

# Call for Applications Bending Spoons | Politecnico di Milano

## **Bending Spoons Scholarship for Women in Computer Science**

### **Art. 1**

#### **Recitals**

Bending Spoons S.p.A., a company with registered office in Corso Como 15, 20154, Milan, tax code, VAT number and registration number with the Companies' Register of Milan Monza Brianza Lodi 08931860962 ("**Bending Spoons**"), intends to promote the study of Computer Science among young women. Computer Science is one of the university departments with the largest gender gap, in Italy and worldwide. For this reason, Bending Spoons is promoting an initiative named "**Bending Spoons Scholarship for Women in Computer Science**".

### **Art. 2**

#### **Scholarship's characteristics and recipients**

**The no. 10 scholarships**, amounting to **EUR 7,500.00** gross each, shall be granted to female upper-secondary level school graduates and students who intend to enrol in the Computer Science BSc degree programme at the Politecnico di Milano in the academic year 2022/2023.

Scholarships **are renewable** for the same amount for the following two academic years if the requirements set out in article 6 of this call for applications are met.

### **Art. 3**

#### **Participation requirements**

The competition is open to female students and all persons who identify with the female gender and who shall meet the following requirements by the deadline of the call for applications:

1. In possession of or in the process of obtaining an Italian upper-secondary level education diploma or a diploma from a foreign institution of the same level valid for enrolment in the Politecnico di Milano. If already in possession of a diploma, it must have been obtained no earlier than 1 January 2018.
2. Not below 18 years of age.

3. ISEE(Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator)/ISEEU(University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) 2022 for subsidised services for the right to study not exceeding EUR 50,000.

#### **Art. 4** **How to participate**

Applicants must submit an individual application to the website <https://scholarship.bendingspoons.com> by midnight (Italian time) on 15 January 2022.

When applying, the following documents must be submitted:

- Identity Document or Passport.
- Certificate of Italian upper-secondary level education diploma or diploma from a foreign institution of equivalent level valid for enrolment in the Politecnico di Milano. The diploma needs to contain the school grades achieved in each class up to that time in each academic year of upper-secondary level school (or equivalent). If the diploma has not yet been obtained, applicants may submit a certificate showing the school grades. The ten scholarship winners will be asked to submit the diploma while confirming their acceptance of the scholarship.
- Motivation letter certifying interest in studying Computer Science.
- Curriculum Vitae.

The documents must be submitted in Italian or English.

#### **Article 5** **Awarding the scholarship**

**The conditional awarding** of the scholarships will be decided by a Selection Committee composed of three Bending Spoons representatives appointed after the deadline of the call for applications.

The Committee's work will be carried out in two stages:

- **First stage:** an initial selection of applicants on the basis of the documents attached to the application.
- **Second stage:** candidates identified in the first stage of selection will be admitted to two online logical reasoning tests, one lasting three hours and one lasting approximately 20 minutes, and an interview with a representative of the Committee.

It should be pointed out that the logical reasoning tests and interviews proposed by Bending Spoons for the award of this scholarship **are not, however, substitutes for the admission tests to the Politecnico di Milano.**

The ranking will be drawn up by and according to the discretionary judgement of the Selection Committee on the basis of the results of the test and the individual interview.

The ranking will be published by 25 February 2022 on the website <https://scholarship.bendingspoons.com>. The winners will be contacted by email to inform them that they have been conditionally awarded the scholarship.

**The final award** of the no. 10 scholarships will take place following verification of compliance with the following requirements:

1. **Enrolment for the 2022/2023 academic year in the Computer Science BSc degree** programme at Politecnico di Milano by the deadlines set out in the 2022/2023 academic year calendar.
2. Submission of ISEE(Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator)/ISEEU(University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) 2022 for subsidised services for the right to study not exceeding EUR 50,000.
3. Submission of certificate of Italian upper-secondary level education diploma or diploma from a foreign institution of equivalent level valid for enrolment in the Politecnico di Milano, if not submitted during the application stage.

In the event that two or more students obtain the same score for the purposes of the ranking, the scholarship will be awarded to the student or students with the lowest ISEE(Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator)/ISEEU(University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator).

In order to obtain the final awarding of the scholarships, recipients are required to send the certificate of enrolment in the Computer Science BSc degree programme at the Politecnico di Milano and the ISEE(Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator)/ISEEU(University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) 2022 certificate by 15 October 2022 to the email address [scholarshipforwomen@bendingspoons.com](mailto:scholarshipforwomen@bendingspoons.com).

## **Art. 6 Renewal of scholarships**

Recipients of the **Bending Spoons Scholarship for Women in Computer Science** will be eligible to have their scholarship renewed for the next two academic years if the following requirements are met:

### **1st renewal:**

- **Enrolment for the 2023/2024 academic year** in the Computer Science BSc degree programme by the deadline set out in the academic year calendar.
- Successful completion and career registration of at least **30 degree-eligible credits** in the study plan by 7 October 2023.

**2nd renewal:**

- **Enrolment for the 2024/2025 academic year** in the Computer Science BSc degree programme by the deadline set out in the academic year calendar.
- Successful completion and career registration of at least **60 degree-eligible credits** in the study plan by 6 October 2024.

In order to obtain renewal, recipients are required to send a self-certification of enrolment for the academic year and an exams transcript, together with dates and grades, by e-mail to [scholarshipforwomen@bendingspoons.com](mailto:scholarshipforwomen@bendingspoons.com) by 7 October 2023 and 6 October 2024 respectively.

**Art. 7**  
**General provisions**

**Combination:** The scholarship cannot be combined with other scholarships or other forms of financial aid granted by the Politecnico di Milano for the same academic year as this call for applications. On the other hand, the scholarship may be combined with the scholarship and the benefits of the Right to Study (*Diritto allo Studio*), with contributions for international mobility granted by the Politecnico or other public or private entities. The scholarship may also be combined with exemptions from university fees and contributions.

**Not taking up the scholarship or non-compliance with the requirements for its final award:** in the event of not taking up the scholarship and/or failure to deliver the documentation required under article 5 of this call for applications for the final award of the scholarship, the final award shall be made in favour of the eligible candidate following in the ranking.

**Disbursement:** The amount of the scholarship for the first year will be disbursed by bank transfer within 15 days of notification of the final award. Disbursement of the amount for each of the following two years will take place by 21 October 2023 and 21 October 2024 respectively.