The overall objective of this Master’s programme is to help bridge the current deficit in qualified human resources and to establish a set of public procurement and risk management. The programme aims to impart to the participants the necessary knowledge and skills for the successful discharge of the functions of a public procurement practitioner. The programme carefully interweaves all these knowledge areas and corresponding institutional models for the effective discharge of the functions connected with public procurement. It thus aims to provide a wide spectrum of knowledge and skills covering:

- public procurement practitioners, managers and officials from ministries, local government bodies and public expenditure supervisory bodies
- procurement and financial auditors from the public and private sector
- project managers and procurement personnel from investment and technical cooperation projects financed by development agencies, e.g. IFIs, the United Nations, the EU, NGOs
- recent university graduates who intend to work in the field of public procurement or public expenditure management
- procurement trainers and professionals involved in the development of national procurement professional training programmes and certification
- procurement practitioners from the private sector
- procurement consultants and procurement advisors
- public officials and other stakeholders

Detailed Curriculum of the Master

The Master is an intensive learning programme of 12 months’ duration structured in three different parts as follows.

Part I - Distance learning

The Distance learning period is designed to impart to the participants the necessary knowledge and skills in the key learning disciplines of the Master namely:

• Introduction to the legal framework for public procurement
• Introduction to procurement management
• Introduction to economics of public procurement

Part II - Face to face

The second part consists of face-to-face learning; lessons will be held in Turin at the University of Turin from 28 May to 29 May 2023. Attendance of classes is compulsory. In this period, the participants will be exposed to a programme of instruction, incorporating application work and group/individual assignments of solutions.

Part III - Final dissertation

The third part is the preparation and submission of a final dissertation. Participants are required to carry out a final dissertation and submit the final dissertation on a selected procurement topic, under the guidance of their supervisor. The final dissertation is to be presented in Turin by May and is to be completed before 05 October 2023.

Faculty

The core faculty of the programme is composed of:

- Professors from the University of Turin and other eminence institutions/universities worldwide
- Specialists from ITC-ILO, IIFs, other UN agencies and organisations and the private sector

The combination of senior procurement practitioners, professors and researchers in the programme’s faculty is a special feature of this Master’s programme.

In addition, the Programme draws upon ITC-ILO’s experience in the design and delivery of procurement training as well as lessons derived from its involvement in consultancy assignments and public procurement systems in developing and transition economies.
Entry requirements

Applicants must have successfully completed a first level university degree of at least 3 years’ duration, in public administration, engineering, law or social sciences or related discipline.

The validity of non-Italian degrees must be recognized under Italian laws and regulations.

Proof of fluency in English language is required.

Language, duration, venue

Language

The programme is entirely delivered in English. Knowledge of the English language is a pre-requisite and must be proven in the application form with supporting documents.

Duration

The programme lasts one full year with the following timetable:

- Distance learning: from 05 October 2020 to 22 January 2021
- Residential phase: from 25 January to 28 May 2021
- Preparation and submission of the Master Thesis: the outline of the dissertation is to be presented in Turin by 28 May 2021, and it is to be completed before 05 October 2021

Venue

The residential phase of the programme will be held at the campus of the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin, Italy. Class attendance is compulsory.

Scholarships

A limited number of partial scholarships covering tuition fees only may become available for students from developing countries/transition economies on a competitive basis among deserving candidates.

Fees and applications

The tuition fee is Euro 8,500.

The fee includes:

- programme development and management;
- teaching equipment, training materials and documentation;
- use of training facilities and support services;
- Insurance medical care and participant’s service.

Board, lodging, travel expenses, transports and personal expenses for the period in Turin are not included in the cost of participation.

The cost of accommodation (bed and breakfast) at the ITC-ILO campus during the 18 weeks’ residential face-to-face part of the programme is Euro 6,930. Meals are excluded and must be paid directly by participants in accordance with consumption.

However, participants may seek off-campus accommodation like in university residences which may be less costly. The Programme Secretariat will provide interested participants with telephone and e-mail contacts of such residences.

Applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee in two different rounds of admission. Interested candidates should duly complete and submit the on-line application form and the requested documents, no later than the 30th of April 2020 (to be screened and evaluated for the 1st round of enrolment if they wish to request sponsorship by an ITC-ILO fellowship) or the 15th of September 2020 (to be screened and evaluated for the 2nd round).

The fellowships may only be awarded after all applications (both first and second round) are submitted.

For further information about the Master and all other communications, please contact the course secretariat:

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