

Call for Applications for Bicocca International Scholarship Programme (a.y. 2025/26)

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ART. 1 – Definition and Field of Application

The Bicocca International Scholarship Programme (BISP) is reserved for international students holding a foreign qualification and admitted to one of the following programmes:

- Medicine and Surgery (LMCU)
- Marine Sciences (LM)
- International Economics (LM)
- Data Science (LM)
- Materials Science and Nanotechnology (LM)
- Artificial Intelligence for Science and Technology (LM)
- Astrophysics and Space Physics (LM)
- Physics (LM)
- Marketing and Global Markets (LM)
- Optometry and Vision Science (LM)
- Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences (LM)
- Mathematics (LM)

- Economics and Technologies of Sustainability (LM) - under accreditation
- Economics and Science for Environmental Sustainability (LT) - under accreditation
- Physical Sciences for Advanced Technologies (LT) - under accreditation

One scholarship for each course will be assigned to the best candidate among those meeting the requirements better specified in article 2. If additional funds become available, the number of scholarships allocated to each program may be increased at the discretion of the awarding body.

Each scholarship consists of €10,000 per academic year (gross amount) and includes exemption from tuition fees. Beneficiaries are not exempt from paying the administrative fee and the regional tax (amounting to € 156 as of 13 February 2025).

The Bicocca International Scholarship Programme is renewable for a maximum of three years for Bachelor (Laurea) programmes and Single Cycle Degree programmes (Laurea Magistrale a Ciclo Unico) and two years for Master Degree programmes (Laurea Magistrale).

ART. 2 – Admission Requirements

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must:

1. Hold a non-Italian entry qualification that allows admission to the Italian University system for the desired course;
2. Not hold Italian citizenship;
3. Not be resident in Italy;
4. Be admitted to one of the programmes specified in Art. 1. The admission offer is considered accepted once the deposit has been received.

ART. 3 – Participation Terms

Applicants are **not required** to send or fill out any application form other than applying to the relevant Bachelor's or Master's programme. To be automatically included in the selection process, applicants must:

For limited access courses:

- Complete all admission procedures;
- Be included in the admission ranking list;
- Be considered eligible for enrolment and have confirmed the admission offer.

Each course has different admission deadlines. Please refer to the apply.unimib.it webpage for more information.

For free entrance courses:

- Be admitted and have confirmed the admission offer at the latest by 9 May 2025. Priority will be given to the candidates who have applied in the first Call for Admission

ART. 4 – Exclusion from the Selection Process

The following candidates are **not eligible** to participate in the competition and will not be included in the selection process:

1. Non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy with a valid permit to stay;
2. European citizens and equivalent persons who have resided in Italy continuously for more than nine months;
3. Those who have previously enrolled in a master's degree programme in Italy;
4. Those enrolled in single courses or part-time;
5. Students who are already recipients of other grants (see Art. 11).

ART. 5 – Evaluation Criteria

5.1 Programmes with Limited Access

Scholarships will be assigned based on the admission ranking published on the website.

5.2 Programmes with Free Access

The Academic Committee of each degree programme will appoint an Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee will shortlist eligible applicants and award scholarships to the most deserving candidates. Applicants will be scored based on academic excellence, and prior learning records. The Commission may also consider in the evaluation parameters also gender equality, country of origin, and the candidates' age (prioritising the youngest candidates in case of equivalence of the above-mentioned requirements)

Scholarships are awarded by a specific Committee, nominated through an Executive Decree of the Head of the Education and Student Affairs Division. The Coordinators of each degree Programme or their delegates are members of the Committee.

ART. 6 – Notification of the Outcome

Scholarship selection results will be published on the University Website at the page dedicated to the scholarship as well as on apply.unimib.it according to the following schedule:

- By the end of May 2025 for programmes with free access;
- Following the publication of each admission ranking for courses with limited access;

ART. 7 – Scholarship Assignment

7.1 Acceptance

Beneficiaries will receive a specific scholarship offer from the International Affairs Unit through the platform apply.unimib.it. The communication will include the procedures and deadlines for accepting the scholarship.

All the communication regarding scholarship awarding and deadlines will be sent exclusively through the Dream Apply (DA) platform, to the e-mail account registered by the candidate on DA platform

To be granted the scholarship, selected candidates must:

- Officially accept scholarship offer by the deadline given;
- Confirm that they are not beneficiaries of other scholarships (see Art. 11);
- Fulfill the enrollment requirements within the given deadline;
- **For non-EU students:** meet the requirements for an Italian student visa (D - enrolment);
- Complete enrolment in the chosen degree programme following checks on document authenticity and enrolment eligibility;
- Arrive in Milan by 31st October 2025;

Failure to meet one or more of the conditions listed in article 7.1 will result in exclusion from the scholarship.

7.2 Scholarship re-assignment

In case a beneficiary will not meet one of the requirements mentioned above, the scholarship will be awarded to the next eligible student.

ART. 8 – Scholarship Payment

For the first year, the scholarship will be paid in two instalments:

The **First Instalment** will be paid by bank transfer after:

- completing enrolment and submitting the required documents;
- opening an Italian or SEPA bank account where the student is the holder or joint holder;
- signing the Declaration of Acceptance, confirming compliance with scholarship terms and conditions.

The **Second Instalment** will be paid by bank transfer at the beginning of the second semester upon verification of passing **at least one exam** during the first semester. Credits recognized from past studies will not count toward this requirement.

ART. 9 – Scholarship Renewal

9.1 First year renewal - Academic Year 26/27

First instalment: the renewal for the second year for all the beneficiaries is granted upon completion of 40 ECTS credits by November 2026.

Second instalment: the payment of the second instalment for all the beneficiaries will be paid upon the completion of 60 ECTS by March 2027.

If the scholarship is renewed, the student can enroll for the 2026-2027 academic year by paying only the administrative fee.

9.2 Second Year renewal (Bachelor and single cycle degree) - Academic Year 27/28

First instalment: the renewal for the second year for beneficiaries enrolled in Bachelor and Single Cycle Degree Programmes is granted upon completion of 90 ECTS credits by November 2027.

Second instalment: the payment of the second instalment of the renewal will be paid upon the compilation of 120 ECTS by March 2028.

If the scholarship is renewed, the student can enroll for the 2027/28 academic year by paying only the administrative fee.

Credits recognized from past studies will not be counted toward renewal eligibility.

ART. 10 – Scholarship Withdrawal

The scholarship will be fully withdrawn if:

- The student withdraws from studies;
- The student fails to acquire any of the renewal requirements listed in article 9

In such cases, the student must refund disbursed amounts received but will retain tuition fee exemptions for the academic year of reference.

Special cases may be examined by a designated Committee.

ART. 11 – Incompatibility with Other Grants

The Bicocca International Scholarship cannot be combined with similar grants, including those from the Regional scholarship programme (Diritto allo Studio - DSU) or any other public or private body, **being Italian or foreign.**

Should the student be assigned another scholarship and/or benefit which are incompatible with their Bicocca International Scholarship, he/she must exercise the right of choice within ten days from the most recent awarding.

The scholarship is compatible with international mobility grants.

ART. 12 – Suspension

The recipient of the Bicocca International Scholarship who decides to temporarily suspend their studies will have to request the suspension of the scholarship and to provide the reasons by sending an email to international.promotion@unimib.it. If granted, the suspension of the Bicocca International scholarship cannot last more than one academic year.

ART. 13 – Tax Treatment

Bicocca International Scholarships are considered a form of income equivalent to employment income and are subject to the tax regulations in force regarding scholarships.

ART. 14 – Verification on truthful statements

The University of Milano-Bicocca will be entitled to verify the truthfulness of the declarations of the student even after awarding the scholarships regulated by this Call for Applications. Additionally, the University will be able to exercise the faculties regulated by the current laws, specifically by art. 10 D. Lgs. N.68/20112, by D.P.R. n. 445/2000 art. 71, as well as by art. 11 of D.P.C.M. n.159/2013 and by the relative INPS's update n. 171 of December 18th 2014. In case of untruthful statements, sanctions are disciplined by art. 75 and 76 of D.P.R. n. 445/2000 and by art. 10 D. Lgs. N. 68/2012 cit. will be applied, along with legal measures. The act constitutes a crime.

ART. 15 – Data Processing Information

Data will be processed in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 196 of 2003 (Personal Data Protection Code) and subsequent amendments, as well as EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR). The privacy notice is available at <https://www.unimib.it/privacy>.

ART. 16 – Final Provisions

The person responsible for the procedure is Dott.sa Agnese Cofler, Head of the International Affairs Unit.