



Admissions Policy

1. The Council of the Magna Charta Observatory welcomes applications to sign the Magna Charta Universitatum from universities anywhere in the world which adhere to or are able to adhere to the fundamental principles set out in the Magna Charta Universitatum and are endeavouring to do so.
2. Applicants must provide details of their policies and practices relating to their autonomy, academic freedom in research, teaching and learning, and demonstrating how they ensure integrity in their operations in a prescribed application form.
3. These statements must be supported by a formal request by the senior academic post-holder (Rector, President or Vice-Chancellor) and evidence in the form of certified minutes from the senior academic body and the ultimate governing body that the application has their full support.
4. Should the application be accepted, all staff must be notified, publicity should be given to the acceptance on the university's website which should include a link to the Magna Charta's website.
5. Applicants must include copies of independent, specific and original statements of support from three universities, at least two of which should be outside of their own country, which are already signatories of the Magna Charta Universitatum.
6. Applications will be reviewed by a Committee appointed by the Magna Charta Observatory Council. Each application will be assessed on its merits and a recommendation made to the Council. The Council will recommend to the University of Bologna that those applicants deemed to provide evidence of compliance with this policy be invited to sign the Magna Charta Universitatum.
7. Applicants must make a commitment to engage with the Magna Charta Observatory through participation in self evaluation, periodic surveys, studies, conferences, workshops and similar so as to engage in developing their own adherence to the fundamental values and share experience so as to assist other universities to do so. Those who wish to are invited to engage with the Living Values project details of which can be found at <http://www.magna-charta.org/activities-and-projects/living-values-project>
8. Should concerns be raised regarding a signatory's adherence to the fundamental values, the university must cooperate with the Magna Charta Observatory in reviewing the matter and responding. The Observatory reserves the right to publish



details of any non-compliance, remove the university from the publish list of signatories and exercise other sanctions if necessary.

9. Newly established universities should be encouraged to apply to sign the MCU but should not be permitted to actually sign the MCU until the first cohort of students had graduated.
10. The MCO Governing Council could, if it thought fit, accept the application and designate the university as having 'candidate status' which would entitle it to participate in all MCO activities.
11. Upon graduation of the first cohort of students, enquiries of a reflexive nature would be made of the university with candidate status and subject to satisfactory responses the university could be invited to sign the MCU 2020.