



**COLLEGIO UNIVERSITARIO DON NICOLA MAZZA**  
**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN**  
**POSTGRADUATE SPECIALISATION SCHOOLS, PHDs, AND MASTER'S PROGRAMMES**  
**ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27**

The Collegio Universitario Don Nicola Mazza is a College of Merit accredited by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR). Admission of new students is granted through a selection process (concorso). Through its activities, the Collegio Don Mazza upholds a fundamental constitutional right (Art. 34) by enabling capable and deserving students, even those with limited financial means, to reach the highest levels of education. For this reason, during the evaluation stage, the economic and sociocultural conditions of deserving candidate are taken into account and, admission includes favourable conditions of hospitality for situations of significant and verified need which may otherwise prevent access to a valuable university experience.

**THE MERIT WE LOOK FOR, EVALUATE AND PROMOTE**

**Aptitude for personal growth**

The evaluation during the admission phase, while taking school or academic results into account, explores the candidate's aptitude for fully expressing their potential through a journey of growth involving all dimensions of the individual.

**Openness to relationships and sharing**

The call for applications aims to identify the candidate's willingness to move beyond an individualistic approach to university education, choosing instead to experience the richness of encounters, sharing of experiences and projects within an international dimension.

**Commitment to responsibility and service**

Selection takes into account the candidate's willingness to grow personally as a promoter of social, entrepreneurial, technological, or cultural innovation, making space for the dimension of service.



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## 1. ELIGIBILITY

The call is open to graduates enrolled (or in the process of enrolling) in Postgraduate Specialisation, PhD, or Level I and II Master's programmes, who demonstrate a willingness to complement their postgraduate studies with a commitment to 25 hours per year (2.5 hours per month) of internal training, to be agreed upon with the Collegio's Directorate.

To participate in the selection process, a minimum stay of one academic year is required, which may include short periods abroad for study purposes.

## 2. AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATION

The Collegio Don Mazza in Padua comprises three residences, all offering the same residential, educational, and training/cultural services:

### Residenza "G. Tosi"



Via dei Savonarola 176  
35137 Padova PD

### Residenza "I. Scopoli"



Via P. Canal 14  
35137 Padova PD

### Residenza "Job Campus"



Via Giambattista Belzoni 146  
35121 Padova PD

The Collegio Don Mazza in Verona comprises one residence

### Residenza "Ferrari Dalle Spade"



Via San Carlo 5  
37129 Verona VR

For the 2026/2027 Academic Year, the total number of places will be determined based on the actual vacancies available in each individual Collegio Residence at the time of the candidate's application.

## 3. SERVICES OFFERED

Upon admission to the Collegio, candidates will benefit from all-inclusive residential hospitality services.



For a detailed presentation of the services offered please visit the website [www.collegiomazza.it](http://www.collegiomazza.it)

The recognition as a College of Merit (Collegio di Merito) also enhances the residential experience through a training offer aimed at supplementing and perfecting the academic experience, building transferable soft skills, and preparing for the job market.

Admitted candidates will have access to all training, cultural and Career Service initiatives promoted by the Collegio.



This offer is to be modelled following the values that have characterised the Vision and Mission of the Collegio Mazza since its inception: community life, care of the individual and social impact.

#### TRAINING



Tutorship



Coaching



Community



Career service



Foreign languages



Soft Skills



Art & culture



Psychology & spirituality



Corsi e conferenze

Throughout their time here, all students are encouraged to participate actively in Collegio's life, each contributing according to their personal interests and talents. The co-design of the Collegio's educational programming aims to promote accountability and a learning-by-doing approach within an interdisciplinary context, where students become active protagonists and develop their full potential

The student community, divided into thematic groups or committees and supported by the Collegio, participates in the planning and delivery of:

- Cultural events: organising conferences and/or field trips, film clubs, editing the Collegio's blog, etc.;
- Artistic, musical, or sporting events: concerts, performances, participating in the Collegio's choir, partnerships with swimming pools and gyms, organising tournaments, excursions, etc.;
- Supplementary training courses and workshops: aimed at enhancing soft skills (e.g. time management, conflict resolution, emotional management, leadership, social media strategy) and/or cultural enrichment (e.g. language courses, ancient Greek, podcasting courses, debating societies).

The following specialist services are available at the Collegio's residences:

- Personal coaching;
- Psychological support;
- Career guidance;
- Incentives for international mobility personal coaching;

Admission to the Collegio requires the candidate to sign a Learning Agreement ("*Patto Formativo*"), which outlines the obligation to complete at least 25 hours of annual extracurricular training (2.5 hours per month) to comply with the requirements set out for Colleges of Merit by the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) and by Collegio Mazza.

Extracurricular training hours are credited upon:

- Completing individual coaching programmes;
- Participating in events, conferences, courses, workshops, and cultural excursions organised throughout the year by Collegio Mazza and other Colleges of Merit;
- Willingness to provide academic tutoring to undergraduate and postgraduate students (Cycles I and II);
- Co-designing educational activities and collaboration with the Collegio.

During the interview with the Directorate, candidates interested in admission must declare how they intend to fulfil these training obligations.

At the end of the College experience – subject to a minimum stay of two academic years – students may request the issuance of the College of Merit Diploma.

## 4. ADMISSION PROCESS

Accommodation will be available for stays of at least 11 months, which may include short periods abroad (30 days or more) for study purposes.

From 15 September 2026, subject to remaining vacancies, the procedures for submitting admission applications for periods shorter than a full year will be published on the Collegio's website.

To apply for admission, candidates must submit their application and participate in two selection interviews.



#### 4.1 APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted by registering on the platform and correctly uploading the required information and documentation. To participate in the admission process, candidates are required to:

**Submit a completed application** for the selection process via the webpage:  
<https://www.candidature.collegiomazza.it>

Applications may be submitted from 15 May 2026 **until all available places are filled**.



Online application

**The following personal details are required:**

- Personal and family information
- Academic background details
- Self-introduction

**The following documents must be attached:**

- Copy of an identity document (ID card or passport)
- Digital photo (passport-style headshot, in image format)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Degree certificate (Official documentation issued by the university or an online certificate downloaded from the university portal);
- Proof/letter of admission to the PhD, Master's, or specialisation programme

Incomplete or unsubmitted applications, as well as those lacking any of the required documentation, will not be considered.

#### 4.2 SELECTION INTERVIEWS



**ONLINE INTERVIEW WITH THE DIRECTORATE**

Once the application is completed and all documents are uploaded, the candidate will be contacted by the Collegio via their personal email address and invited to schedule the online selection interview with the Directorate. At the candidate's request, the interview may be conducted in person..

This phase will assess the following aspects: an overall evaluation of the candidate, with a particular focus on their willingness and aptitude for the experience offered by the Collegio, or the presence of socio-economic or family hardships. The candidate's academic background and qualifications, curricular and extracurricular experiences, communication skills, experience abroad, proactivity and initiative, and the alignment of the candidate's profile with the collegiate environment will also be evaluated. In particular, the candidate's motivations and interest in contributing to the Collegio's educational provision, in line with their professional background, interests, and aptitudes, will be explored.

Following this interview, the candidate must send an email to the Directorate **confirming their intention to proceed with the selection process**, attaching a project proposal letter detailing potential activities they could champion within the college community.



### **ONLINE INTERVIEW WITH AN EXTERNAL ASSESSOR**

This phase aims to specifically evaluate the project proposal letter, which determines suitability for the context and the community dynamics that characterise life within the Residences.

In the event of a high volume of applications, access to the interview with the Directorate will be subject to a shortlisting process based on the documentation submitted online (personal statement and academic/professional profile).

## 5. OUTCOME OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

The number of candidates admitted at the end of each session is determined at the absolute discretion of the Collegio's Directorate, based on available places and the results of the selection process.

As stated at the beginning of this call for applications, and in line with the nature of our institution, the evaluation phase takes into account the economic and cultural circumstances of the candidates, with particular attention given to documented situations of greater need.

The Directorate will communicate the admission outcome via email within seven days of the conclusion of the admission process.

## 6. ACCEPTANCE OF PLACEMENT

Following the notification of admission, the successful candidate will receive the contractual documentation at their email address. For successful candidates assigned to a residential place, the allocated residence is determined at the absolute discretion of the Directorate.

Admission and the allocation of accommodation are considered confirmed only upon receipt by the Collegio of the contractual documentation signed by the candidate within five working days, together with the payment of the required security deposit.

## 7. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Upon admission, candidates gain access to the hospitality and training services of the Collegio di Merito at subsidised rates, thanks to funding from the Ministry of University and Research. The fees vary depending on the services requested:

ACCOMMODATION AT THE **PADUA** RESIDENCES:

€650.00 per month (single or twin room with private or shared bathroom, and one meal per day)

ADDITIONAL CATERING SERVICES (two meals per day, Monday to Friday): + €50.00 per month

ACCOMMODATION AT THE **VERONA** RESIDENCE:

€500.00 per month (single or twin room with private or shared bathroom):

ADDITIONAL CATERING SERVICES (breakfast and dinner from Monday to Friday): + €180.00 per month

At its discretion, the College Administration may offer financial assistance to students in exceptional circumstances and/or with specific needs. To apply for these concessions, the student must submit their ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) and DSU (Single Substitute Declaration), along with a cover letter outlining the financial situation of the student and their family.

The financial contribution owed by the student will be increased by €150.00 per month at the final balancing stage if the commitment to participate in the internal training programme is not fulfilled (see point 1).

## 8. VERIFICATION OF ACCURACY OF STATEMENTS

The Collegio exercises thorough oversight regarding the statements provided and the candidate's academic progress. All benefits obtained shall be forfeited should any statements prove to be untruthful. Untrue statements are punishable under the Penal Code and specific relevant laws (Articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of December 28, 2000).



## 9. ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY CALLS

The Directorate may schedule additional extraordinary calls based on the availability of places in the residence or cancel scheduled calls if all available places have been filled

## 10. ANNUAL CONFIRMATION OF STAY

Admission to the Collegio is for the 2026-27 academic year (from September 1, 2026, to June 26, 2027). Confirmation as a student for subsequent academic years will be subject to an annual evaluation based on the quality of participation in community life, academic standing, and the quality of the personal training path, in compliance with the requirements set by the Ministry of University and Research for Colleges of Merit.

## 11. INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

The Collegio aims to be an inclusive environment and is committed to breaking down cultural, relational, bureaucratic-administrative, physical, and architectural barriers. The goal is to foster a sense of belonging, active participation, and responsible leadership for those living the residential and educational experience. Inclusivity is based on personalized relationships during the reception, integration, and residency phases, as well as ongoing dialogue facilitated by frequent opportunities for the Directorate and students to meet and connect. In this light, candidates are invited to report any specific needs or situations of hardship during the selection process.

## 12. INFORMATION

For further information, please visit [www.collegiomazza.it](http://www.collegiomazza.it) or refer to the following contact details:

[www.collegiomazza.it](http://www.collegiomazza.it)

### **PADUA residences**

[ammissioni.padova@collegiomazza.it](mailto:ammissioni.padova@collegiomazza.it)

049 8734456

Monday - Thursday 16.00-20.00

Friday 16.00-18.30

### **VERONA - Residenza 'Ferrari Dalle Spade'**

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Padua, 30/03/2026  
The Chairman of the Board of Director  
Dott. Lucio Gomiero