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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 4 EXCHANGE PLACES AT
LANCASTER UNIVERSITY (UK)
MASTER'S DEGREE IN HISTORICAL SCIENCES - Mobility Studies curriculum
FOR THE AWARD OF THE DOUBLE DEGREE "MOBILITY & HUMANITIES"**

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Art. 1 - Exchange Opportunity

The University of Padua, within the framework of the collaboration agreement with Lancaster University for the double degree in Mobility & Humanities, is offering 4 exchange places for a maximum duration of 12 months each, open to first-year students enrolled in the Master's Degree in Historical Sciences - Mobility Studies curriculum at the University of Padua.

The double degree program allows selected students to spend their first year of studies in Padua and their second year in Lancaster, earning degrees from both institutions upon completion. In this year call Lancaster University offers 2 places in the MSc in Social Research and 2 places in the MA in English Literature.

Art. 2 - Eligibility requirements

To be eligible to participate in the program applicants must meet the following requirements at the time of application:

- be regularly enrolled in the 1st year of the Master's Degree in Historical Sciences - Mobility Studies curriculum at the University of Padua for the 2025/2026 academic year,
- hold a Bachelor's degree in Historical and Geographical Studies or related subjects with a minimum overall grade equivalent to 95/110 in the Italian grading system,
- possess at least a B2 level of English language proficiency in the CEFR framework.

To be accepted into Lancaster successful candidates must also meet the following conditions by August 31, 2026:

- a. obtain a minimum grade point average of 27/30 in their first-year exams,
- b. meet Lancaster University's specific English language requirements for their chosen course of study. (For details, visit: Postgraduate courses - Lancaster University).

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Art.3 – Application procedure

Applications must be submitted online **by March 17, 2026, at 23:59 CET** via the Moodle Platform of the School of Human and Social Sciences and Cultural Heritage at:
<https://ssu.elearning.unipd.it/mod/page/view.php?id=488033>.

The applicant must include personal details: full name, date and place of birth, residential address and contact address, phone number and e-mail address and ranked preferences for Lancaster University course options.

The applicant must also attach all of the following:

- self-certification of their Bachelor's degree,
- self-certification of the current Master's Degree program listing exams passed and credits and grades obtained,
- motivation letter in which the candidate describes their interest in the programme,
- curriculum vitae in English (Europass format preferred, see <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>),
- copy of a valid ID document,
- self-certification or certificate of English language proficiency.

Incomplete applications will not be considered and candidates will not be admitted to the selection.

Art. 4 - Selection Criteria

A committee of three professors, appointed by the Director of the DiSSGeA Department, will evaluate eligible applications based on:

- number of credits earned in the first year of the Master's programme,
- grade point average of first-year exams
- applicant's motivation for participating in the international program
- overall quality of the curriculum vitae;
- level of English language proficiency.

Art. 5 – Rankings

The Committee will establish the scoring system for the evaluation criteria outlined in the previous article.

Upon completion of the evaluation process, the Committee will create a single merit-based ranking. Top-ranked winners will have priority in choosing their preferred Master's Programme at Lancaster, based on the preferences expressed in their application.

The rankings will be published on the University's Official Register, the Department's website, and the dedicated MOODLE page by **April 13, 2026**. Students will be notified of the selection results via e-mail. In case of withdrawal by a selected candidate, the next eligible candidate in the ranking will be offered the place.

Art. 6 - Funding

Selected students will receive funding from the University's dedicated resources for the actual number of days spent at the host university, up to a maximum of 12 months (360 days). The funding is subject to annual approval by the University.

Before departure, double degree students will be required to sign a grant agreement that states the financial details.

These mobility grants are not full scholarships but should be considered as a contribution towards

expenses. The grants will be co-financed with Erasmus Programme funds, and students may acquire Erasmus student status.

Receiving the grant is contingent upon actual participation in the project and the achievement of final degrees.

Exchange place winners will be exempt from paying tuition fees at the host institution, except for possible administrative costs, but will continue to pay regular tuition fees to University of Padua during their stay abroad.

Art. 7 - Study Plan

Double degree students must prepare a study plan (Learning Agreement) before departure, agreed upon by relevant staff at both institutions and promptly update it after arrival, where necessary. To obtain the double degree, participating students must acquire a total of 120 ECTS credits.

Art. 8 Responsabile del procedimento amministrativo

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of Legge no. 241/1990, the “responsabile del procedimento amministrativo” (RPA) of this selection is Elisabetta Maritan, Secretary of the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World, e-mail elisabetta.maritan@unipd.it, Tel. 049 827 8532.

Art. 9 Personal Data Processing

The processing of personal data collected for the purposes identified in this call complies with the provisions of the EU Regulation of April 27, 2016, n. 679 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR). The "Data Controller" is the University of Padua, with registered office at Via 8 Febbraio, 2 – 35122 Padua. The complete privacy notice is available from the Data Controller or at www.unipd.it/privacy.

Art. 10 General Information

This call for applications is available at: <https://www.unipd.it/albo-on-line> and on the website of the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World – DiSSGeA.

For further information, please contact the Settore Didattica e Post Lauream of the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World – DiSSGeA, Via del Vescovado 30, 35141 Padua (e-mail: didattica.dissgea@unipd.it).

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