Selection announcement for drawing up a ranking list of students with foreign Bachelor’s degree, for the enrolment in the international Master Degrees – Academic Year 2021/2022, to be used also for the assignment of possible financial help and/or grants.

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Having regard to the laws on higher education;
Having regard to the Statute of the University of L’Aquila;
Having regard to Ministerial Decree n. 270, 22 October 2004;
Having regard to the University Regulations concerning students’ international mobility issued by Rector’s Decree n. 378-2007 as amended and supplemented;
Having regard to the UE Regulation n. 679/2016 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC;
Having regard to the directive of the Italian Ministry of University and research about the “Procedures for entry, residency and enrolment of international students and the respective recognition of qualifications, for higher education courses in Italy for the academic year 2021-2022”, of 16 April 2021;

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The publication of the present selection announcement for drawing up a ranking list of students with a foreign Bachelor degree, for the enrolment in the international Master Degrees – Academic Year 2021/2022, to be used also for the assignment of possible financial help and/or grants.

Art. 1 – Objective of the selection
A public selection procedure is being held at the University of L’Aquila for the drawing up eight different ranking lists, each relating to one of the eight International Master Degrees as follows. The University of L’Aquila reserves the right to use the ranking lists also to assign possible financial help and/or grants for the Academic Year 2021/2022.

1. Applied Data Science
2. Physics
3. Computer Science
4. Civil Engineering  
5. Telecommunications Engineering  
6. Computer and Systems Engineering  
7. Mathematics  
8. Atmospheric Science and Technology

Art. 2 – Admission Requisites

The selection procedure is open to all those possessing, by the announcement deadline, the following requisites:

1. University Degree obtained in a University which is not part of the Italian school system as long as recognized suitable by the evaluation committee, of an official total duration of at least three years. The Degree must allow admission to the Master Degree the candidate is applying to.

All those who are in the process of obtaining a suitable academic degree by 15 August 2021 may also participate. (A possible derogation may be authorised by the Rector upon reasoned request approved by the Pro-Rector for international affairs). In this case, the admission to the relevant selection is conditional and the candidate, on pain of exclusion, is required to send by e-mail to the following address international.students@univaq.it, a copy of the degree certificate by 15 August 2021 (or anyhow no later than 10 days after the date of graduation).

2. Adequate knowledge of English (at least B2 level), essential to attend with profit the educational activities, entirely carried out in English.

Art. 3 – Application Procedure and Deadline

The application for the selection procedure is to be submitted exclusively via the online tool available at https://pica.cineca.it/univaq (https://pica.cineca.it/univaq/2021-graduatorie-lm-internaz)

within and no later than 11 June 2021 at h 1.00 pm (Italian time).

By means of the same application candidates may participate in one or more international Master Degree’s ranking list.

The application submission shall be perfected and concluded in the following way: candidates shall save in their own PC the .pdf file generated by the system and, without modifying it, print and sign it with full original signature in the last page of the printed document. A scanned .pdf copy of such a document shall be produced and the file thus obtained shall be uploaded.

Omission of signature shall be cause for exclusion from the selection procedure.

Candidates must attach the following documents (in English) to their applications:

- A Curriculum vitae et studiorum (CV), preferably using Europass CV format.
- A degree certificate with transcript of records of the degree the candidate intends to use for his/her admission.
- A degree certificate with transcript of records of possible other higher education degrees.
- A list of the official descriptions of the relevant courses taken by the candidate that may provide evidence of his/her adequate training in relation to the international study programme/programmes object of the present selection procedure. If not available, a self-certification to be filled in the appropriate format available [Attachment 1].
- A letter of intent (motivation letter), in which the candidate describes his/her own interest in the subjects taught in the international study programme object of the present selection procedure.
- Possible reference letters (maximum 2).
- Proof of English language proficiency (B2/C1 level). Such certification may be uploaded while submitting the application or posted via ETS (ETS code 3676, Institution name: University of L’Aquila). Certificates issued before the last four years shall not be accepted as valid. Candidates whose language of instruction during education has been English for one or more years (higher education degree or high school) and English mother tongue candidates may simply submit a self-certification [Attachment 2].
- A copy of an identity document valid in Italy.

Those candidates who, for contingent reasons, are not in possession of a valid identity document, shall attach another document valid in the country of residence in lieu thereof. In all cases in which an identity document valid in Italy is not attached, the application shall be granted conditional admission and the candidate must submit their document on pain of exclusion by 15 August 2021 via e-mail to the following address international.students@univaq.it.

The application shall be considered for all intents and purposes of law as a personal declaration of certification as pursuant to Presidential Decree n. 445/2000, Art. 46 and 47 as amended and supplemented. It is the candidate’s responsibility to verify that the application procedure has been correctly completed. Any claims regarding possible malfunctions encountered by candidates due to the online system overload close to the application deadline will not be accepted.

For any technical problems candidates may contact technical support at: univaq@cineca.it. Candidates shall not be able to modify their applications after the indicated deadline.

As pursuant to Italian Law n. 183/2011, Art. 15 and as interpreted by the Directive of the Prime Minister’s Office signed by the Minister of the Public Administration and Simplification n. 61547, 22 December 2011, certifications issued by other Public Administrations shall not be accepted by the University. Therefore, all qualifications owned by the candidates issued by Italian Public Administration Authorities must only be self-certified.

As pursuant to Presidential Decree n. 445/2000 the University reserves the right to carry out checks to verify the information and certifications presented.
Causes for immediate exclusion from the selection procedure:
- Absence of one of the admission requisites
- Application submitted with no respect to the application procedures here described
- Documentation sent after the deadline

**Art. 4 – Selection of the candidates**

After the deadline of the selection procedure, eight different evaluation Committee (one for each Master Degree) made up of at least three members will be appointed by Decree of the Rector.

All the applications closed on the online tool PICA will be admitted under condition. The Committee will evaluate the admission requisites.

Each Committee will define in a preliminary report its own evaluation criteria, including the minimum score, between 50/100 and 66/100:

a) CV, exams taken, possible other qualifications;
b) English language proficiency;
c) letter of intent;
d) recommendation letters submitted by two referees;
e) possible relevant work experiences.

The selection can be based on titles only or on titles and an interview. In case the Committee decides to take the interview, candidates will be notified at least 5 days before.

In case of equal score, priority shall be given in the first instance to the candidate of the least represented gender in the previous positions in the list and then to the candidate belonging to the least represented geographical area in the previous positions in the list. In case of further equal score, the youngest candidate precedes in the list.

A ranking list of eligible candidates will be the result of each evaluation Committee deliberation.

**Art. 5 – Pre-enrolment application on the Universitaly website and enrolment to the University of L’Aquila**

Students who results eligible in the ranking lists after the present selection, and who need a VISA for study purposes shall apply for it to the diplomatic consular Missions in charge. In order to apply for the VISA, students must register on the Universitaly website choosing the relevant Master Degree (the same of the present selection).
The pre-enrolment application on Universitaly will be approved by the University of L’Aquila’s competent office with no need of further academic evaluation.

Participation in this selection procedure does not exempt the student to follow the regular enrolment procedure 2021/2022 for the chosen international Master Degree. In particular, the candidate shall provide all the documentation when and where required by the University of L’Aquila. Information is available at the following sections of the University website:
- General enrolment information: www.univaq.it/section.php?id=34
- International students enrolment information: www.univaq.it/section.php?id=1958

In order to be enrolled, students must have a regular VISA for Study purposes, issued by the diplomatic consular Mission in charge. Enrolment applications without VISA won’t be processed.

Art. 6 – Withdrawal of applications
Candidates can withdraw their application before the deadline, clicking on the “Withdrawal” button on the online tool PICA. The candidate that decides to withdraw his/her application after the deadline, will communicate his/her decision via e-mail to international.students@univaq.it.

Art. 7 – Processing of personal data
The processing of personal data is disciplined by Leg. Decree n. 196, 30 June, 2003 and Leg. Decree n. 101, 10 August 2018 implementing UE Regulation n. 679/2016. Personal data provided by the candidates shall be collected by the offices of the University and processed for the purposes of the procedure and of the possible enrolment.
The provision of said information is compulsory, on pain of exclusion.
Candidates are entitled to exercise the rights provided in the Legislative Decree mentioned above, including the right of access to personal data concerning them, the right to amend, update, complete or delete erroneous or incomplete data or data collected in a manner that is contrary to law, and to object to processing for legitimate reasons.
Information is available at: https://www.univaq.it/include/utilities/blob.php?item=file&table=allegato&id=251

Art. 8 – Disclosure
This selection announcement is made available on the University website in the section dedicated to the international study courses (www.univaq.it/section.php?id=540) and on the News section.

Art. 9 – Head of the procedure
Pursuant to Italian Law n. 241, 7 August 1990 as amended and supplemented, and to the University Regulations concerning administrative procedures, dr. Doriana Scarsella is head of this selection procedure – International Relations Office – Piazza S Margherita, 2 – Palazzo Camponeschi – 67100 L’Aquila – e-mail: international.students@univaq.it.

L’Aquila, 11 May 2021

**Application deadline: 11 June 2021 at 1:00 pm**

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Prof. Edoardo ALESSE
Signed Edoardo Alesse

**Allegato 1:** Self-certification containing a list of the official descriptions of the relevant courses taken by the candidate (Course description).

**Allegato 2:** Self-certification for candidates whose language of instruction during education has been English for one or more years (higher education degree or high school) and English mother tongue candidates.

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