The Collegio Carlo Alberto is a foundation created in 2004 as a joint initiative of the Compagnia di San Paolo and the University of Turin. Its mission is to foster research and high education in the social sciences, in accordance with the values and practices of the international academic community, through a threefold action plan:

- the production of first-rate research in Economics, Public Policy, Social Sciences and Law;
- the provision of top-level undergraduate and graduate education in the above disciplines;
- the contribution to the public policy debate.

In particular, the Collegio works in close connection with four departments of the University of Turin, that host economists, sociologists, political scientists and jurists. The Faculty contribute to a dynamic research environment involving residential faculty of the University of Turin, faculty hired on the international academic job market, and visiting scholars. Together they build our core scientific community, made by a total of about 50 researchers. As the Collegio’s mission makes clear, we deem research and education as equally important, since at a high level they cannot exist without each other. Our educational objective is to prepare undergraduate and Master’s students who can either enter the professional world with recognized and prized skills and adapt quickly to an ever-changing economic environment, or pursue a career in research in the world’s best PhD programs. Our research objective is to contribute to policy design for the economy and for other areas of public policy with research at a level comparable to the world’s top departments and research centers.
Compagnia di San Paolo

The Compagnia di San Paolo is one of the largest foundations in Europe.

It pursues socially useful objectives in order to promote cultural, civil and economic development with the income from its assets.

The Compania operates in the broad areas in which its institutional activity is organized: as research and education, the arts, cultural heritage and activities, health, and social policy. The Compagnia’s work is carried out through grants and projects directly managed by its own organization and instrumental bodies, including the Collegio Carlo Alberto.

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Università di Torino

The University of Turin is one of the most ancient and prestigious Italian Universities. Hosting about 70,000 students, 4,000 academic, administrative and technical staff, 1,800 post-graduate and post-doctoral students and with 120 buildings in different areas in Turin and in key places in Piedmont, the University of Turin can be considered as “city-within-a-city”, promoting culture and producing research, innovation, training and employment.

The University of Turin is today one of the largest Italian Universities, open to international research and training. It carries out scientific research and organizes courses in all disciplines, except for Engineering and Architecture. It is an integral part of the community, acting for reviving urban and suburban areas, promoting cultural interaction, social integration and development, encouraging dialogue and insight into current realities.

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The main areas of research focus are economics, law, political science, sociology with most research projects spanning these areas in an interdisciplinary way. Indeed, about 60% of the Collegio’s scientific production is explicitly meant to contribute to the policy debate, in Italy and in broader arenas.

The most important population dynamics, including aging and transformation within the family, are the subject of studies conducted in the research area dealing with family and demographic dynamics. Particularly developed is the analysis of the effects of family context and pre-school inputs on behaviors, cognitive outcomes and the health of children and adults. Several researchers deal with studies on migration dynamics and immigration and integration policies. The main themes concern the economic and social impact of immigration on hosting and sending countries; the implications of different migration policies; policy processes.

A very important role within the research lines is played by theoretical and empirical studies on social policies and welfare. These range from the analysis of aging population, household savings, pension and welfare systems, financial literacy and financial education. Research within the labor market area is aimed at analyzing in particular the behavior of workers and firms in relation to the different aspects of the labor market, including wages, working conditions, prices and profits. In this context, studies on social inequality and exclusion are also carried out. The activities falling under the Collegio Carlo Alberto Juridical Research Unit focus on the study of changes affecting law when facing the processes of globalization, dematerialization and “financialization” of the economy.
The Collegio is involved in both graduate and undergraduate education, hosting about 140 students per year.

At the undergraduate level, we offer the “Allievi” Honors Program, which allows selected students to receive a scholarship and to greatly deepen their knowledge and understanding of Economics and its investigative tools through additional English-language courses at the Collegio.

Selection of the candidates is purely based on merit.

The program aims to enhance the students’ education to help them succeed in their future academic or professional careers in Italy or abroad. The Allievi interact on a daily basis with the faculty of the Collegio. Moreover, they have access to the Collegio’s facilities and scientific activities, such as seminars, lectures, master’s and doctoral courses.
At the graduate level, the Collegio organizes five one-year Master’s degree courses. The Master’s degree in Economics is a program covering a wide scope of fields within Economics. The Master in Data Science for Complex Economic Systems (MADAS) takes a path-breaking perspective on economics and business by exploring the opportunities of (big) data analytics.

The Master’s degrees in Finance, Insurance and Risk Management is a professional program run in collaboration with the University of Torino (as “2nd level” Master’s degree).

The same goes for the Master in Public Policy and Social Change (MAPS), a “2nd level” Master’s degree focusing on the processes of social change in European societies, and on the public policies that are needed to meet these challenges at national, European and global level.

Finally the Collegio co-operates with the Juridical Departments of the Universities of Torino and Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro” and the International University College of Turin at the “1st level” Master in Comparative Law, Economics and Finance (CLEF).

Moreover, the Collegio contributes to some Doctoral programs in cooperation with the University of Torino, such as the “Vilfredo Pareto” Doctoral Program in Economics and the International PhD Program on Comparative Analysis of Economics, Institutions and Law (IEL).
Straddling the research and education endeavors are the Collegio’s scientific communication activities. Some events, particularly the Collegio Aperto lectures, are addressed to the general public. Other, like our Distinguished Scientific Lectures, are addressed to a broad audience of social scientists, students and practitioners.

Finally, our seminar series, workshops and conferences, organized by Collegio scholars or by the research networks, are geared toward an audience of academics and students in specific disciplines. Since its foundation the Collegio has hosted hundreds of prominent speakers, including Nobel laureates, leaders of financial institutions, authors and entrepreneurs. International distinguished speakers are the centerpiece of our series of Distinguished Scientific Lectures: the biennial Carlo Alberto Medal Lecture, the annual Onorato Castellino Lecture (organized by the research network CeRP), and the annual Vilfredo Pareto Lecture in Economics and Social Sciences. In these lectures, the speakers explain how their research helps us understanding economic reality and formulating policy recommendations. Scientific dissemination is the main focus of our Collegio Aperto initiative. Delivered by leaders in the academic and the policy worlds, the Collegio Aperto lectures center on topics of current interest as seen from the perspective of the social sciences.
Our emphasis on excellence in research motivated the institution of the Carlo Alberto Medal, a recognition awarded to an Italian economist (resident in Italy or abroad) under the age of 40 for outstanding research contributions to the field of Economics (broadly defined).

For young scholars at Italian universities, it provides a further incentive to pursue their research activity with renewed commitment. For Italian scholars who work at universities and research institutions abroad, the prize is a public recognition on the part of the country of origin.