or the Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS.
7. Application process

The application is available at [www.cadellapaglia.it](http://www.cadellapaglia.it). It must be submitted by 12.00 noon on Monday, October 18th 2021 (Pavia time and date) supported by the following documents, in Italian or English:

- **Academic transcript of records** reporting 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 at 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](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 enrolment from the Università di Pavia or from the Scuola Universitaria Superiore di Pavia IUSS.** It must attest the enrolment in a resident programme, in a school of specialisation 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).

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

8. Assessment 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 interview.

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;
- being awarded by one of the fellowships of CRDU (Centro Ricerca e Didattica Universitaria).

In the evaluation of the curriculum, the Selection Committee will also take into account the attendance, in the previous course of study, of other relevant institutions and in particular being alumnus 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, a predisposition to internationalization in their study and research path and their research interests or training. **The minimum score to be eligible is 80/120.** In evaluating the candidate, the Committee will assign the maximum score of 100 points for the part relating to qualifications and 20 points for the part relating to the interview.
The interviews will be held electronically between Monday 26 October 2021 and Friday 30 October 2021. The calendar will be communicated to competitors via e-mail.

At the end of the selection process, the 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 sole 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 places

Performance ranking will be published on the Ca’ della Paglia website. 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.

The assigned places will be available until August 31, 2021. They can be renewed every academic year (lasting from September 1 to August 31) until the end of the degree 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 compliance with all the conditions specified in this announcement (including those provided for by the signing of the Progetto Formativo Personalizzato and Contratto di Ospitalità) provided for in point 4 of this call. 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 31 August, the Board of Directors may reserve the right not to accept the renewal application and to reappoint the place.

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