UCSC Charity Work Program 2022
FAQ

APPLICATION

1. Who can apply for the volunteering program?

The volunteering program UCSC Charity Work Program 2022 is open to:

- students enrolled in a Bachelor's Degree;
- students enrolled in a Master's Degree or in a Single Cycle Degree;
- PhD students, students enrolled in a Specialization School or in a Master course;
- recent graduate students (within two years from the opening date of the call).

2. I am a Master's Degree students at Università Cattolica but I got my Bachelor's Degree in another University; which document do I have to send to certificate my Bachelor's Degree grade?

If you are a student at Univeristà Cattolica but you got your Bachelor's Degree not in Università Cattolica, you must send a copy of your Bachelor's Degree certificate with your graduation grade to CeSI. The Bachelor's Degree certificate is generally available on your personal page of the Univiersity website.

3. I am a student enrolled in Master program, in a PhD, in a School of Specialization at Università Cattolica but I got my Master's Degree in another University; which document do I have to send to certificate my Master's Degree grade?

If you are a student enrolled in Master program, in a PhD, in a School of Specialization at Univeristà Cattolica but you got your Degree not in Università Cattolica, you must send a copy of your Master's Degree certificate with your graduation grade to CeSI. The certificate is generally available on your personal page of the University website.

4. Does the selection procedure take into account the partial exams I took during the winter session of January-February 2022?

Yes, the selection procedure considers also partial exams, as long as partial exams are regularly registered by professors and on your student personal page. Partial exams that will be registered in the next summer session will not be taken into account.

5. Can students not enrolled at Università Cattolica apply for the UCSC Charity Work Program 2022 program?

No, the program is open to students enrolled at Università Cattolica or recent graduates at Università Cattolica.

6. I attend an interfaculty degree course. Which destinations can I choose?

If you are a student enrolled in ad Interfaculty course you can apply for the destinations reserved for both the Faculties. For example, if you are a student enrolled in a course of the Political and social sciences and Linguistic sciences Interfaculty you can apply for the destination reserved for the Faculty of Political and social sciences and for the Faculty of Linguistic sciences.

7. I already participated in the Charity Work Program in the past years; can I apply for the UCSC Charity Work Program 2022 program?

No, students who already took part into the volunteering programs UCSC Charity Work Program or Charity@HOME cannot resubmit their application for the UCSC Charity Work Program 2022 program.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY, TESTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

8. How can I prove language proficiency?

There are 3 ways to prove your language proficiency:

- take a Placement Test selecting the language and the date on the application form;
- send a copy of a language certification with the grade (the certification must meet the criteria specified in the call);
- having already taken a SeLdA Placement Test no earlier than September 1st 2020.

9. How can I sign in to take a Placement Test for the UCSC Charity Work Program 2022 program?

To sign in for the test you have to select on the application form the date of the test you want to take.

10. I have a language certification. Do I have to take the Placement Test to prove my language proficiency?

No, it is not necessary to take the test only if you got you language certification no earlier than January 1st 2020. If you have a certification that meets this requirement, please select the option on the application form and remember to send a copy of your certification with the grade to CeSI, together with the application form. The table of valid certifications is available on CeSI website.

11. I already took in the past a Placement Test at SeLdA. Do I have to take the test again?

If you have already taken a Placement Test, you don't have to take it again, only if you took the test no earlier than September 1st 2020. If you already took a test within this date, please select the option on the application form and complete the section on the form with the date and the grade of your Placement test.

12. I already took a test for an Exchange program at Università Cattolica. Can this test be considered valid for the application for the UCSC Charity Work Program 2022 program?

No, the only test taken into account for the UCSC Charity Work Program 2022 program is the SeLdA.

13. For my degree course, I already took a language exam; is it possible to consider it valid for the application for UCSC Charity Work Program 2022 program?

No, the language exams planned for each degree course are not valid for the UCSC Charity Work Program 2022 program.

14. While applying, can I select destinations that require different languages as precondition for the selection?

Yes, it is possible to select destinations with different languages as precondition for the selection. In this case, you have to prove your language proficiency for all the languages required by the destinations you selected.

15. In case of inability to participate in the language tests on the dates indicated in the call of UCSC Charity Work Program 2022, is it possible to take the test on another occasion?

No, the dates indicated on the call are the only ones available to take the Placement tests.

16. Can I take the language test before enrolling online and paying the program registration fee?

No. To take the language tests, you must first proceed with online registration, with the payment of the registration fee and sending the registration email to charityworkprogram.CeSI@unicatt.it with all the documents required.

SELECTION AND DEPARTURE

17. How does the selection procedure work?

The selection procedure is divided into two phases:

PHASE 1: candidates evaluation will be based on 4 criteria:

- weighted mark average; number and timing of academic credits earned), l
- graduation grade (for Master's Degree, Single Cycle Degree, PhD, School of Specialization and Master students);
- number of academic credits earned and timing of academic credits earned on the basis of the credits planned for the year you are enrolled in;
- language knowledge.

PHASE 2: the candidates who will be evaluated as the most deserving during Phase 1, will enter the second selection phase with the motivational interview with the CeSI staff.

At the end of each phase of the procedure, all applicants will receive information on the results.

18. When and how I will find out if I have been selected?

At the end of each phase of the procedure, all applicants will receive information on the results by email. The first phase of the selection procedure will end in March. By the end of March, CeSI will send an email to all the candidates, telling them if they entered the second phase or not. At the end of the motivational interviews all the interviewed will receive information on the result of the selection.

19. What do I have to do if I have been selected?

At the end of the motivational interviews, you will receive an email saying if you have been selected or not. You will also receive information on the project you have been selected for. If you are among the selected students, you must confirm your will to participate in the program within 3 days. After your confirmation, CeSI will contact you to give you all the information and technical details. You must attend a training course of 3-4 meetings on topics related to cooperation for development. The course will be held by CeSI. During the course CeSI will share information on the departure and on the activities and you will meet the project managers.

20. Is it possible to apply again in the next years?

Students who have been selected to participate in the UCSC Charity Work Program 2022 program will not be able to apply for the future editions of the international volunteering program Charity Work Program.

21. I periodi di permanenza nella sede di progetto indicati nelle schede dedicate ai progetti sono da considerarsi indicativi? Are the periods of stay site indicated in the project sheets to be considered indicative?

The dates are to be considered almost definitive; they may vary by 1 or 2 days for organizational reasons based on the availability of tickets for transport to the destination. The student is considered committed for the entire period indicated on the project sheet.

22. What costs does the scholarship cover? How does the travel organization work?

The scholarship covers all travel, insurance and accommodation expenses at the facility that will host you. The disbursement of the scholarship does not involve any transfer of money from CeSI to the selected students. CeSI will directly provide for the coverage of the expenses.

- Travel: the organization of the travel is responsibility of CeSI, which will directly buy tickets and organize the necessary transfers to reach the project headquarters;
- Board: for some projects selected students will contribute to partially cover the cost of meals (you can find the indication of the contribution in the project sheet available on the CeSI website). For some projects the host institution provides a kitchen. For some projects food costs are covered by the scholarship.

CeSI will communicate all organizational details to the selected students during the training sessions.