

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE SECOND LEVEL UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE
IN DOCTORATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: QUANTUM LEADERSHIP – DBA
Academic Year 2026-2027**

Article 1 – The Master's Program

Università Carlo Cattaneo – LIUC announces a competitive selection process for admission to the second level University Master's Degree in Doctorate in Business Administration: Quantum Leadership – DBA, hereinafter referred to simply as the "Master's Program". The management of and attendance to the Master's Program are organized in accordance with the University Statute and Regulations as well as the Regulations of University Master's Degrees approved by the academic bodies.

Upon completion of the program, candidates will be eligible for structured academic positions and high-level professional, managerial, and entrepreneurial roles.

Article 2 – Admission Requirements

2.1 – Target Audience

The Master's Program is intended for senior professionals at the peak of their professional careers, regardless of any specific economic or industrial sectors or company sizes. It is also open to professionals from consultancy, academia, the public sector, and non-governmental organizations. Ideal candidates should demonstrate a strong interest in the practical application of knowledge, with a focus on strategic leadership, innovation, and organizational development.

2.2 – Required Educational Qualifications

Admission to the Master's Program requires possession of a Master's Degree or equivalent qualification in any discipline.

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2.3 – Educational Qualifications Obtained from Non-Italian Universities

For degrees obtained from non-Italian universities, a declaration of value issued by the competent diplomatic authority of the Italian representation abroad (Italian Embassy or Italian Consulate) is required. This must be on official letterhead with the original stamp, attesting to the number of years of prior schooling (minimum 12) and confirming the equivalence of the qualification with the corresponding Italian degree. Qualifications will be evaluated by a designated Commission.

2.4 – Additional Requirements

A minimum of 10 years of work experience, preferably obtained in entrepreneurship, management of organizations, consultancy, services or academic roles. English language required.

Article 3 – Available Places

3.1 – Full Participants

The number of full participants is set at a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 25.

Article 4 – Scientific Direction and Committee

The Scientific Director of the Master's Program is Alessandro Creazza.

The Scientific Committee comprises: Andrea Puricelli (Course Coordinator), Luciano Traquandi (Course Lecturer), Salvatore Sciascia (academic expert), Marinus Stroosnijder (research and industrial expert) and Alessandro Creazza (Course Director).

Article 5 – Academic Organization of the Master's Program

5.1 – Duration and Credits

The Master's Program lasts 24 months and awards 60 ECTS credits. It is offered in part-time mode. The program includes 252 hours of face-to-face lectures, supplemented by a project work component. The Study Plan is annexed to this Call and forms an integral part of it.

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5.2 – Location

Classes will be held at LIUC – Università Cattaneo in Castellanza and in Milan. Depending on circumstances and availability, sessions could be also taken at other national and foreign academic and research institutions and at the national or overseas premises of industrial partners (granting online connection for those unable to travel).

5.3 – Language of Instruction

Classes and examinations will be conducted primarily in English.

5.4 – Schedule

The detailed schedule of classes and examinations will be published on the Master's Program website (restricted area).

The opening day of the Master's Program is scheduled for April 13, 2026.

Final project discussions will take place on June 1, 2028.

5.5 – Attendance Requirements

Participants are required to attend classes and participate in practical activities.

To obtain the Master's Diploma, students must pass the examinations of each course and meet the attendance requirements of at least 70% of classroom hours, as well as complete additional activities outlined in the Study Plan.

Furthermore, students must pass a final examination consisting of the discussion of a written dissertation on one or more topics developed during the Master's Program and/or explored during the internship.

Article 6 – Application for Selection and Selection Procedures

6.1 – Application for Admission

The admission fee for the selection process is €50. Candidates must submit their application by 20 March 2026, completing the online application form available on the Master's Program webpage and attaching the following documents:

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- *For holders of degrees obtained in Italy:*

- Copy of the €50 payment receipt;
- Self-certification (duly signed) attesting to the award of the academic qualification;
- Curriculum vitae with photograph, indicating the current job position and the number of years of work experience;
- Photocopy (front and back) of the identity card and tax code, signed;
- For non-EU students: entry visa for participation in the selection process or receipt of the visa application;
- Any certificates of proficiency in the Italian language, if available (language skills will in any case be assessed by the selection committee);
- Any letters of reference.

- *For holders of degrees obtained abroad:*

- Copy of the €50 payment receipt;
- Original degree certificate and diploma issued by the competent academic authority, along with an official translation into Italian;
- Certificate listing the exams passed and the corresponding grades, issued by the competent academic authority;
- Statement of comparability (“Dichiarazione di Valore in loco”) issued by the competent Italian Diplomatic Representation abroad (Italian Embassy or Consulate), on official letterhead with original stamp, certifying prior school education (minimum 12 years);
- Consular legalization of all documents written in a foreign language for the purpose of the selection process;
- Curriculum vitae with photo indicating current job position and number of years of work experience;

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- Signed front and back photocopy of passport or identity card and, if available, Italian tax code;
- For non-EU students: entry visa to participate in the selection or proof of visa application;
- For non-Italian students: any certification of language proficiency (language skills will in any case be assessed by the selection committee);
- Any letters of reference.

Foreign applicants must submit their application in time to allow for visa processing.

In consideration of the agreement between LIUC and the Centro Enic-naric CIMEA, candidates are advised to consult the information provided at the following link: <https://www.cimea.it/pagina-attestat-di-comparabilita-e-verifica-dei-titoli>.

In the event that a student needs to apply for a visa, reference should be made to the circular "Procedures for entry, stay, enrollment of international students, and the related recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy," available here: [Studenti Stranieri Miur \(studiare-in-italia.it\)](http://www.miur.it/Studenti-Stranieri-Miur).

Specifically, it should be noted that:

- the prior acceptance of a candidate by the University does not confer any right to obtain a visa, as this is solely within the competence of the individual diplomatic-consular representations;
- obtaining a visa for study purposes issued by the competent diplomatic-consular representation does not confer any right to final enrollment in a course of study, as this is solely within the competence of the individual higher education institutions;

The prior acceptance of a candidate by the University does not confer any right to final enrollment, even in cases of:

- a. obtaining the relevant visa;
- b. physical presence on national territory;
- c. eligibility for and/or actual receipt of scholarships/grants of any kind;

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d. conditional acceptance of the candidate for the purpose of beginning the educational activities.

For the academic year 2026/2027, 25 places are available.

6.2 – Selection Procedure

Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis by a dedicated Commission until all available places are filled. The Commission comprises the Master’s Program Director, the Course Coordinator, and a Course Lecturer.

Selection will be based on evaluation of qualifications, requirements, and a motivational interview. Candidates deemed eligible will be notified and may proceed with enrollment.

6.3 – Enrollment

Enrollment in the Master’s Program will be formalized by completing the enrollment application form available online at <https://sol.liuc.it> and by paying the first installment of the tuition fees, following the notification of eligibility.

The availability of a place will be guaranteed for fifteen days from the date of notification of eligibility. After this period, if enrollment is not completed by paying the first installment, it will still be possible to enroll until **27 March 2026**, the final deadline for enrollment, subject to the maximum number of participants stipulated in the Call for Applications not being reached.

The application must be submitted to the Master’s Office using one of the following methods:

Online upload: print the application form, sign it, scan it, and upload it to the portal (<https://sol.liuc.it>) in the “Career Attachments” section, together with the receipt of payment of the first installment;

By certified email (PEC): send an email attaching the scanned application form and the payment receipt of the first installment to the PEC address liucbs@pec.liuc.it;

By registered mail with return receipt (type 1): send the signed application form and a copy of the payment receipt by registered mail with return receipt addressed to Elisabetta Mentasti – Master’s Office, Corso Matteotti, 22 – 21053 Castellanza (Va), by the final enrollment deadline (the postmark will serve as proof).

For payment of tuition fee installments, pagoPA payments are available at <https://sol.liuc.it> using the credentials already in your possession.

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Detailed instructions are available at: https://my.liuc.it/doc/LIUC_PagoPA.pdf.

Upon enrollment, students will be issued an identification card, the LIUC CARD, valid for the entire duration of the program. The LIUC CARD is strictly personal and must be presented during examinations or other activities within the study program as the sole identification document of the student. At the end of the program or in case of transfer, withdrawal, or resignation from studies, the card must be returned to the Master's Office.

Non-EU students must also present a valid entry visa for study purposes covering the entire duration of the Master's Program or the receipt of the visa application.

6.4 – LIUC CARD Loss or Replacement

In the event of theft, loss, or destruction of the LIUC CARD, the student must provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances under which the incident occurred and request the issuance of a duplicate (the cost of a duplicate LIUC CARD is €50) by submitting the following to the Master's Office:

A formal request drafted on legal paper containing the personal details of the applicant and their student identification number;

A self-declaration of theft or loss.

The student is personally responsible for any alterations to their LIUC CARD.

Article 7 – Tuition Fees and Contributions

7.1 – Full Participants

The total participation fee for the Master's Program is €30,000 plus stamp duty.

The first installment of €3,000 plus the stamp duty amount of €16 must be paid at the time of enrollment.

The second installment of €9,000 must be paid by 30 November 2026, the third installment of €9,000 by 30 April 2027, and the fourth installment of €9,000 by 30 November 2027.

A 10% discount is available for all candidates who submit their application by 18 December 2025.

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Additional specific discounts are available for LIUC University's core faculty (composed of tenured researchers and professors, lecturers, and adjunct professors with the authorization of the Scientific Committee under the Rector's prior consent) and for LIUC Administrators.

The Master's Program Management may grant an additional discount of up to 10% of the basic fee in specific cases, subject to evaluation by a special Commission appointed by the Dean of LIUC Business School.

7.2 – Refund Policy

No refunds of fees, surcharges, installments, or contributions are allowed once the Master's Program has been activated, as per Article 4 of the Master's Program Regulations.

Article 8 – Rectoral Decree for the Issuance of the Call

The Call for Applications is issued by Rectoral Decree and published on www.liucbs.it.

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