

SEASONAL SCHOOL

“Biodiversity and Business: from Research to Impact”

A.Y. 2023/24

ART. 1

The Seasonal School

The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa, Italy, is offering the Seasonal School in “Biodiversity and Business: from Research to Impact” A.Y. 2023/24. The Course will be delivered in person, at the premises of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa, from January 22nd to 26th, 2024 for a total of 35 hours.

The language of instruction is English.

The course is limited to a maximum of 20 positions.

Each partner university benefits from one reserved seat.

ART. 2

ECTS - European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

The acknowledgement of 3 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System is foreseen for students who attend the entire training course. Acquiring ECTS is subject to complying with the attendance obligations and passing the foreseen learning assessment tests.

ART. 3

Educational Objectives

The Seasonal School "Biodiversity and Business: from Research to Impact" is dedicated to addressing the global challenge of biodiversity protection and promoting a regenerative economic development model.

The objectives of the Seasonal School are as follows:

1. To examine and promote a development model capable of protecting and regenerating biodiversity and ecosystem services from the perspective of regenerative economic development.
2. To provide participants with insights and tools to understand and measure the impact of businesses on biodiversity, assess risks and opportunities.
3. To foster technological and organizational innovation by encouraging the development of new technological and organizational solutions that promote a regenerative economy in protection of natural capital.

The Seasonal School is part of the activities of the National Biodiversity Future Center (NBFC), an Italian project funded by the NextGenerationEU initiative of the European Union, specifically falling under the activities of spoke 7.5 assigned to the Institute of Management at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna. The NBFC, approved by the Italian Ministry of University and Research, involves 48 partners and over 1,300 researchers working on biodiversity-related themes.

ART. 4

Places available and entry requirements

The course is intended for Italian or foreign university students who meet the following minimum requirements:

- to be enrolled in a bachelor's or master's degree course, including single-cycle, in a master's diploma, in a doctoral course (or in a medical specialization course), or to have completed a degree no longer than 6 months before the application's submission;
- to have passed, with a high average, all the examinations required by the rules of their Home University programs for students at their year of enrolment; at least 27/30 for the Italian system and B for international applicants;
- have a proficient self-certified knowledge of English (at least B2 level)

The above requirements are to be met on the date of submission of the application.

If the number of applications received exceeds the number of places available, then the chronological order in which the enrolment applications were submitted will be adopted and priority will be given to students enrolled in bachelor's, master's degree courses, including single-cycle, or in a master's diploma over PhD and medical specialization students. Applications from PhD students will be evaluated after the admission of candidates included in the other categories mentioned above, in case of availability of places.

If the maximum number of participants will not be reached, Scuola Sant'Anna PhD and Erasmus incoming students who apply for the Seasonal School may be admitted joining the course, with the possibility to collect the certificate of attendance, without incurring the registration costs. The admission of Sant'Anna PhD and Erasmus incoming students does not include the accommodation, the meals and the possibility to compete for the assignment of the scholarships offered by Fondazione Il Talento all'Opera.

Working students who have not completed university exams within the set time period, complying with the other admission requirements, are eligible to be admitted to the Seasonal Schools.

For the assessment of the average grade requirement of candidates enrolled in foreign universities will be applied the conversion table approved by Rector's decree n° 399 on 16.06.2022 and published on the School website, in the section devoted to the Seasonal School (www.santannapisa.it/en/training/seasonal-schools).

ART. 5

Course Structure

The Seasonal School consists of five days of 7 hours of classes (from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with a one-hour lunch break from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM). Networking activities will also be scheduled outside of class hours.

An assessment test is foreseen at the end of the Course.

ART.6

Application procedure

The enrolment application is to be received by **December 11th, 2023**, and is to be submitted exclusively on-line by registering at the website: www.santannapisa.it/en/seasonalschool/biodiversity-business-bri

The following documentation is to be attached to the enrolment application, under penalty of exclusion:

- curriculum vitae;
- a currently valid identity document;
- a self-certification attesting the proficient knowledge of English Language (at least B2 Level)
- transcript of records
- ISEE certificate to obtain a course fee reduction (if students enrolled in an Italian University) (*not mandatory*);
- an equivalent certification of income released by the responsible institution of their home country, to obtain a course fee reduction (if students enrolled in a foreign University) (*not mandatory*);
- any other document deemed useful (*not mandatory*).

Late applications, or applications missing any mandatory information will not be taken into consideration.

Forged deeds and false statements shall be punished in accordance with the Criminal Code and any other applicable law and will result in exclusion from the course.

ART. 7

Tuition fee

The Course fee includes attendance costs, tutorship, reference material, accommodation, lunch/dinner for the entire length of the course.

The tuition fee is determined according to the following table with reference to the valid ISEE certification submitted:

ISEE	Tuition fee Seasonal School on site
Up to € 23.000,00	€ 200
Over € 23.000,00 and up to € 36.000,00	€ 400
Over € 36.000,00 and up to € 54.000,00	€ 600
Over € 54.000,00 and up to € 72.000,00	€ 800
Over € 72.000,00	€ 1.000

Candidates belonging to the maximum range (over € 72,000.00) are not required to present any ISEE certification or an equivalent certification for students enrolled in a foreign University.

Course fee of students from partner universities will be reduced of 10%.

Students enrolled at the University of Pisa who do not require accommodation during the Seasonal School held in presence will benefit from a 40% reduction on the tuition fee.

A 450 € scholarship provided by [Fondazione Il Talento all'Opera](#) will be assigned to the best performing participants of the Seasonal School. The number of the prizes, up to a maximum of three, will be established on the basis of the final number of participants.

Scuola Sant'Anna will cover the tuition fee for a maximum of 9 applicants from EELISA partner universities, complying with the admission requirements. In case the number of EELISA eligible applicants are more than 9, Scuola Sant'Anna will decide on the final assignment of these benefits. In this case, the admission does not include accommodation. The EELISA students who are exempted from the payment will be excluded from the assignment of the scholarships offered by Fondazione Il Talento all'Opera. Enrollment fees cannot be waived twice to the same EELISA applicant.

In accordance with art. 9 paragraph 2 of Decree No 68/2012, students with disabilities greater than or equal to 66%, recognized pursuant to art. 3, paragraph 1, of Law 104/1992, are exempted from the payment of the tuition fee.

A reduction of 1.5% for each percentage point of disability is applied to those students with disabilities less than 66%. The student with disabilities who intends to make use of the exemption or reduction of the tuition fee shall attach a suitable certification in the on-line application.

A refund of the fee paid at the time of enrolment is not foreseen if attendance of the Course is waived. If the course is not initiated because the minimum number of participants fails to be reached, then the fee paid will be refunded.

ART. 8

Acceptance – Payment methods

Admitted applicants who wish to attend the Seasonal School shall give confirmation of their acceptance by the deadline and in the modalities indicated in the admission communication and they shall send receipt of payment of the course fee.

Admitted participants who withdraw from the Seasonal School after payment of the tuition fee might be reimbursed if their withdrawal is based on serious and documented reasons and if the course's budget so allows. Participants who have diligently applied to the competent Embassy without undue delay but have been refused their visa will normally receive reimbursement of the tuition fee that they have paid.

Art. 9

Certificate of attendance

At the end of the Course the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies will issue a certificate of attendance with value to the extent permitted by law, to the students who attended at least 80% of the entire training programme, passed the final assessment tests and are up-to-date with the payment of the enrolment fee.

ART. 10

Coordinator of competitive procedure, privacy policy and anti-corruption measures

1. In accordance with article 5 of Law 241/90, as subsequently amended and supplemented, the Coordinator of the competitive procedure in this call for admissions is the Head of the U.O. Orientamento e Seasonal School - Area della Formazione Universitaria, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33, 56127 Pisa, tel. 050/883204/3275, e-mail: seasonalschools@santannapisa.it.
2. Pursuant to GDPR 679/2016 (European Privacy Regulations) the School is the Controller of any personal data provided as part of the application process. Personal data is required for the purpose of participation in the Seasonal School. Personal data is processed for the following institutional activities:
 - the realisation of the admission procedure;
 - access by students to and staying in School facilities;
 - creation of the student's personal file.
3. Data processing carried out by the School is subject to the rules under GDPR 679/2016 "European Privacy Regulations".
4. Data will be processed by administrative staff at the U.O. Orientamento e Seasonal School and by the Commission in charge of the final evaluation, and for the placement service by the Placement Office for the Third Mission Area, c/o the School headquarters at Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33, Pisa, through the use of digital procedures and within the limits necessary for the activities described above, also in case of any disclosure to third parties. Anonymous data may be used for statistical purposes.
5. Candidates are entitled to the rights under GDPR 679/2016 and specifically the right to access their own data, to request amendments, additions or deletions if this data is incomplete, erroneous or collected in violation of the law. They may also object to their data being processed for statutorily recognised reasons, sending a request to: Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, U.O. Orientamento e Seasonal School, Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33, 56127 Pisa, e-mail: seasonalschools@santannapisa.it. For further clarifications or information please contact the "Data Protection Officer" for the School at the following email address mail: dpo@santannapisa.it.
6. The School operates in accordance with anti-corruption and transparency regulations (Law no. 190/2012, Legislative Decree no. 33/2013 as subsequently amended and supplemented) applying the measures outlined in the "Three-year Anticorruption and Transparency plan 2020-2022" published on the "Transparent Administration" area of the official School website.

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INTEGRATION – SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to the funding allocated to the National Biodiversity Future Center (NBFC) project as part of the activities of Spoke 7, activity line 5, involving the Institute of Management at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan financed by the NextGenerationEU program, an amount of **5,000.00 euros** is made available for covering registration fees for eligible participants - according to the criteria outlined in the announcement - for the Seasonal School "**Biodiversity and Business: From Research to Impact - Academic Year 2023/24**" with an indicator of ISEE/alternative income certification indicating lower income based on the documentation submitted during the *application phase*.

Registration fees will be covered until the available funds are exhausted.

Students from partner universities of the EELISA network who have already benefited from additional grants are excluded from this assistance.

In case of income parity among beneficiaries, the criterion of the chronological order of submission of registration applications will be adopted.

The head of NBFC Spoke 7 - activity line 5
for the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna

