

Notice of selection for the assignment of 3 scholarships aimed at supporting female students from Afghanistan at the University of Milano-Bicocca

Article 1 - Scope and recipients

As part of the “Bicocca for peace” initiative, a selection is announced for the assignment for the 2024/2025 academic year of 3 scholarships of annual and extendable duration, aimed at continuing the university career of female students from Afghanistan who register or enrol in one the University's master's degree courses taught in English at the University of Milano-Bicocca.

The Scholarships to support registration will be assigned by taking into account the teaching requirements of each course.

Article 2 - Duration and amount of the scholarship

The one-year scholarship includes:

- a) a cash benefit of the monthly amount of 350.00 Euros (gross recipient);
- b) free housing service at university residences;
- c) free catering service at university canteens for 1 meal a day for 6 days a week, in addition to the right to use the remaining meals at a discounted price corresponding to the first bracket for DSU students;
- d) total exemption from any amount due for university enrolment, including the regional tax for the right to education.

Article 3 - Requirements for admission to the selection

This selection is reserved for students with the following specifications:

- Female candidates of Afghan nationality

Candidates must have the requisite qualifications for enrollment in the chosen degree programme.

Candidates must have adequate knowledge of the English language.

Candidates must also meet the specific admission requirements to the selected course of study. Candidates can consult the specific admission requirements by accessing the page: <https://en.unimib.it/education/teaching/bachelors-and-masters-degrees>.

The University reserves the right to conduct in-depth interviews aimed at verifying the existence of the specific admission requirements.

Article 4 - Submission of the application form

Applications must be submitted by filling out the specific online form available at the following address:

<https://forms.gle/hC7HR7FQFjGyC8p29>

Applications can be sent following the posting of this notice to the University website until **the 6th of June 12 noon (noon, UTC +2)**. The application form must be completed in all its parts, as indicated in the online procedure, and include:

- Copy of **passport** or other current valid ID;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Motivational Letter (maximum two A4 pages).

4.1 Documents to access to master's degree courses

- a) Final diploma of a first-level degree, accompanied by an official translation in Italian or English;
- b) Certificate of exams (Transcript of Records) accompanied by an official translation in Italian or English;
- c) Any further documentation relating to access requirements, according to the national legislation of the foreign country issuing the title;
- d) The pre-enrollment receipt on the UNIVERSITALY Portal, where available;
- e) Evidence of proficiency in English language (candidates have to upload an English Language Certificate or declaration/proof that their previous degree was taught in English).

Applications or documents submitted in any other manner will be rejected. The University administration reserves the right to verify any representation made by any applicant.

Article 5 - Incompatibility

The scholarship is incompatible and therefore cannot be combined with:

- similar forms of economic aid provided by other public or private bodies (for example, scholarships for foreigners provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation or DS Scholarships for the Right to Education).

In such cases, the student has the right to opt for one or the other benefit, to be exercised no later than 30 days from the award of the second benefit, by written communication to be sent to the University.

Article 6 - Evaluation of participation applications and evaluation results

The evaluation of the applications received will be carried out following verification of the availability of places in the selected study program, on the basis of the following criteria:

- Academic background and GPA (score: 0-15);
- Curriculum Vitae (score: 0-15);
- Correspondence between the course of study and the degree course chosen for admission (score: 0-10).

In order to define the ranking, the University reserves the right to resort to an online interview to ascertain the candidate's skills. The communication of the interview, with the relative procedures, will be sent to the candidate at the e-mail address indicated during registration. It is necessary to obtain a minimum score of 26/40.

In the event of a tie, the youngest candidate takes precedence.

The results of the assessment will be made public by posting on the University notice board and on the web page: <https://en.unimib.it/international/opportunities/inclusive-university/bicocca-peace>

Article 7 - Acceptance and method of disbursement of the scholarship

The winners will receive the notification of the scholarship assignment by e-mail to the e-mail address provided in the application.

Within and no later than 7 days from the date of the communication of the award of the scholarship, the assignee must send via email to refugees@unimib.it the declaration of acceptance of the scholarship under the conditions of the competition notice.

In the event of non-acceptance or renunciation, the scholarships may be assigned by scrolling, in compliance with the ranking, to suitable candidates in a useful position.

The scholarship will be disbursed in quarterly instalments following the completion of registration/enrolment at the University of Milan-Bicocca by crediting the University Card provided to each student (in the case of an inactive badge, by IBAN of a current account opened in Italy or in another country of the European Union or by prepaid card).

Article 8 - Renewal requirements

In order to renew the scholarship, students must complete at least 20 university credits (CFU) by 10 August 2025.

In order to continue receiving benefits, students must complete at least 60 university credits (CFU) by 10 August 2026.

Students must graduate by the last available session for their matriculation year, i.e.

March/April 2027. Art.6.2 - Students who do not expect to graduate by March/April 2027 may apply for an additional 6-month renewal. The renewal may be granted on condition that at least 80 university credits (CFU) have been obtained by 31 January 2027. The renewal request must be submitted to the relevant office by email to refugees@unimib.it.

Article 9 - Processing of personal data

Pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003, and in accordance with EU Regulation no. 679/2016, processing performed on any personal data supplied to, or otherwise acquired by, the University, shall be solely for purposes of awarding fellowships under this call for applications, and will be performed by authorised personnel using manual and computer-based methods, in the manner and within the timeframe needed to pursue such purposes. Data shall be kept on file as permitted or required by administrative-documentation retention laws and regulations. The Data Controller is the University of Milano-Bicocca, by and through its Rector and Legal Representative, with registered address at Piazza dell'Ateneo Nuovo, 1 – Milan. The Data Processing Policy for the Training and Student Services Area is available on the designated webpage: www.unimib.it/privacy.

Article 10 - Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to the provisions of article 5 of law 07 August 1990, no. 241, the Person in charge of the procedure is Dora Maria Cornelia Longoni – Head of Education and Student Affairs Division.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the International Promotion and Communication Office at refugees@unimib.it.

Article 11 - Final provisions

For anything not expressly contemplated herein, applicable laws and the University regulations shall apply.

Article 12 - Publication

The notice has been posted publicly to the University notice board and on the University website on the dedicated page “Bicocca for peace”.

Milan,

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