

DOUBLE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME International Biopharma

Università degli Studi di Padova (UniPD)

Management Center Innsbruck | The Entrepreneurial School® (MCI)

CALL FOR ADMISSION TO DOUBLE DEGREE *INTERNATIONAL BIOPHARMA* AY 2024/2025

Selection of students of the Master Degree in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies to be admitted in the “International Biopharma” Curriculum (double degree with Management Center Innsbruck - MCI (Austria))

Three positions are available in the Curriculum “International Biopharma”, which will allow awarding the double degree (DD): “Master in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies” from the University of Padova and “Master in Biotechnology” from the Management Center Innsbruck - MCI (Austria).

Student selection process is regulated in Art. 5 of the agreement.

Article 5. Student selection process

The parties may recruit up to 3 students per institution per academic year.

The selection of exchange students is based on shared responsibility between both parties, as follows:

- 1. The home institution makes preliminary selection of candidates, followed by an interview.*
- 2. The final decision about the acceptance of the exchange students is taken by the host institution. The process will be done in agreement between the two parties.*
- 3. The criteria for selection will be based on academic records and motivation. Knowledge of the language of the country of the host Institution may be considered an advantage.*
- 4. Care will be taken by both Academic Boards to select only those students who shall presumably complete their Double Degree studies.*

Students selection and admittance procedures follow the steps summarized below:

1. Selection
2. Provisional admittance
3. Final admittance to host institution

1. Selection:

- Students who are admitted to the UNIPD Master Degree in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies are eligible to apply for the double degree programme. At the beginning of the second semester of the first year, candidates can apply following procedures and submitting required documents. Procedures take place in the home university and are detailed below in Appendix 1. At selection time, applicants must have successfully participated in all first year/first semesters' modules detailed in Table 1, having obtained at least 22 ECTS.
- Eligible students will be admitted to the programme on the basis of interviews guided by the academic coordinator of their home university.
- Based on the requirements and procedures mentioned above and based on academic merits, both universities will nominate students as candidates for the programme.

Table 1. Overview of 2 Years Study Programme Curriculum "International Biopharma", (First year in Italy, Second year in Austria)

Year	Sem	Mo	Modules							ECTS
2	S (2)	Mar - Jun	Master's Thesis and final examination							30
2	F (1)	Oct - Jan	Regulatory Framework & Scientific Methods (5 ECTS)	General Management 3 (4 ECTS)	Biopharma & Diagnostics (5 ECTS)	Industrial Biotechnolog y (6 ECTS)	Project Biotechnolog y 3 (4 ECTS)	Language course (2 ECTS) "Other activities"	Biostatistics & Research seminar 1 (4 ECTS)	30
1	S (2)	Mar - Jun	Drug Discovery and Development (7 ECTS)	Protein Engineering (6 ECTS)	Proteomics and Biochemical Methodologies (6 ECTS)	Modelling (3 ECTS)	Elective: Start-up Ideas in Pharmaceutical Biotechnologies or Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (8 ECTS)			30
1	F (1)	Oct - Jan	Advanced Reactivity (4 ECTS)	Advanced Molecular Biology (6 ECTS)	Molecular and Experimental Pharmacology (10 ECTS)	Structural Biochemistry (6 ECTS)	"Other" activities* (4 ECTS)			30

Any change at the Academic Offer or the Programme Curriculum must be approved by the Academic coordinator at the home institution.

2. Provisional admittance:

- Following partner universities' academic coordinators' approval (including confirmation of study plan and supervision) students are *provisionally admitted* to the double degree programme by their home university.

3. Final admittance to host institution:

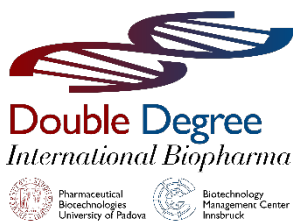
- Selected students will be **finally admitted** to the host institution only after completing their first year of studies having obtained at least 54 ECTS at the home institution before their mobility period. Students are nevertheless strongly encouraged to acquire all the first year credits before the mobility period. Admitted students will follow the second year activities indicated in Table 1. To obtain the DD diploma, students must gain at least 120 ECTS summing all activities of the 2 Years programme. Should a student not complete the expected study plan within the mobility year, the Academic Boards of both institutions will jointly decide whether to grant an extension or not.

Selection requirements are detailed in **Appendix 1** of the present Selection Call. In order to select the students, the candidates should formally apply to the selection taking care to fulfil all the requirements indicated.

Tuition fees

Selected students will continue to pay fees regularly at their home institution. The host institution may require the payment of supplementary fees (e.g. additional compulsory insurance, regional fees, revenue stamps, etc.)

Students will be responsible for travel, accommodation and living expenses.



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Mandatory procedures and scholarships

The students selected by the University of Padua will be awarded an Erasmus+ scholarship. They will be asked to respect all the requirements foreseen by the Erasmus+ Programme. They will have access also to extra funds for double degree programmes or according to their economic status. After the selection the Projects and Mobility Office- Mobility Unit (mobility.out@unipd.it) will provide them with all the necessary information, instructions and a vademecum. Students' participation to the Double Degree Programme will be cancelled in case of unfulfilled procedures or expired deadlines.

List of downloadable Appendixes to the call:

Appendix 1. Guidelines for the selection AA 2024/2025

Appendix 2: Application form for the selection to be enrolled in the Curriculum "International Biopharma" with Management Center Innsbruck - MCI (Austria) (double degree) A.Y. 2024-2025

Appendix 3: Criteria for the selection of the students for the Curriculum "International Biopharma" with Management Center Innsbruck - MCI (Austria) (double degree)