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Announcement for the selection of nr. 4 “Exchange Students” for a semester at the University of Sydney (Australia) – Year 2018

In the framework of the Student Exchange Agreement between the University of Padua and the University of Sydney (Australia), the Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry (TESAF) and the Department of Agronomy, Food, Natural resources, Animals and Environment (DAFNAE) launch an announcement for the selection of nr. 4 “Exchange Students” for a semester (from July to November 2018) at the University of Sydney (Faculty of Agriculture and Environment).

Application for the selection is reserved to students who – by the date of the contribution request and for the entire mobility period abroad¹ – are enrolled in one of the following University of Padua Courses:

Laurea Triennale:

- Riassetto del Territorio e Tutela del Paesaggio (RTTP)
- Tecnologie Forestali e Ambientali (TFA)
- Scienze e cultura della gastronomia e della ristorazione (SCGR)
- Scienze e tecnologie agrarie (STAg)
- Scienze e tecnologie alimentari (STAl)
- Scienze e tecnologie animali (STAn)
- Scienze e tecnologie viticole ed enologiche (STVE)

Laurea Magistrale:

- Scienze Forestali e Ambientali (SFA)
- Forest Science (FS)
- Viticoltura, enologia e mercati vitivinicoli (VEMV)

¹ Selected candidates must hold the *status* of students during the entire mobility period; failure to comply with this requirement will result in exclusion from the selection procedure.

- Scienze e tecnologie agrarie (STAG)
- Scienze e tecnologie alimentari (STAL)
- Scienze e tecnologie animali (STAN)
- Scienze e tecnologie per l'ambiente e il territorio (STAMT)
- Italian Food and Wine (IFW)
- Sustainable Agriculture

Selected candidates will receive a contribution to travel, board and lodging expenses incurred for studying or thesis research activities carried out at the University of Sydney (Faculty of Agriculture and Environment), granted by dedicated funds of the Departments TESAF and DAFNAE.

TERMS

Laurea Triennale: application is reserved to students who have obtained at least 15 ECTS by the date of application. However, by the date of departure, students must have obtained at least 40 ECTS.

Students enrolled in *Laurea Triennale* Courses who presume to graduate before the departure date, must provide a declaration expressing the intention to enroll in a *Laurea Magistrale* Course before departure; failure to comply with this requirement will result in the exclusion from the selection procedure. The period of study abroad can only be used after formal registration for the master's degree. At the time of departure, they must therefore be enrolled in a Master's degree course on penalty of loss of funding.

Laurea Magistrale: application is open to all students, regardless the number of ECTS obtained.

In order to be admitted to the University of Sydney, candidates must hold an English proficiency certificate listed in the following link: <https://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/apply/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements.html>.

CONTRIBUTION

The contribution will be granted at the end of the mobility abroad, as a reimbursement, on presentation of original travel, board and lodging expenses documentation (receipts, flight tickets; **boarding cards must be attached**), till a maximum amount of € 2.500,00 per applicant, for a maximum of 4 students.

Students who are awarded similar fundings granted for the same purpose in the same academic year, by the Departments TESAF and DAFNAE, will be excluded.

Any procedure or expenses related to VISA are under the full responsibility of the selected students.

With regards to the health care, selected students are individually responsible for their insurance coverage.

APPLICATION AND DEADLINE

Along with the signed application form, students are required to enclose:

- a list of exams by the date of application (through self-certification in UNIWEB; students enrolled in *Laurea Magistrale* Courses need also to include a self-certification of the *Laurea Triennale* degree, final grade included);
- for students enrolled in *Laurea Triennale* Courses who presume to graduate before the departure date, a declaration expressing the intention to enroll in a *Laurea Magistrale* Course;
- a declaration of their mobility tutor (President of the Degree Course or his/her delegate) or thesis supervisor, stating the kind of activity to be carried out abroad and the mobility period;
- for **studying**, the programs of the courses to be attended at the University of Sydney (check the following link for more infos: <http://sydney.edu.au/agriculture/>);

- for **thesis research**, a declaration from a Professor of the University of Sydney confirming the supervision (for instance Acceptance Letter, e-mails, etc.);
- an English proficiency certificate to attest the fulfillment of the University of Sydney language requirements (see the link <https://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/apply/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements.html>).
- a motivation letter written in English;
- a copy of the identity document.

The signed application form and enclosures have to be delivered in person at the Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry – 3rd floor, 1st stecca (Room 90) – no later than 16 March, 1:00 p.m.

Applicants whose applications are received, for any reasons, after the above-mentioned deadline, will not be admitted to the selection procedure.

SELECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

If the number of eligible applications overtakes the number of positions available, assignment will be awarded on merit ranking criteria by a Committee appointed by the Director of Department TESAF.

Such ranking will result from the sum of the scores obtained on the basis of the following criteria:

- the **weighted average grades**; for students enrolled in *Laurea Magistrale* Courses, the *Laurea Triennale final grade* will be also taken into account;
- the **number of ECTS acquired** by the student in relation to the total of ECTS that the student could acquire by the time of the application; for students enrolled in *Laurea Magistrale* Courses, ECTS acquired during the *Laurea Triennale* Course will also be taken into account;
- **English proficiency certificates**, where applicable;
- the **motivation letter** and **other documents** submitted.

If needed, the Selection Committee reserves the right to contact the candidates for an interview, in order to verify the information provided within the application and the English proficiency declared.

The results of the selection will be published on Departments TESAF and DAFNAE websites (<http://www.tesaf.unipd.it> and <http://www.dafnae.unipd.it>). Selected students will have to communicate their formal acceptance to ileana.dainese@unipd.it, no later than 5 days from the date of publication of the ranking. If such deadline is not met, they will be excluded by the selection procedure.

In case of renouncement of one or more selected students, suitable candidates will be selected according to ranking.

The applications of the selected students will be submitted to the University of Sydney for the final evaluation.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Before departure, selected students must submit a *Learning Agreement* to the President of the Degree Course or his/her delegate for approval.

Upon arrival at the University of Sydney, students must ask to the International Office the issue of an arrival certificate. At the end of the mobility period, students must ask for a departure certificate (stating the duration of the mobility), the *Transcript of Records*, a document duly signed by the supervisor at the University of Sydney and any other relevant documentation to present once back to the University of Padova.

Once back to Padova, exchange students must submit to the Department the following documents:

- the above mentioned original certificates issued by the University of Sydney, stating the dates of beginning and end of the mobility period;
- original hard copies of flight tickets (and boarding passes), receipts of accommodation and other relevant expenses related to the mobility at the University of Sydney;

- bank account information (of which the student is holder or co-holder) for the reimbursement;
- in case of **studying**: *Transcript of Records*;
- in case of **thesis research**: a document duly signed by the supervisor at the University of Sydney, stating the abroad activity.

Any academic credit earned at the University of Sydney, where applicable, will be transferred back to the University of Padova after the completion of the mobility. Students must consult the Professors at the Degree Course Teachers' Council for the registration of exams held abroad, submitting the relevant documentation, as well as a brief report of the activities carried out.

For further information, please contact: ileana.dainese@unipd.it

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