PATHFINDER

MDIA DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ph.D.

Application Form

Pathfinder
The MDIA Scholarship Fund
Call 2023

The Pathfinder Scholarship Scheme is intended to support postgraduate education in the field of Artificial Intelligence/Information Security/Quantum Computing/ Machine Learning/Neural Networks and Robotics in order to ensure that the Maltese labour market is supplied with the right individuals and to guarantee that it is in a better position to compete at an international level. The scheme is aimed to support those pursuing this path to succeed both at the level of education attainment as well as contributing effectively towards the economy.

Instruction for completion:

- The completed application form and the required attachments must reach the Malta Digital Innovation Authority (MDIA) by sending them to pathfinder@mdia.gov.mt by **Friday 28th July 2023** by not later than **13:00** (**CET**).

- All answers must be completed in **English**. Documents provided in other languages must have an English translation attached thereto. The translation should be dated, signed and certified by an independent person of proven competence, confirming the integrity of the translation.

- Use N/A in response to any question which is not applicable.

- **Kindly read through the guidelines before proceeding with applying for the Pathfinder MDIA Scholarship Fund.**

Schedule B – Pathfinder Masters Application Form
To be filled in *CAPITALS*

Personal Information

Date of Application

Name and Surname

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Tick as applicable;

Male	
Female	
Non-Binary	

Maltese Residential Address

City	Country	Postcode

Contact Number

ID Card Number/Passport Number

Maltese Residence Permit

Applicable	Not Applicable

If Applicable:

I declare that I, the applicant, have a residence permit in the Maltese Territory, and with this Application I shall provide a copy of this permit – kindly tick:

YES

Email address

Name of Bank*

IBAN

I confirm that the Bank details are from a European Union Bank – kindly tick:

YES

* The bank details MUST be from a European Union Bank.

Please list academic degrees and diplomas, stating the University/Institution and the year of conferment. Kindly complete in chronological order.

MQF Level	Title of Qualification/ Training including area of specialisation	University/Recognized institution

Please list the MQF Level 8 course/programme you have applied for stating the University/Recognized Institution.

NO	MQF Level	Title of Course/ Programme	University/ Recognized Institution	Full-time (FT) Part-time (PT) Basis	Duration of course[1]	Start date (DD/ MM/YY)[2]	End date (MM/YY)	For Office Use Only
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For the applied course/programme above, list the tuition fees and bench fees required that correspond to the **full course/programme duration. Any changes to these fees will not be acceptable after the submission of the application.**

NO	Tuition Fees (€)[3]	Bench Fees (€)[4]	For Office Use Only
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[1]Duration of course cannot be changed. If changed after application deadline the application is considered to have been withdrawn.

[2]In case that the exact start date is unknown at the time of application, candidate shall define MM/YY.

[3]The exact amount of Tuition fees must be inserted. Failure to provide the incorrect amount may result in the disqualification of my application.

[4]The exact amount of Bench fees must be inserted. Failure to provide the incorrect amount may result in the disqualification of my application.

Additional Documentation

In addition to the application form please provide the following documentation. Mark the applicable boxes ensuring that the documentation has been attached.

Part 1 documents of the Application Form shall be submitted by **Friday 28th July 2023** at **13:00** (**CET**) together with the following documents.

Documentation Required	Attached	For Office Use Only
DOC 1 – Identification Card or Passport		
DOC 2 – Curriculum Vitae		
DOC 3 – Appendix I[5]		
DOC 4 – Appendix III[6] & IV[7]		
DOC 5 – Applicant's HEI (including University) **detailed and official transcripts** (*If already available*)		
DOC 8 – Permanent Residence permit (*If applicable*)		
DOC 10 – Evidence of commencement of programme of studies (*If applicable*)		

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[5]**Appendix I:**
Applicants applying to read for an MQF Level 7 or 8 qualification shall submit a clear overview of the relevance of how the programme of studies/course/research is related to Artificial Intelligence/Information Security/ Quantum Computing/ Machine Learning/ Neural Networks and Robotics, how this study/research can impact the development of Malta and what future plans will the applicant prepare prior to successful completion, in not more than three hundred (300) words. The word count does not include references, bibliographies, or footnotes.

[6]**Appendix II:**
Applicants applying for the scholarship should submit the list of units in their course or research, clearly identifying the unit/s in their course or research that are related to Artificial Intelligence and/or Information Security for al the courses/programmes listed in this application. The latter should amount to a minimum of 30 ECTS. Additional to this, students are to focus their research/thesis on innovative technologies that may or may not include Artificial Intelligence and/or Information Security.

[7]**Appendix IV:**
PhD applicants must submit a PhD proposal detailing their research project

Part 2 documents of the Application Form **shall be submitted by latest Friday 6th October 2023 at 13:00 (CET) which include the following;**

Documentation Required	For Office Use Only
DOC 5 - Applicant's HEI and/or Further Higher Education Institution (including University) **detailed and official transcripts[6]**	
DOC 6 - Unconditional Letter of Acceptance from the Recognised Educational Institution applied for	
DOC 7 - MQRIC evaluation report/receipt of application as per Clause 5.2 *(if required)*	
DOC 9 - Visa Approval *(If applicable)*	

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[6]The Applicant's HEI and/or Further Higher Education Institution (including University) **detailed and official transcripts** are required in Part 2 documents, only if they have not been submitted with the Part 1 documents.

Schedule C – Declaration form

I, the applicant declare that the final research project/thesis shall be related to Artificial Intelligence and/or Information Security/Quantum Computing/ Machine Learning/Neural Networks and Robotics .

YES

I, the applicant declare that the following documents required for this application are the scanned version of the original form.

YES

I, hereby acknowledge and declare that I have read and fully understood the instructions and requirements for submitting my application. I am aware that it is my sole responsibility to ensure that all the necessary and accurate documents are uploaded before the stipulated deadline.

I understand that failure to submit all the correct and required documents before the deadline may result in the rejection of my application. I further declare that the information provided in my application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

YES

To Pathfinder MDIA Digital Scholarship Board:

I, _____ undertake that the duration of my programme of studies applied for under the Pathfinder MDIA Digital Scholarship Board will be according to Clauses 4.1.2 and 6.2.1 of the Pathfinder MDIA Digital Scholarship guidelines.

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant ID Card No: _____

End of Application