

Call for applications for international students at Collegio Ca' della Paglia

academic year 2022-2023

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 classroom, 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 **1 place** at the Collegio Ca' della Paglia. This place will be assigned to an international student enrolled in Agri-food Sustainability Master of the University of Pavia.

The student selected to stay at Collegio Ca' della Paglia has in use one of the studios and has access to the common areas of the structure. He/she will also benefit from the internationalization and training programs organized by Fondazione Ghislieri.

2. Cost and scholarships

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

2.1 Scholarships

Famiglia Tavazzani Scholarship (€ 6.600): this grant covers all the costs at Ca' della Paglia for one academic year. It will be granted to one International student enrolled in a.y. 2022-2023 in the first year of the Master's Degree Course "Agrifood Sustainability" at the University of Pavia. This scholarship also allows the selected candidate **free lunch on weekdays at Collegio Ghislieri**, located in Piazza Ghislieri 5. The scholarship is renewable for another year if the student complies with point 8 of this call for applications.

3. Benefits

International 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 to international activities (like, for example, Erasmus, Erasmus+, Erasmus placement, conferences or workshops hold 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. Obligations

Collegio Ca' della Paglia requires to all its International students:

a. To sign and accept the Progetto Formativo Personalizzato, which includes:

- For students of Bachelor degree courses: participation in 70 hours of training activity;
- For students of Master degree courses: participation in 25 hours of training activity.

For more information on organized training activities, please refer to www.cadellapaglia.it.

b. To keep high academic standards. In particular, the average score of the exams must be at least as indicated in the following table (arithmetical average is calculated each year by considering all the exams taken by December 31st):

Degree in biomedical disciplines	27/30
Degree in scientific-technical disciplines	27/30
Degree in law, economic and social disciplines	27/30
Degree in humanities	28/30

c. To comply with the rules and obligations indicated in the *Contratto di Ospitalità*.

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

5. Eligible candidates

The competition is open to candidates of foreign nationality (i.e. not Italian) who are enrolled in Agri-food Sustainability Master of the Università di Pavia.

6. Application for admission to the competition

The application to the competition is available on www.cadellapaglia.it. **It must be submitted by 12.00 noon on Wednesday, March 15th 2023 (Pavia time and date)** supported by the following documents, in Italian or English:

- *curriculum vitae et studiorum* dated and signed by the candidate;
- **cover letter** signed by the candidate, addressed to the selection committee of the Collegio Ca' della Paglia (no more than 400 words in total);
- **Certificate of enrollment at University of Pavia – Master in Agri Food Sustainability;**
- **Transcript of records of the University of Pavia** (if available).

The candidate can request confirmation of registration for the application by sending an e-mail to cadellapaglia@ghislieri.it.

7. Selection of the candidates and places assignment

The selection of the candidates is carried out by a selection Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of Fondazione Ghislieri

This selection will take place through a competition based on qualifications and an interview.

7.1. Evaluation of qualifications (60/100)

The Committee will take into consideration the qualifications as follows:

- *curriculum vitae et studiorum* (20/100);
- cover letter (20/100);
- Certificate of enrollment at University of Pavia – Master in Agri-Food Sustainability and transcript of records (20/100).

To select candidates, the Committee also takes into consideration the candidate's socio-economic conditions if attested in the cover letter.

The minimum eligibility score for the evaluation of qualifications is 40/100.

7.2. Evaluation of the interview (40/100)

Those who obtain the minimum eligibility score of 40/100 in the evaluation of qualifications will access the interview. The achievement of the minimum score for the interview will be communicated to the candidates via email.

During the interview, to be held in Italian or English, the Committee takes into consideration the motivation and aptitudes of the candidates and their academic and training interests.

The interviews will be held online between Monday 20 March 2023 and Friday 25 March 2023. The schedule of the interviews will be communicated to the candidates via e-mail.

The minimum eligibility score established for the interview assessment is 20/100.

At the end of the selection process, the Committee informs the candidates about the performance ranking. The minimum score for eligibility is 60/100. In case of tie, priority will be given to the younger candidate.

Famiglia Tavazzani Scholarship is awarded to the international candidate at Ca' della Paglia call for applications enrolled in the first year of the MA programme Agrifood Sustainability which obtains the highest score in the final ranking.

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 final score ranking.

The Collegio reserves the right to use the final score ranking for opening additional positions of selected students.

For the same reasons, Ca' della Paglia reserves the chance to announce further student positions during the same academic year.

8. Acceptance, renewal, and duration of places

Final score ranking is 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 Collegio Management will communicate the date from which students can enter the Collegio.

Places are available until August 31, 2021. They can be renewed every academic year (lasting from September 1 to August 31) until the awarding of their degree 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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