2. Applicants will receive an e-mail which will confirm that they are eligible for enrolment on the Foundation Year.
3. Applicants will then be required to pay 25% of tuition fee by 27 July 2020 (Early Bird students) and by 1 September 2020 (Regular students) and will immediately send a copy of the money transfer receipt to foundationyear@unipr.it.
4. The University of Parma will then send an official acceptance letter upon payment (25% of tuition fees).
5. Applicants holding their acceptance letter are requested to apply for a type D Visa (study purpose) at the Italian Embassy/Consulate in their home country.
6. Prospective students are requested to pay the remaining 75% by
   - “Early Birds”: 31 August 2020;
   - “Regular”: 21 September 2020
WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION YEAR?
The Foundation Year is a ten-month, full immersion preparatory programme for international students wishing to enroll at the University of Parma or any Italian University or a Music Conservatory. The Music Programme could last up to 13 months if students are enrolled on certain courses or wish to (re)take the entry test at Conservatorio.

WHO IS IT DESIGNED FOR?
It addresses prospective students holding a high school diploma but who have linguistic or cultural gaps and/or less than 12 years of schooling, as required by Law to access university in Italy.

WHY SHOULD A STUDENT APPLY?
Thanks to this programme, international students will have the opportunity to:
- improve their language competence in Italian, up to B2 level, (needed to enroll at an Italian University) and expand their intercultural communicative skills;
- fill in any cultural and intercultural gaps to better integrate in an academic context in Italy;
- obtain a one-year certificate of attendance (for students who do not have 12 years of schooling).

Furthermore, by the end of the course, students will be able to sit for an international language certificate at a B2 level, which will allow them to enroll at any Italian university or take Italstudio Università test to enroll at the University of Parma.

STUDENT LIFE IN PARMA
Parma is famous all around the world for its art, where music has a leading role, and food. It is a medium size, efficient, vibrant, university city, with high quality of life. It offers a wide range of entertainment and cultural opportunities. Parma will be “Italian Capital of Culture” in 2020. With more than a thousand years of history, the University of Parma has always been at the forefront of new developments in teaching and research. Responding to students’ needs and helping students develop their own special skills in different areas, from study life to leisure are among its core values. In order to achieve their aims, students have access to a large number of laboratories, study and research areas, as well as libraries, museums, sports centres, green areas and many other services and facilities. Discover more at https://en.unipr.it/.

COLLABORATIONS
The University of Parma’s Foundation Year is organised in collaboration with A. Boito Music Conservatory in Parma. Students will have the opportunity to enroll for both the Foundation Year’s Music programme and Conservatorio’s Music courses, separately.

HOW IS THE FOUNDATION YEAR ORGANIZED?
Students can choose between two study programmes:

- Core subjects (38 credits):
  - Italian language and culture;
  - Intercultural communication;
  - Preparatory course for the Italian language certificate at a B2 level.

- General programme (22 credits) in:
  - Contemporary History;
  - Geography;
  - History of music;
  - Eartraining;
  - Choral practice;
  - Harmony and analysis.

- University courses to help students choose the most appropriate degree course in one of the following fields:
  - Humanities
  - Law and Economics
  - Science (Chemistry, Biology, Pharmacy, etc.)
  - Medicine (including Nursing, Veterinary Medicine, etc.)
  - Technology (Engineering, Architecture, etc.)

Music programme (variable number of credits):
Music courses in many music areas offered by Conservatorio A. Boito in Parma:
- Choral practice;
- Eartraining;
- History of music;
- Harmony and analysis.

The tutoring service of Conservatorio will previously assess students’ competences in order to better guide them. For further information on the music courses offered by Conservatorio, please contact tutor@conservatorio.pr.it. The Foundation Year starts in September 2020 and ends in June 2021.

The Music Programme could last up to 13 months if students are enrolled on certain courses and/or wish to take the admission test.

LANGUAGE OF STUDY
The courses are taught in Italian. Some of the blended courses are also taught in English.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
- At least 11 years of schooling from primary education to high school graduation.
- Secondary school leaving qualification with a full transcript of records of the last school year, accompanied by a translation in Italian language officially legalized by the competent Italian Consulate in the country of residence.

ORDER OF ADMISSION
- Admission in chronological order upon payment.
- 10 students minimum for the General programme or 13 students for the Music programme maximum 50 students.

HOW MUCH DOES THE FOUNDATION YEAR COST?
It costs € 4,000 for the General programme and € 3,200 for the Music programme. Music courses are not included, an additional € 1,000 fee is required in order to enroll on (up to) 3 courses.

The fee includes an insurance policy covering injuries and accidents occurred while studying and civil liability, teaching materials, tutoring, access to facilities and services of the University of Parma.

The fee does not include travel expenses, VISA, housing, meals, books, health insurance policy, personal expenses.

HOW TO APPLY AND DEADLINES
1. Fill out the online application form by 15 July 2020 “Early Birds” students and by 24 August 2020 for “Regular” students. Attach:
   a) transcript of records of the last secondary school year;
   b) copy of Passport;
   c) an original version of the secondary school leaving qualification (or a copy of the version, original version), officially translated into Italian, and Declaration of Value.

2. Pay the fee.

After the entrance test, students can take to courses that they are allowed to attend.

4. Evaluation and admission: students will receive an acceptance letter.
5. Register for the courses.

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