

SDA BOCCONI - REACHING OUT MBA FELLOWSHIP

SDA Bocconi promotes diversity: our student community is a blend of different backgrounds, nationalities, cultures, languages, sexual orientation and gender. The Reaching Out MBA LGBTQ+ Fellowship is a joint effort between SDA Bocconi and Reaching Out MBA to encourage LGBTQ+ students and allies to attend our MBA Program. This partnership helps promote the empowerment and representation of LGBTQ+ and active ally business leaders of tomorrow in top business schools.

Beneficiaries of the Fellowship will also have access to the [ROMBA community and opportunities](#).

The SDA Bocconi – Reaching Out MBA LGBTQ+ Fellowship of € **25,800** (30% of the tuition fee) is available to 2027/28 MBA candidates with an outstanding profile.

In addition to strong academic, personal and professional background, applicants must demonstrate their capacity to be a leader for the LGBTQ+ community.

1. Beneficiaries and Requirements

All MBA applicants are eligible for the Fellowship, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Candidates will also need to demonstrate their commitment to, and their leadership within, the LGBTQ+ community.

Only candidates who applied, producing all required documentation: Application Form, GMAT or GRE or EA (exceptionally SDA Test); TOEFL or IELTS or PTE or Cambridge C1 Advanced or Duolingo English Test, Reference letters, Admissions Application Fee, and have been admitted to the 2027/28 MBA Program are eligible for tuition waivers.

2. Incompatibility and Loss of Fellowship

The fellowship can be combined with any other scholarship, award, or financial support for specialization courses by public or private organizations or companies if the total amount does not exceed the total registration fee.

The beneficiary must self-certify that the above-mentioned accumulation has not been exceeded. The beneficiary must comply with this condition for the whole duration of the MBA Program.

As beneficiaries of a financial grant awarded on merit basis, participants must prove high academic performance during the MBA Program to preserve the right to the fellowship, according to a minimum performance limit set by the School, which will be communicated to the recipients. The right to the fellowship is subject to the regular completion of the 2027/28 MBA program as indicated in the 2027/28 MBA Rules.

3. Selection process and Results

Applications for the tuition waiver must be sent through the [online Application portal](#) in accordance with the deadlines indicated in the table below. Fellowship Applications must include a [Motivation Letter](#) that should demonstrate the candidate's strong interest in taking an active role on campus with LGBTQ+ initiatives.

Motivation letter topic: What is your connection to the LGBTQ+ community and how do you plan to impact the community through your SDA Bocconi MBA? How would you promote diversity and inclusion on and off campus?

The assignment of the tuition waiver will be formally notified to the beneficiary by the Admissions Committee through an awarding e-mail, as per the dates indicated below. **Please note that the Fellowship is most likely to be awarded during the final selection rounds, due to the specific eligibility requirements.**

Tuition Waivers Application Time Frames and Communication of Results:

	Application for the Tuition Waivers	Communication of awards
1st round	Deadline: 15/10/2026	Within 10/05/2027
2nd round	Deadline: 14/01/2027	
3rd round	Deadline: 11/03/2027	
4th round	Deadline: 28/04/2027	Within 16/06/2027

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria: analysis of academic and professional record, analysis of the requirements indicated above, results of the MBA selection process. The decision of the Admissions Committee is final and not subject to appeal. A limited number of applicants, at the discretion of the Committee, who were not assigned a Fellowship during their round may be placed on a waiting list and be reconsidered in the following rounds.

In the event that two candidates are deemed equally deserving based on the evaluation criteria, the Admissions Committee reserves the right to divide the fellowship equally among them, awarding each recipient an equal share of the total fellowship amount.

The stated amount of the fellowship shall be intended gross of taxes, if any is due, under the current Italian or the winner's residency country tax laws.

4. Project Activities

The beneficiary of the fellowship becomes an ambassador to the LGBTQ+ community on campus. For this reason the student will be asked to actively support the OUT LGBTQ+ Club activities.

5. Acceptance of the conditions

Application for the fellowship involves full acceptance of the herein conditions.

Under penalty of immediate withdrawal, the candidate must confirm their enrolment in the 2027/28 MBA as well as formalize his/her acceptance of all fellowship conditions with the Admissions office by the deadline indicated on the fellowship assignment letter.

Applying for ROMBA (REACHING OUT MBA FELLOWSHIP), I accept this Privacy Policy.

I agree to Privacy Policy

24 July 2026

Privacy Policy
Processing of personal data for the assignment of scholarships
pursuant to art. 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679

The **Università Commerciale "Luigi Bocconi"**, with registered office in Via Sarfatti 25, Milan, email info@sdabocconi.it, in the person of its legal representative *pro tempore*, in the capacity of "Data Controller" (hereinafter "**Controller**" or "**University**"), informs you that the personal data you provide by filling in the application form (*Admissions* <https://idp.unibocconi.it/idp/profile/SAML2/Redirect/SSO?execution=e3s1>) for the Scholarship named "Reaching Out MBA" ("ROMBA") will be processed in compliance with the legislation on the protection of personal data (EU Regulation 2016/679, "**GDPR**", and Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003 and ss.mm.ii.), in order to guarantee the rights, fundamental freedoms, and dignity of individuals, with particular reference to confidentiality and personal identity.

The Data Controller has appointed a Data Protection Officer (hereinafter, "**DPO**") who can be contacted at the following e-mail address: dpo@unibocconi.it.

1. Categories of data subject to processing

The processing carried out by the University will concern the following types of personal data:

- information contained in the application for participation in the selection procedures;
- personal and identifying information: name, surname, date and place of birth, tax code, identity document, pictures;
- contact information: email address, telephone number, address of residence and/or domicile;
- data related to the academic career for the verification of the requirements: diploma, exams, grades, *curriculum vitae*;

2. Purpose and legal basis of processing

In accordance with current legislation on the protection of personal data, the personal data provided by the data subject will be processed by the University for the following purposes:

- a) to ascertain the existence of the requirements for participation in the selection procedure and the absence of causes that prevent participation (art. 6, l. e) GDPR);
- b) to comply with legal provisions, as well as with standards, codes, procedures approved by Authorities and other competent Institutions (art. 6, l. c) GDPR).

In the residual hypothesis in which the motivational letter includes special category of data, for example those relating to sexual orientation - which are not requested in any way by the Data Controller - the latter will be processed pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 2, letter e) of the GDPR.

3. Nature of contribution

The provision of personal data for the purposes indicated in paragraph 2 is optional, but failure to provide such data will make it impossible for the University to guarantee the provision of the service, participation in the activity and/or use of the facilities requested by the data subject.

4. Disclosure of personal data - Categories of recipients

Within the scope of the above-mentioned purposes, the data may be communicated:

- University administrative staff responsible for managing student enrolment and careers;
- to credit institutions for the payment of scholarships;
- to Reaching Out MBA Inc. (to whom only the name and contact information of the individual admitted to the ROMBA scholarship will be sent);
- third parties who assist the University in providing the services requested, specifically appointed as Data Processors, pursuant to article 28 of the GDPR. The list of Data Processors may be requested from the Data Controller, at the addresses indicated above.
- to third parties in relation to the fulfilment of legal obligations (e.g., Ministry of University and Research "MUR").

Personal data are not subject to dissemination.

5. How data is processed

In relation to the aforementioned purposes, the processing of personal data will be carried out using manual, computerised and telematics tools with logic strictly related to the purposes and, in any case, in such a way

as to ensure the security and confidentiality of the data, in addition to compliance with the specific obligations established by law.

Your personal data will be processed only by authorised staff, in accordance with the provisions of article 29 of the GDPR and article 2-*quaterdecies* of the Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and additions (Privacy Code) by reason of the performance of their work duties and by third parties, who assist the University in the provision of the services requested, specifically appointed as Data Processors, pursuant to art. 28 GDPR.

6. Data retention

Personal data will be stored only for the time necessary to achieve the purposes for which they are collected, in accordance with the principle of minimization ex art. 5 (1) lett. c) of the GDPR.

At the end of the selection process, after 60 days, the data contained in the application a) in case of non-admission, will be deleted; b) in case of admission, will be encrypted and stored for 6 years.

7. Transfer of data outside of the EU

Your personal data will be processed within the European Union.

The personal data of those who have been awarded the scholarship will be communicated to the Reaching Out MBA Inc. association, based in California (USA), by virtue of the signing of Standard Contractual Clauses, approved by the European Commission on June 4, 2021, as required by Article 46 of the GDPR. You can get more information, upon request, from the Data Controller at the contacts indicated above.

8. Data Subject's rights

The data subject has the right to access their data at any time, pursuant to Articles 15-22 of the GDPR.

In particular, as a data subject, you have:

- a) the right to obtain confirmation as to whether or not personal data concerning him/her are being processed and, if so, to obtain access to such data (art. 15);
- b) the right to obtain the updating and/or rectification/supplementation of your personal data (art. 16);
- c) the right to obtain the deletion of their personal data, in cases where this is permitted by the GDPR (art. 17);
- d) the right to obtain the limitation of the processing of one's own personal data, should one of the hypotheses provided for by the regulations in force apply (art. 18);
- e) the right to receive in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format the personal data concerning you that you have provided to the Data Controller, and you have the right to transmit such data to another Data Controller without hindrance from the Data Controller to whom you have provided them where the processing is based on consent pursuant to Art. 6 par. 1, lett. a) or 9 par. 2, lett. a), or on a contract pursuant to Art. 6, par. 1, lett. b); and the processing is carried out by automated means (Art. 20).
- f) For processing operations that find their legal basis in consent, you may always revoke it, without affecting the lawfulness of the processing provided before the revocation.

As a data subject, you also have the right to object at any time to the processing of your personal data carried out for the purposes indicated in paragraph 2.

Without prejudice to any other administrative or jurisdictional recourse, you also have the right to lodge a complaint (art. 77 GDPR) with the Italian Supervisory Authority (www.garanteprivacy.it), if you believe that the processing that concerns you violates the regulations in force regarding the protection of personal data.

Requests must be addressed in writing to the Data Controller or to the DPO at the addresses indicated above.

Milan, July 24th, 2026

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