Call for applications of non EU citizens residing outside Italy

The <u>University of Pisa</u>, founded in 1343, is amongst the top universities in Italy and has a notable reputation in Computer Science since Pisa hosted in 1969 the first Computer Science Department in Italy. The <u>Department of Computer Science</u> offers three different MSc Programs, held entirely in English and with <u>fellowships available</u>. Please **read carefully** the prerequisites and study plan rules of your target MSc Program before applying:

- <u>Computer Science</u>, Master Degree including dedicated tracks in Software, Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and ICT, see <u>excerpt of teaching rules</u>;
- <u>Data Science and Business Informatics</u>, Master Degree, see <u>students' guide</u>;
- <u>Computer Science and Networking</u>, Master Degree, see <u>students' guide</u>.

Applications for **non EU citizens** are open from **November 15, 2023 to February 15, 2024** (<u>AoE</u>). Candidate students should apply using the UNIPI portal:

https://applymscenglish.unipi.it/

Important dates (for

non EU citizens):

- <u>Application deadline</u>: February 15th, 2024
- Acceptance/rejection notification: March 15th, 2024
- Classes start: mid September 2024

Financial support: The <u>annual fee for international students</u> depends on their nationality, and several forms of financial support are available. In particular, three 10.000€ fellowships—one per Master degree—will be granted by the University of Pisa to non EU students. For each Master degree, top candidates will be selected for an online interview, to be conducted in the period **February 26-28**, **2024**. No-show at the interview will result in rejection of the application. The interviews will serve to determine the final ranking for the assignment of the fellowship in each Master degree. The ranking will scroll in case of best candidate abandon/refusal. Further fellowships can be granted to enrolled students by other organizations than the University of Pisa, e.g., through the <u>DSU (Diritto Studio Universitario)</u> organization of the Toscana Region.

Selection process: In addition to a first-level Bachelor's degree, applicants must have a good knowledge of English, a solid background, high motivation, and hard working attitude. Applicants will be selected according to their graduation study performance, to the affinity of their graduation transcript exams with the target Master degree, and to any additional education or working experiences in their CV.

Notification and admission: All applicants will receive either an admission letter or a rejection notification by March 15, 2024. It is of utmost importance that **admitted students immediately start the VISA process at their local Italian Embassies or Consulates**, since in previous years many admitted students have not been able to enroll due to difficulties in getting the VISA in due time (or at all). Admitted students will have time to finalize their registration at University of Pisa until December 31, 2024, but please note that classes will start around mid September 2024, in presence in Pisa.

Useful links:

- How to apply for Master's Degree Programmes in English;
- Enrolment (see instructions for non EU citizens);
- Tuition fees and grants;
- International student guide;
- <u>Students services;</u>
- Invest Your Talent in Italy;
- UniBuddy platform: chat with our ambassador students and staff;
- International office University of Pisa (contacts: international@unipi.it);
- Internationalization office CS Department (contacts: international@di.unipi.it);
- Computer Science (contacts: <u>mcs_info@di.unipi.it</u>);
- Data Science and Business Informatics (contacts: <u>datascience@di.unipi.it</u>);
- Computer Science and Networking (contacts: <u>mcsn@di.unipi.it</u>).