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Dear LATAM Magalhaes colleagues,

within the framework of the actions which are being launched towards the implementation of the 2018-2024 strategic plan, Politecnico di Torino (PoliTo) aims at making the PhD the main tool supporting the research activities in our University, by first of all increasing the current number of PhD students by at least 50%. Within the same framework, PoliTo also aims at continuing having a large fraction of international students, while paying an even higher attention to their quality, their potential impact on the Italian economy, and their relations with their countries of origin.

In view of the above, **PoliTo has decided to sponsor a limited number of PhD fellowships¹ in the core areas of Engineering, Architecture and Design**, reserved to highly qualified applicants having received their MSc degree abroad, **and plans to have a fraction of those fellowships reserved to students coming from² Magalhaes LATAM Universities**, considering their high reputation and the strong cultural relations between Italy and Latin America.

The number of fellowships reserved to Magalhaes could be between 2 and 4, depending on: quality of the applicants, links between their research interests and the PoliTo focus areas in research, etc.

In order to make a pre-screening of the potential candidates and decide how many fellowships to actually devote to the Magalhaes channel, **I should therefore like to kindly ask you to advertise this opportunity with the students at your University, asking those among them who are interested and qualified to send me an e-mail by March 15**, keeping you in cc, and including:

¹ Benefits of the fellowship include: a **1400 EUR net monthly salary for the three-year duration of the fellowship**, starting November 1, 2020, and the reimbursement of the GRE costs. Tuition fees are 150 EUR *una tantum*.

² The main requirements that the students will need to have satisfied at the time of their formal application (**deadline May 14**), in order to access the competition for this reserved batch of fellowships, are: **MSc degree obtained from a LATAM Magalhaes University until October 2020**, and GRE. No requirement on the knowledge of Italian at the moment of application.



- a full CV;
- a short (max 1 page) motivation letter, including a statement of research interests;
- the names and roles of up to three academic references (including at least one from the LATAM Magalhaes university where the student got or will get her/his MSc degree);
- the topics of previous research collaborations, if any, between the named academic references and PoliTo.

Please let me stress that this is an informal step, aimed at contributing to the final decision on how many fellowships will actually be devoted to students having obtained their MSc degree in a LATAM Magalhaes University. The most interesting (from the PoliTo point of view) pre-screened candidates will then be invited to apply to the call for PhD positions at PoliTo, which will close on May 14.

Looking forward to hearing from your students by March 15 at the latest, best regards

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