

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY COMPETITION: SMART PROGRAM RESERVED TO EU AND NON-EU INCOMING STUDENTS

### Article 1 - General regulations

In the framework of the SMART Program funded by the Foundation Cariplo, 12 grants to EU and non-EU students will be allocated for the academic year 2011/2012, **in order to carry out a research period of 10 weeks in a biomedical laboratory at the University of Milano-Bicocca.** The opportunities for research and the designated laboratories are shown in Annex No. 2 DR. No. **Laboratory attendance will take place during the period from May 7 to July 31, 2012.** **For each successful candidate a tutor will be selected from the University of Milano-Bicocca,** under whose supervision the student will develop a research project by collecting and analyzing data and finally illustrating the results in a short report.

### Article 2 - Admission criteria for students

EU and non-EU foreign students can compete for the SMART grant if they hold a bachelor's degree (undergraduate) in Biology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology and are regularly enrolled in a Master of Science (postgraduate / Master Degree). EU and non-EU foreign students enrolled in the third year of a single-cycle degree in Medicine and Surgery (Long-Cycle Degree) may also compete. The requirements must be fulfilled by the deadline for submission of the application form. Italian citizens are not eligible for selection.

### Article 3 - Presentation of candidacy for SMART grant

**By 24.00 h., 3 February 2012** students intending to participate must:

1. **download the candidacy form** from <http://www.unimib.it/go/page/English/MENU-DX/International-Programs/SmaRT-Program> and complete it fully in an electronic format only;
2. **download the presentation form** from <http://www.unimib.it/go/page/English/MENU-DX/International-Programs/SmaRT-Program> and have it completed it fully in an electronic format by two teachers from the university of origin;
3. **present their candidacy on-line** in the following University web page:  
<http://www.unimib.it/go/page/English/MENU-DX/International-Programs/SmaRT-Program>.

**On line candidacy will require from the student the uploading of:**

- A. **the candidacy,**
- B. **the two presentations,**

The files must be named as follows:

1. *candidacy of name surname* of student,
2. *first presentation of name surname* of student,
3. *second presentation of name surname* of student.

The files must be saved in a pdf format.

**Candidates may indicate up to a maximum of 3 preferences from the laboratories indicated in Annex No 2 at which the mobility will take place.**

**Incomplete or incorrectly submitted applications will not be taken into consideration.**

Once selected, candidates must submit the original application and candidacy to the International Mobility Office.

#### **Article 4 – Selection of SMART candidates**

The award of the SMART study grant will be determined by selection committee. The competition is based on qualifications. To be assessed the applications must be complete and must meet the requirements in this notice.

The Selection Committee will evaluate the documentation submitted and assign each candidate a score out of thirty according to the curriculum vitae and teachers' presentations of the candidate. The

prize will be awarded to candidates who have achieved at least 21/30.

The Selection Committee will publish the official list of the beneficiaries on the University official notice board and on the University site at the following address:

<http://www.unimib.it/go/page/English/MENU-DX/International-Programs/SmaRT-Program> .

Successful candidates will be contacted by the International Mobility Office at the e-mail address indicated by the candidate

### **Article 5 - Assignment of SMART study grant**

The 12 successful candidates will be awarded a study grant of gross € 2700.00.

Fruition of the financial contribution is linked to actual frequency of attendance at the laboratories of the University of Milano-Bicocca. In case of failure to carry out the proposed activity or negative outcome of the mobility period at the foreign institution, the selection committee may propose that the student return all or part of his/her contribution to international mobility.

Financial assistance shall not constitute employment status nor give rise to social security and welfare benefits or assessments for the sake of economic and legal careers. Financial assistance is also subject to tax as established by law. Successful candidates will be responsible for payment of insurance during their period at the University of Milano-Bicocca. Students will not be required to pay a registration fee to the University of Milano-Bicocca.

Awarding the study grant will be subject to the stipulation of an agreement for each student signed by the University of Milano-Bicocca and the University of origin, in those cases where there is not already a framework agreement between the two research institutions.

The grant is awarded only once to each recipient student and will be disbursed in accordance with the new regulations established by the Italian state.

The remaining balance of the study grant will be subject to the end of period evaluation questionnaire and discharge forms delivered to the International Mobility Office by the student and the evaluation questionnaire compiled by the teacher in charge of the laboratory.

### **Article 6 - In charge of procedure**

According to Law 7 agosto 1990, n. 241, dott.ssa Agnese Cofler, Head of the International Affairs - Research Area, University of Milano-Bicocca is in charge of the Procedure.

### **Article 7 - Final Remarks**

Applications for participation in this call will be dealt with in accordance with the formalities required by Legislative Decree No 30 June 2003 196 "Protection of personal data". Please note that under Art. 71 of DPR 445 of 28 December 2000, the Administration will carry out appropriate checks, including spot checks, and in particular in any cases where there is reason to doubt the veracity of the affidavits.