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Dear Professors of Politecnico di Milano,

It is a pleasure to contact you regarding the Education and Research Programme of the Norman Foster Foundation. As you may know, since September 2017, the Foundation granted over 50 scholarships to students coming from more than 20 countries across all continents. These scholars have worked on diverse topics aiming to promote the importance of architecture, infrastructure and urbanism for the betterment of society.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the second edition of the Norman Foster Foundation's Workshop 'On Cities'. The Workshop will take place in Madrid from Monday 27th to Friday 31st of May 2019, under the mentorship of Prof. Luis Bettencourt, Pritzker Director of the Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation at the University of Chicago. As usual, ten grants will be awarded to a selection of exceptional students from around the world to attend the Workshop. These grants will cover all visa, transportation and accommodation costs incurred during the workshop week in Madrid.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could inform your outstanding students that the selection process has just been launched, under the format of an international Open Call. Students are asked to submit an answer to the following question: How can specific new uses of technology and design enable meaningful, fast and sustainable development of urban informal settlements? The deadline for submissions is the 28th February 2019.

The Selection Committee follows race and gender equality criteria during the selection process. More details on the application can be found on the Foundation's website and on the pdf file attached to this letter. We are looking forward to including students that could bring interesting ideas and your university's expertise in the selection process.

The Workshop will be a unique opportunity to work with Luis Bettencourt and other experts on the urban field for the duration of a week in a creative and exciting working environment. The Workshop experience will enable students to become part of a growing network of scholars, greatly contributing to their future careers.

With best regards from Madrid,

Gabriel Hernández Head of Education and Research Units Norman Foster Foundation