INPS Scholarships

As part of an initiative to support post-graduate studies and professional development, INPS (Istituto Nazionale Previdenza Sociale) is offering 6 full-tuition scholarships to children or orphans of government employees or pensioners who would like to obtain a Master in European Economic Governance (MEEG) at the LUISS School of European Political Economy.

To apply, the applicant must:

- be a child or orphan of a public-sector employee or pensioner. The applicant’s parent needs to be registered with either the Institute’s loan and credit social management system (Gestione Unitaria delle Prestazioni Creditizie e Sociali) or the public dependents management system (Gestione Dipendenti Pubblici);
- have been accepted to the Master’s program (admissions requirements detailed below);
- be registered with the CPI (Centro per l’impiego) as unemployed at the time of application;
- be less than 40 years of age at the time of application; and
- have NOT received any scholarships contracted or financed by the Institute in the academic years 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015, and 2015/2016 of the same nature as this grant, such as for a Master’s degree (I or II level), university-level improvement courses, university-level specialization courses, or doctoral programs.

For further details regarding this scholarship, please refer to the official INPS announcement (http://www.inps.it/docallegati/Mig/Welfare/Bando_Master_I_e_II_livello_e_Corsi_Universitari_di_Perfezionamento.pdf).

ATTENTION: To apply for this scholarship, the applicant MUST submit 2 different applications.

1. The LUISS online application for MEEG (http://sep.luiss.it/INPS) must be completed by September 10, 2016.
2. The INPS application, completed following the instructions in the official INPS announcement, should be submitted contemporaneously or shortly thereafter (ideally, no later than September 23, 2016). Please note that the INPS portal for submitting the INPS application will be accessible starting September 1, 2016.

To submit the INPS application, the candidate will need to be:

- registered with the INPS database;
- be in possession of a “PIN” code, which is used to access all online services offered by the Institute;
- be in possession of a valid ISEE certificate;
- be registered as unemployed with the CPI (Centro per l’impiego).
Please note that the online process for obtaining an INPS PIN code can take up to two weeks, while the in-person process (at an INPS local office) is immediate. Depending on how close to the deadline the candidate is applying, one option may be more convenient than the other. The location of INPS local offices can be found on the INPS website (http://www.inps.it/portale/default.aspx?idServizio=163).

ADMISSION TO MEEG

The Master in European Economic Governance (MEEG) is a second level graduate program taught in English and offered by the LUSS School of European Political Economy (SEP).

Requirements:

- Completion of a four or five year degree or equivalent diploma (Italian Laurea Magistrale, Laurea Quadriennale, or equivalent international degree).
- Demonstrated proficiency in the English language.

Selection Criteria:

- Academic merit, defined as the quality and coherence of the candidate’s university career, as demonstrated by academic transcripts.
- Individual and professional merit, as demonstrated by the candidate’s Curriculum Vitae and Motivation Letter.

Documentation:

- A completed LUISS online application form, available on the SEP website (http://sep.luiss.it/INPS)
- A motivation letter, in English, stating reasons why the candidate would like to participate in the program and how the degree can help meet their personal and profession aspirations.
- A detailed CV, in English or Italian, preferably Europass.
- A university transcript, listing all courses completed and grades received (certificato di laurea con lista degli esami).
- A certificate of English language proficiency, from TOEFL, IELTS, or any other recognized language institute. Applicants unable to provide certification can schedule a Skype language interview by emailing sep@luiss.it.
- A digital copy of the applicant's national identity card or passport.
- A signed version of the INPS scholarship declaration, available on the SEP website and on the next page. (http://sep.luiss.it/INPS)
- Additional documentation, such as certificates or awards, will be accepted for consideration but are not required.

Application deadline: September 10, 2016 (for the LUISS application)

Preliminary courses (obligatory only for those without a background in economics) will start on 2 October 2016. Official courses will start 10 October 2016.

Questions and requests for more information should be directed to sep@luiss.it
Declaration

The undersigned, _____________________________________________, born ____________________ in

FIRST NAME ___________________________ FAMILY NAME ___________________________ BIRTHDATE ___________________________

city declares that he/she is in possession of all the requirements listed in the INPS Scholarship Announcement (Bando INPS A.A. 2016/2017), allowing him/her to participate in the selection for a scholarship that will provide for participation in the Master in European Economic Governance at the LUSS School of European Political Economy.

The undersigned attests that he/she meets all the requirements detailed in the INPS Scholarship Announcement (Bando INPS A.A. 2016/2017), and has or will contemporaneously submit an application with INPS, as per the instructions detailed in the above-indicated announcement, available at:

http://www.inps.it/docallegati/Mig/Welfare/Bando_Master_I_e_II_livello_e_Corsi_Universitari_di_Perfezionamento.pdf

Date of Signing: _______________________________________

Place of Signing: _______________________________________

Signature: _______________________________________

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