

BOCCONI GRADUATE MERIT AWARDS

A.Y. 2009-2010

Bocconi University has a strong commitment to providing scholarships for outstanding students admitted to its academic programs. The scholarships offered by Bocconi as well as by sponsor companies and institutions, provide a valuable structure of financial support to ensure that brilliant students of all backgrounds can enjoy the benefits of a superior academic experience.

THE AWARDS

Recipients of the Graduate Merit Awards may be offered:

- Tuition waiver, valued at approximately € 10,000.00 per year;
- Accommodation on Bocconi campus residencies or an annual scholarship of € 3,500.00 (gross).

The Award Committee may offer students partial Merit Awards.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students have to:

- Be admitted into the first year of a Bocconi Master of Science Program in the a.y. 2009-10, as indicated on the website <http://www.unibocconi.it/masterofscienceadmission>
- Demonstrate superior academic abilities and display high academic motivation.
- Have a GMAT of 700 (total score) or higher or a GRE of 790 or higher (in the quantitative section only).

HOW TO APPLY

1. Applicants should complete the online form, which can be found at the end of the application procedure for Master of Science programs on the area "Financial Assistance" available in the Menu.
2. Applicants should send the following documents to the Admissions Office along with their application dossier:
 - Print-out of the email that applicants receive once they applied for the benefit together with the "summarizing form" attached to that email;
 - Scholarship motivation letter in English (max 550 words);
 - A second copy of official GMAT/GRE score, already included in the MSc. application dossier;
 - A second copy of a curriculum vitae in English, already included in the MSc. application dossier;
 - Certification related to any traineeship, employment, international exchange and study abroad programs carried out during the bachelor studies.

The Merit Award application deadlines are specified on the website

<http://www.unibocconi.eu/scholarshipsgrad>

Scholarship motivation letter

Your scholarship motivation letter must be different from the one submitted for your application for Graduate Programs. Scholarship motivation letter should contain the reasons why you should be awarded a Bocconi Graduate Merit Award.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection will be exclusively based on the evaluation of the academic merit, GMAT or GRE score, above-mentioned certifications and personal motivation and will be reviewed in conjunction with the Master of Science admissions.

Selection will be carried out by a Committee, nominated by the Rector, including the Dean of the Graduate School and the Dean for International Affairs, whose decision is final. There is no appeal process in the event that an award is not made or is partially made.

Applicants will be informed about whether or not they have been successful in gaining an award (and its value) when the Graduate Programs selection results are released.

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO GRADUATE MERIT AWARDS

1. Students admitted to a Graduate Program and offered a Graduate Merit Award will be required to enrol in accordance with deadlines and regulations specified at www.unibocconi.it/masterofscienceadmission. They have to complete the online enrolment procedure and make a down payment on the 1st instalment of tuition and fees (€2,000.00 which will be refunded).
2. Students offered a Graduate Merit Award are eligible to receive tuition waiver, accommodation or scholarship, once they have formally accepted the award, within the prescribed period of time.
3. Beneficiaries of the cash amount will receive the award at the beginning of the second semester (February 2010). For the second year, the payment schedule will be announced upon scholarship reconfirmation (as specified below).
4. Beneficiaries may be required to participate in activities organized by the University, like presentations, workshops or activities for prospective students, for not more than 4 days per year. Participation to these activities (if required by the University) is compulsory to obtain the benefits of the award program.
5. Beneficiaries of the Graduate Merit Awards may not be recipients of other Bocconi scholarships.
6. The award is available to graduate students for a maximum of two years.
7. Fiscal terms and conditions of the DPR 917/86 (Italian tax law) will be applied to the scholarship.
8. The award will be confirmed for the second year to those award recipients who have continued to achieve outstanding academic performance during the first year of their program, i.e. all first year examinations passed within the November 2010 exam session with an average minimum grade of 28/30. The average grade is calculated as the average of all first year exams grades eliminating the lowest grade from the recipient's academic record (this is approximately equivalent to being ranked, in terms of grades performance, within the top 10% of the MSc students).
9. Beneficiaries have to communicate to the Admissions Office by the 15th July 2010 if they want to change the benefit (annual scholarship or accommodation) they chose at the first year. Otherwise the same benefit will be automatically applied.
Beneficiaries who choose accommodation on Bocconi campus residencies for the second year of the program will be required to pay the amount due for accommodation (at the rate set for a.y. 2010-2011) starting from September 2010, if the award is not confirmed according to point 8.

EXCLUSION FROM THE MERIT AWARD

Beneficiaries who withdraw after enrolment are subject to the following:

- If withdrawal occurs by May 20th 2009 he/she loses eligibility for the Merit Award, and within (and no later than) 60 days he/she can forward a request for reimbursement of the advance payment of the first instalment of tuition and fees;
- If withdrawal occurs after May 20th 2009 he/she loses eligibility for the Merit Award and will not be entitled to the reimbursement of the advance payment of the first instalment of tuition and fees.

Students will automatically lose eligibility for the Merit Award if they:

1. do not finalize the enrolment procedure;
2. decide to withdraw from studies during the academic year;
3. transfer to another university;
4. face disciplinary sanctions imposed by Bocconi University.

Students losing eligibility will have to settle their financial position with reference to tuition and fees. In addition, they shall also return the amounts received.

INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

For general information on the Bocconi Graduate Merit Awards please refer to:

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