

## Five fully funded PhD student positions available



### The University

The University of Milano-Bicocca was founded on June 10, 1998. Located in the Northern part of Milano, Italy, the University campus is built as a cultural district in a post-industrial area (the largest in Europe), where the factory Pirelli previously produced tires and 25,000 workers were employed. Today, the same grounds host around 35,000 students.

The University of Milano-Bicocca is a multi-disciplinary university that trains professionals in various fields of both the natural and the social sciences. In the *Times Higher Education's* 2017 Young University Rankings, dedicated to the best universities under 50 years old, the University was ranked 55th in the world, 4th in Italy.

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The Doctoral Program in *Analysis of Social and Economic Processes* (ASEP) of the University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy) is offering five fully funded PhD student positions, starting from November 1, 2017.

The ASEP Doctoral Program welcomes applications for admission from highly motivated candidates with a solid social science background and a strong interest in empirical research. Candidates should hold an Italian *laurea magistrale* or any equivalent foreign degree. Candidates who expect to obtain the required degree by October 31, 2017 are also eligible to apply for admission; accepted candidates who fail to meet this requirement, however, will lose their right to admission. Candidates are expected to be fluent in spoken and written English, which is the official language of the ASEP Doctoral Program.

Admission follows a public selection procedure based on qualifications and an oral examination. The examination will take place on September 13, 2017, starting from 10:00 am, in the De Lillo Room, Building U7, 2nd floor, Via Bicocca degli Arcimboldi 8, Milano, Italy. If necessary, the examination will continue on September 15, 2017, starting from 10:00 am.

### About the Program

The ASEP Doctoral Program is one of the three doctoral programs in the Department of Sociology and Social Research of the University of Milano-Bicocca.

The ASEP Doctoral Program aims at training students for both scholarly and applied social research. Upon completion of the program, students will have the knowledge and skills required to design and carry out, in academic or non-academic settings, conceptually sound and methodologically rigorous empirical research on social and socio-economic phenomena.

The ASEP Doctoral Program takes three years to complete. The first year is organized into two periods: the first (*coursework period*) is nine months long and devoted to coursework and the qualifying paper; the second (*disser-*



## The Department

The Department of Sociology and Social Research of the University of Milano-Bicocca is a center of excellence, constantly ranked high for the quality of its education and research.

The Department counts a permanent staff of 67 faculty members (18 full professors, 33 associate professors, 16 assistant professors), 30 post-doc researchers, 130 temporary professors/tutors/experts, 35 PhD students and over 3,000 undergraduate students.

The Department's faculty are involved in many collaborative research projects at the local, national, and international levels, fostering exchanges with scholars from other universities and research centers, in Italy and abroad.

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*tation prospectus period*) takes three months and is devoted to preparing the dissertation prospectus. The second and third years are completely dedicated to researching and writing the doctoral dissertation.

The ASEP Doctoral Program has an international vocation. All activities are carried out in English, so that they are open to students from all countries. Moreover, students are required to spend 6 to 18 months abroad as part of their training and research.

## Faculty

The ASEP Doctoral Program is managed by an international Steering Committee chaired by the Director of the Program and comprised of faculty from the Universities of Milano-Bicocca, Essex (UK), Frankfurt (Germany), Lleida (Spain), Manchester (UK), Notre Dame (USA), and Oxford (UK). The members of the Steering Committee are a diverse group of scholars representing a wide range of disciplines, research interests, theoretical stances, and methodological approaches. Such variety of expertise provides students with a rich academic experience and a broad array of opportunities to pursue their research and career interests.

The Steering Committee of the ASEP Doctoral Program is composed of the following faculty: Maurizio Pisati (Director), Giuseppe Vittucci Marzetti (Deputy Director), Ursula Apitzsch, Ilenya Camozzi, Maurizio Catino, Simona Comi, Alessandra Decataldo, Patrizia Farina, Carles Feixa Pàmpols, Ivana Fellini, Giovanna Fullin, Annette Jäckle, Tally Katz-Gerro, Carmen Leccardi, Omar Lizardo, Mario Lucchini, Gianmarco Navarini, Serafino Negrelli, Paolo Rossi, Elisabetta Ruspini, Emanuela Sala, Sonia Stefanizzi, Federico Varese.

## Funding

All students admitted to the ASEP Doctoral Program receive a University scholarship of € 16,238.47 per year, gross of social security contributions. The amount of the scholarship is increased by 50% for any period of study or research abroad of at least 30 consecutive days, for a maximum of 18 months. Also, during the second and third years of the program, students may apply for a University research allowance equal to 10% of the amount of the scholarship per year.

In addition to University funding, students can access special purpose grants provided by the Department of Sociol-



## The City

Milano is the capital of the Lombardia region, located in Northern Italy. Its 1.37 million residents (3.2 in the metropolitan area) make it the second largest Italian city, after Rome.

Milano is a cosmopolitan global city excelling in the arts, design, architecture, fashion, food, finance, commerce, health care, media, sport, higher education, and tourism. It hosts several cultural and artistic landmarks, including the Cathedral (Duomo), the Sforza Castle, Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper, the Brera Art Gallery, the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, and the La Scala opera house.

According to the *Times Higher Education*, Milano is the 7th best university city in the world. Also, Milano was ranked 33rd in the world, 13th in Europe, and 1st in Italy in the *QS Best Student Cities 2017*.

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ogy and Social Research. Specifically, students may apply for a yearly allowance of up to € 1,200 to cover travel expenses and conference fees, and a one-time allowance of up to € 2,000 to cover expenses related to summer school participation.

## How to Apply

The deadline for applications is July 3, 2017, 12:00 pm (midday) Italian time. To submit the application, candidates must follow these steps:

- 1. Registration with the University website ([here](#)):** This allows candidates to receive a username and a password; those who already have the access credentials for the private area of Segreterie Studenti can skip this step.
- 2. Filling out the application:** By using their personal credentials (username and password), candidates must login to the Online Student Registry – Segreterie Studenti ([here](#)), select “Admissions”, and follow the instructions.
- 3. Reference letters:** During the application process, candidates are required to provide the e-mail address and telephone number of two reference teachers/experts. The reference teachers/experts will then receive an e-mail notification containing instructions on how to upload their reference letter, strictly by July 4, 2017. Candidates, in turn, will be notified when the reference letters have been uploaded.

The full call for applications can be downloaded [here](#) (English) and [here](#) (Italian).

## Contacts

For any question regarding the call for applications, please contact the Doctoral School Office at [dottorati@unimib.it](mailto:dottorati@unimib.it). For additional information on the ASEP Doctoral Program, please contact the Director of the Program, Prof. Maurizio Pisati, at [maurizio.pisati@unimib.it](mailto:maurizio.pisati@unimib.it).