



## **Call for applications to the 2<sup>nd</sup> level vocational master programme in Skin Neglected Tropical Diseases- Academic Year 2025/2026**

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- Having regard to art. 6 of Law no. 341 dated 19 November 1990;
- Having regard to art. 1, paragraph 15 of Law no. 4 dated 14 January 1999;
- Having regard to Ministerial Decree no. 270 dated 22 October 2004, containing new rules governing the educational autonomy of Universities and replacing Ministerial Decree no. 509 dated 3 November 1999;
- Having regard to the Academic Regulations of the University of Milan, issued by Rector's Decree no. 1208 dated 4 March 2020;
- Having regard to the Regulations for Master Programmes, Advanced Courses and Lifelong Learning, issued by Rector's Decree no. 1737 dated 23 April 2020 and replaced by the *Regolamento per l'Alta Formazione* (Regulations for continuous professional development), issued by Rector's Decree no. 4443 of 14 October 2025;
- Having regard to the resolution of the Board of Directors dated 30 September 2025, authorising the institution of the vocational master indicated hereunder, after a



favourable opinion had been issued by the Academic Senate on 16 September 2025;

- Having regard to the Regulations on Tuition and Fees, Waivers and Scholarships issued by Rector's Decree of 8 May 2025

## HEREBY ESTABLISHES AS FOLLOWS:

The procedure for admission to the 2<sup>nd</sup> level vocational master programme in Skin Neglected Tropical Diseases for the academic year 2025/2026 is now open.

For information on learning objectives, employment opportunities, programme organisation, contact details and any other specifics of the programme, please refer to the attached programme specification, which is an integral part of this document.

### Art. 1 Summary of procedures and deadlines

Steps	Deadlines
Application for admission on the UniMi portal	By 23:59 on 24 february 2026
Admission assessment (interview)	The date will be agreed upon with the programme coordinator
Enrolment and payment of the first fee instalment	Within 3 days of admission to secure your spot
Payment of the second fee instalment	By 15 September 2026
Programme start date	9 march 2026

### Art. 2 Admission requirements

To be eligible for the programme, applicants must hold a Master's or single-cycle degree under Ministerial Decree no. 270/2004 or an equivalent qualification, including a qualification obtained from a foreign university. Knowledge of English and an interest in neglected tropical skin diseases and the healthcare context in low-income countries are required.

#### Art. 2.1 Simultaneous enrolment in two study programmes

Simultaneous enrolment in a vocational master and another study programme offered by this or another University is allowed within the limitations set forth in Ministerial Decree no. 930 of 29 July 2022.

For more information on the possible combinations of study programmes, and **how to apply** for simultaneous enrolment, see [Simultaneous enrolment in two higher education programmes | University of Milan \(unimi.it\)](#).



For some combinations, simultaneous enrolment needs to be authorised by the managing bodies of the two study programmes in question. Off-track students cannot enrol in a second study programme.

## Art. 2.2 Upcoming graduates

Upcoming graduates may also apply for admission, as long as they obtain their degree within 30 days from the start date of the programme. In this case, applicants will be admitted "conditionally" and will be required to submit a self-certification stating that they have earned the degree, via the [InformaStudenti platform](#) (category Postgraduate > Vocational masters). Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the programme.

## Art. 3 Application for admission

Applications for admission must be submitted by **23:59 on 24 february 2026**, as follows:

- 1) Register on the University portal at <https://registrazione.unimi.it>. This step is not required for those already registered on the portal or in possession of university login credentials (upcoming graduates of the University of Milan or those who graduated from this University less than a year ago), or a SPID identity;
- 2) Log in with your credentials and submit an application for admission to the programme using the online procedure available at <http://studente.unimi.it/ammissioni/a/master/checkLogin.asp>;
- 3) Pay the non-refundable €50.00 application fee (Regulations on Tuition and Fees, Waivers and Scholarships);
- 4) Upload the following documents in .pdf, .jpg or .rtf format:
  - CV (specifying the degree held).
  - cover letter written in English

Applicants with a foreign qualification should refer to art. 6 of this call for applications.

Applicants who provide false data or fail to meet the requirements will be excluded from the programme.

Applications of those who do not pay the application fee indicated in point 3 will be disregarded.



## Art. 4 Applicants with SLD

In order to ensure equal treatment of applicants, those holding a Specific Learning Disorders (SLD) certificate issued by the National Health Service, a private affiliated centre, or a private specialist (with a compliance certificate from the competent health authority) pursuant to Law 170/2010, are required to **email their certificate to COSP SLD Services** ([ausili.ammissioni@unimi.it](mailto:ausili.ammissioni@unimi.it)) at least 15 days before the admission assessment.

If the SLD was diagnosed in childhood, and the certificate is over three years old, students should apply for an updated certificate, to be submitted after enrolment for the purposes of using SLD accommodations as offered by the University.

## Art. 5 Applicants with disabilities

In order to ensure equal treatment of applicants, those holding a certificate of disability (*invalidità civile*) and/or handicap pursuant to Law 104/1992 may apply for accommodations by writing to COSP Disability Services ([ausili.ammissioni@unimi.it](mailto:ausili.ammissioni@unimi.it)) at least 15 days before the admission assessment, attaching the certificate issued by the competent public health office.

Applicants holding outdated certificates are required to apply for an updated certificate, to be submitted after enrolment for the purposes of using disability accommodations as offered by the University.

## Art. 6 Applicants with foreign entry qualifications and student visa

<b>Applicants who have obtained their degree from a foreign university</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete the steps indicated in art. 3 (valid for all applicants);</li><li>2. Upload the following documents:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) university degree;</li><li>b) Italian translation of the degree, carried out by an official translator and legalised in accordance with existing regulations (<b>not required</b> if the degree is in English, French, German or Spanish);</li><li>c) Declaration of Value (<i>Dichiarazione di valore in loco</i>), to be requested to the Italian diplomatic authority in the country where the degree was obtained;</li><li>d) Transcript of Records in Italian or English;</li><li>e) passport (only the page with personal data).</li></ol></li></ol>
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The documents listed in points b), c) and d) above may be replaced by a Diploma Supplement issued by the university in accordance with the standards established by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES, or another statement of validity issued by the relevant diplomatic missions in Italy or by ENIC-NARIC centres (for example the [Statement of Comparability](#) issued by CIMEA, i.e. the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre. For qualifications from the [55 signatory countries of the Lisbon Convention](#), instead of the CIMEA Statement of Comparability applicants may provide a Statement of Correspondence downloaded from [ARDI](#) along with a CIMEA Statement of Verification).

The suitability of a foreign academic qualification in terms of content is evaluated by the Admission Board, in compliance with the regulations in force in Italy and in the country in which the academic qualification was issued, and with the international treaties or agreements pertaining to the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies.

The validity of foreign qualifications is verified upon submission of the official documents. Until then, applicants are admitted to the programme conditionally, and may be excluded from the programme at any time if they are found not to meet the requirements.

## Art. 7 Selection procedure

The Admission Board will review all applications and CVs to verify that applicants are adequately prepared and motivated to attend the programme.

The Board may ask individual applicants to provide further documents, by sending an email to the email address that they have indicated in the application form.

Applicants must upload their CV and the cover letter written in English when applying, as specified in art. 3 of this call for applications.

The selection will take place through an oral test, the date and time of which will be agreed directly with the Coordinator

They will be notified of the outcome of their application via email, at the email address that



they specified in the application form. There is no ranking: applicants are either admitted or rejected.

## Art. 8 Enrolment and payment

### 8.1 Enrolment

Admitted applicants must enrol online and pay the first fee instalment within 3 days of being notified of their admission via email. Please note that paying within this time frame is essential to secure your spot on the programme.

Should you fail to meet the payment deadline, your spot may go to the next eligible applicant.

Admitted applicants must enrol online at

<http://studente.unimi.it/immatricolazioni/master/checkLogin.asp>.

After enrolling, you will automatically receive your credentials to access your university mailbox and online services. Further information is available at: [University credentials | University of Milan \(unimi.it\)](#).

Qualifications declared in the application form may also be verified after enrolment. Applicants are admitted conditionally and may be excluded from the programme if they are found not to meet the requirements.

Those who do not wish to enrol are required to promptly notify the Student Office for PhD, Vocational Masters and Advanced Courses via the [InformaStudenti online platform](#), selecting the category Postgraduate > Vocational masters.

### 8.2 Payment

Payment of the first fee instalment is necessary to finalise enrolment. Applicants must pay the first fee instalment, which amounts to **€1,516.00**, at the end of the enrolment procedure, by the deadline specified in art. 1.

The enrolment service automatically redirects to the PagoPA platform, where applicants can choose their preferred payment method (e.g. credit card, bank transfer or cash payment at a licensed establishment).

For vocational masters, the enrolment fee is divided into two instalments, which fall under a **single payment obligation**. Therefore, the payment of the first instalment gives rise to the





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obligation to pay the second instalment as well. The second instalment is also due by students who drop out or formally withdraw from the programme.

As the vocational master is part of the University's institutional activities, no VAT is applied to the enrolment fee, and no invoice will be issued.

## 8.3 Enrolment fee waiver for applicants with disabilities

Students with a disability at or above 66% and/or a recognised handicap (art. 3, paragraphs 1 and 3 of Law no. 104 of 5 February 1992) are only required to pay the stamp duty in the amount of € 16.00. Payment is to be made **online** after completing the enrolment procedure.

## Art. 9 University credentials

Your enrolment receipt contains your student credentials to access your university mailbox and online services. Further information is available at: [University credentials | University of Milan \(unimi.it\)](https://www.unimi.it/en/education/postgraduate-and-continuing-education-programmes/vocational-masters-programmes-and-advanced-courses/vocational-masters-programmes-list).

## Art. 10 Scholarships

Should this call for applications provide for the allocation of full or partial scholarships, these will be indicated in the attached programme specification, or on the vocational master's webpage on the university website (<https://www.unimi.it/en/education/postgraduate-and-continuing-education-programmes/vocational-masters-programmes-and-advanced-courses/vocational-masters-programmes-list>). Students in receipt of a scholarship are still required by law to pay the €16.00 stamp duty.

## Art. 11 Payment of the second instalment

The second instalment must be paid by the deadline set forth in art. 1, via the [online payment service](#); students can access this service from [UNIMIA](#), i.e. the student personal portal, using their own university credentials.

The service redirects automatically to the PagoPA platform, where students can choose their preferred payment method (e.g. credit card, bank transfer or cash payment at a licensed establishment).

Late payment of the second instalment will be subject to a penalty fee amounting to €30.00, if





payment is made within the first 15 days after the deadline, or to €60.00, for payments made thereafter.

## **Art. 12 Places for technical, administrative and library staff of the University**

Members of the technical, administrative and library staff of the University can apply for admission to the vocational master as a way to pursue further professional training. To this end, they may benefit from special terms and conditions, to be agreed upon with the Continuing Education and Professional Development Office.

If you are a member of staff and are interested in applying for this vocational master, please visit this [link](#) to learn what you need to do before submitting your application for admission.

## **Art. 13 Attendance**

Course attendance is mandatory and verified according to course-specific procedures.

Only those who have attended at least two thirds of the planned training activities and completed the satisfaction survey may take the final exam.

Studies cannot be interrupted for any reason whatsoever. Students are subject to the applicable provisions of the Regulations on Tuition and Fees of the current academic year regarding payment settlement, withdrawal, refunds and tuition waivers for students with a disability over 66%.

## **Art. 14 Withdrawal**

Enrolled students who intend to withdraw from the programme must fill the [form available on the website](#) and send it to the Student Office for PhD, Vocational Masters and Advanced Courses via the [InformaStudenti online platform](#) > Postgraduate > Vocational masters.

If withdrawal occurs prior to the actual start of the programme, any fees paid will be reimbursed, minus 10% of the enrolment fee, which will be withheld by the University to cover general and administrative costs. For vocational masters, the enrolment fee is divided into two instalments, which fall under a **single payment obligation**. Therefore, the payment of the first instalment gives rise to the obligation to pay the second instalment as well. The second instalment is also due by students who drop out or formally withdraw from the programme.



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## Art. 15 Processing of personal data

For further information on the organisation of this vocational master, please refer to the programme specification attached to this call, and the vocational master's webpage on the University website: <https://www.unimi.it/en/education/postgraduate-and-continuing-education-programmes/vocational-masters-programmes-and-advanced-courses/vocational-masters-programmes-list>.

Pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 196 of 2003 (Italian Personal Data Protection Act), as subsequently amended and supplemented, and to Regulation (EU) 679/2016 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR), the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by applicants. All data will be processed solely for purposes related and instrumental to the programme, and to manage the applicants' relationship with the University, in compliance with current laws and regulations. The privacy policy is available at <https://www.unimi.it/en/university/legislation/privacy>.

## Art. 16 Contacts

For further information on the organisation of this vocational master, please refer to the programme specification attached to this call, and the vocational master's webpage on the University website: <https://www.unimi.it/en/education/postgraduate-and-continuing-education-programmes/vocational-masters-programmes-and-advanced-courses/vocational-masters-programmes-list>. For information on enrolment, payments, certificates and other documents, please visit <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/postgraduate-study/vocational-masters>, or contact the Student Office for PhD, Vocational Masters and Advanced Courses via the [InformaStudenti online platform](#), selecting the category Postgraduate > Vocational masters.

Milan, 23/12/25

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OF THE ACADEMICS AND  
TRAINING DIVISION  
(Enrico Tapella)  
Signed Enrico Tapella

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> level vocational master programme in Skin Neglected Tropical Diseases**

**Coordinator: Prof. Giovanni Damiani**

### **Learning objectives**

This vocational master programme, held in English, aims to provide participants with interdisciplinary expertise in the management of skin neglected tropical diseases (SNTD), which are infections caused by various pathogens affecting the skin (parasites, bacteria, fungi). Examples of SNTD include cutaneous leishmaniasis, leprosy, Buruli ulcer and scabies. Despite affecting millions of people and causing disabilities, these diseases receive little attention and funding, especially in poorer countries. However, they are globally present due to travel and climate change. The programme is geared towards providing participants with updated knowledge, understanding and practical expertise for navigating this domain, including by teaching them how to build strong scientific evidence for both clinical practice and research applications. There will also be insights on specific topics, such as ethnopharmacology, problems related to substandard medicines, and pharmacoresistance, with a focus on how they impact on skin neglected tropical diseases. Moreover, teaching will explore issues related to scientific research (such as the interpretation of evidence), policy-making (i.e. the establishment of guidelines), and the diagnostics and treatment of SNTD. The ultimate goal is to produce competent professionals able to work in clinical settings as well as to design effective evidence-based healthcare interventions.

### **Employment prospects**

Though not necessarily working in a healthcare capacity, these professionals will be fully equipped to deal with different aspects of countering skin neglected tropical diseases. In fact, the programme is particularly suited for doctors and healthcare workers stationed in tropical areas – including those employed by NGOs and international organisations – as well as for future managers, CEOs and policy-makers with an interest in global health. It is also a great training opportunity for researchers wishing to relocate to developing countries in order to contribute to the management and study of SNTD.

### **Places available**

Places are capped at 36 students. The University reserves the right not to run the programme if the number of enrolled students is less than 6.



## Programme organisation

The programme will run from 9 March 2026 to 29 March 2027. Teaching will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams and will consist of 144 hours of lectures (24 credits) and 410 hours of other forms of training (25 credits).

Teaching is structured as follows:

- Introduction and Methods to Study SNTDs
- Environmental and Cultural Determinants of SNTDs
- Pharmaceutical Determinants and Future Perspectives in SNTDs
- Bacterial SNTDs and Snakebites
- Parasitic SNTDs
- Fungal SNTDs

Rounding out the programme activities are a 200-hour internship (8 credits) and a final in-person exam (3 credits), for which students will have to produce and defend a paper on the topics covered during the teaching modules or the internship.

At the end of each module, students will have to take a test consisting of multiple-choice and open-ended questions.

Students are not awarded marks for these tests and the final exam, but only a "pass" or "fail"; in the case of a "fail" outcome, the test/exam must be repeated.

A total of **60 CFU** are awarded for the vocational master.

## Enrolment fee

Admitted applicants must pay an enrolment fee amounting to € 6,016.00 (including insurance coverage and stamp duty).

The enrolment fee must be paid in two instalments:

- first instalment, amounting to €1,516.00, **by the enrolment deadline;**
- second instalment, amounting to € 4,500.00, **by the deadline specified in art. 1.**

The first instalment is inclusive of the stamp duty.

The two fee instalments fall under a **single payment obligation**. Therefore, the payment of the



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first instalment gives rise to the obligation to pay the second instalment as well.

The University of Milan participates in the **PA 110 e lode** initiative, launched by the Department for Public Administration to strengthen the skills of public employees. Public employees enrolled in a PA 110 e lode programme will benefit from a €330.00 reduction on the second fee instalment and, upon completion of the programme, a 50% refund of the total fee paid (up to a maximum of €2,500.00). Detailed information on the PA 110 e lode initiative is available at: ["PA 110 e lode", training for public administration employees | University of Milan](#).

## Scholarships

At present, there are no plans to award scholarships or other financial assistance to students enrolled in the master's programme.

## Academic Office (for information on classes and course schedules)

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## Student Office (for administrative information)

For information regarding admission requirements, online procedures (application, enrolment, payments), certificates, award of the certificate and withdrawal from studies, please contact the Student Office for PhD, Vocational Masters and Advanced Courses via the [InformaStudenti online platform](#), selecting the category Postgraduate > Vocational masters.