



## Louisiana State University – MIBE Project CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2018

MIBE is glad to announce a great new opportunity. This brand new programme consists in sort of Double Degree programme, between our University and the Louisiana State University (LSU): both completed within the 2 years of MIBE.

### PROGRAMME, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Starting from this year, MIBE students will have the opportunity to apply for a Double Degree program with the **Louisiana State University (LSU)**, where they will be enrolled in the **Master of Science in Analytics (MSA)**, ranked 11<sup>th</sup> among the Master courses of this field (to know more about the course: <https://business.lsu.edu/Information-Systems-Decision-Sciences/Pages/MS-Analytics.aspx>).

Thanks to this partnership, students will be able to study their 1<sup>st</sup> MIBE year at the University of Pavia, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> one at the LSU (August 2018 – May 2019).

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> year abroad, students will also work at the LSU **Digital Data Stream Lab** to conduct a research project in the field of Analytics & Data management.

Students from MIBE will join the MSA program for the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semester, skipping the first semester.

The following credit equivalencies at LSU will be granted to MIBE students:

1. ISDS 7024 - Advanced Statistical Analysis at LSU 3.0 US credit hour requirement will be satisfied by successful completion of 507909 - Big Data Analysis in the MIBE at University of Pavia.
2. EXST 4087 - SAS Data Access & Programming at LSU 3.0 US credit hour requirement will be satisfied by successful completion of the SAS Certified Base Programmer certification from SAS Italy as offered in the MIBE at the University of Pavia.

Upon satisfactory completion of additional 30 US credit hours, they will be granted the full LSU Master of Science in Analytics.

## COSTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Master In Analytics at LSU usually costs about \$38.000, plus living costs in US.

However, due to this agreement between LSU and MIBE, special conditions are in place, plus **two scholarships** offered by **Accenture** and **UBI Bank**. The two scholarships are related to job opportunities within these two firms.

Structure of the **scholarships** is the following (details to be confirmed in a few days):

- a) Scholarship A:
  - a. Tuition fees due to our agreement: \$ 12.638 (instead of \$38.000);
  - b. Scholarship (Assistantship at DDS Lab): about \$5.000;
  - c. So the **effective tuition fee is about 7000 euro** (12k-5k), plus living costs;
- b) Scholarship B:
  - a. Tuition fees due to our agreement: \$ 0 (instead of \$38.000);
  - b. Scholarship (Assistantship at DDS Lab): about \$12.000.

	Scholarship A	Scholarship B
<b>Original LSU Tuition Fee</b>	\$38.000	\$38.000
<b>Reviewed Tuition Fee, thanks to agreement between LSU &amp; MIBE / University of Pavia</b>	\$12.638	\$0
<b>Scholarship (Assistantship)</b>	About \$5.000 *	About \$12.000 *
<b><u>Final Cost for Selected Mibers</u></b>	<b>About \$7.000</b>	<b>\$0</b> (You will then be able to use the scholarship for the living costs)
<b>Opportunity</b>	Internship	Direct Hiring

\* Final values of assistantships and scholarships details will be available soon. However, only little changes due to technical and institutional aspects and are expected.

## MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

There are two requirements that have to be met:

- 1) You must hold the **SAS Certification**: MIBE has organized a special SAS course to give you the opportunity to take the exam for free and get the SAS certification. The course will take place from the 27<sup>th</sup> of March for around a month, and the exam will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. **IMPORTANT**: keep in mind that for this course seats are LIMITED (max.20)!
- 2) You must have passed the **Big Data Analysis** exam.

Furthermore, the **acceptance of job opportunities** offered by UBI Bank and Accenture is needed to get the Assistantship / Scholarship.

## HOW TO APPLY & SELECTION PROCEDURE

### 1) APPLICATIONS

Applications are open from **now until March 26th at 4:00pm.**

To apply, you have to fill this Google Form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/oN6m6hpgKgEduUJV2>

This application consists of:

- Your **Name, Surname, Email**
- An updated version of you **CV (PDF format)**
- Your final **grade** in the BigData exam
- Average grade of all exams taken at MIBE
- Total number of credits achieved at application date
- A brief **motivation** explaining why we should choose you

### 2) INTERVIEWS

By March 30th, a selection of students will be invited for an interview. The Committee will be made up of one representative for each of the following: MIBE / University of Pavia; Louisiana State University; Companies financing the scholarships.

Interviews will take place on **April 6<sup>th</sup> h3:00pm**, in the office of Prof. Denicolai.

Further interviews with company partners may take place and considered for final selection.

### 3) RESULTS

Results and full ranking of the best students will be published on **17th April 2018.**

The first 2 students will be admitted to the programme **BUT they will still have to:**

- Finalize their admission with the LSU (following the full procedure and accordingly to LSU rules);
- Prove they have passed the SAS exam and thus obtained the SAS Certificate (exam: May 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**If they fail to do so, their seat will be re-assigned to the student coming next in the ranking.**

### 4) FINAL CONFIRMATION FROM STUDENTS

A final confirmation from selected students is expected by **24th April 2018.**

If a selected student does not accept to participate, the acceptance letter goes to the next one in the ranking.