

Bicocca per la Pace 2025

Call for applications for up to two (2) scholarships for female Afghan students enrolled in a first or second level degree course for the Academic Year 2025/26

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Art.1 – Objectives, Recipients and benefits

The overall objective of the **Bicocca per la Pace 2025** project is to promote the right to higher education for female Afghan students.

Art.1.1 - List of available study courses

The study courses offered in English at the University of Milano-Bicocca participating in the call for application are:

- [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](#)

Art.1.2 - Benefits

Beneficiaries will receive the following support:

- Scholarship worth € 4,132 per year (gross amount) – with maintenance and merit requirements, as well as conditions for further renewals, detailed in Article 7;
- Free accommodation in one of the University residences, or in a similar facility, in a shared room;
- One free meal per day (lunch) for six days a week at the university canteens. For the remaining meals, beneficiaries will have access to a discounted rate;
- Exemption from academic fees;
- Coverage of costs for health insurance service for the duration of the scholarship;
- Free Italian language course;
- Psychological counselling service;
- Assistance and support from dedicated tutors
- Support with administrative procedures for access to local services;
- Guiding support to extra-academic and social inclusion activities;

The abovementioned academic benefits are applicable only to the beneficiaries of the scholarship and cannot be extended for any reason to relatives or third parties.

Art.2 - Incompatibility

The BICOCCA PER LA PACE scholarship cannot be awarded in conjunction with:

- Any type of scholarship or study award based on merit or income supported by the University of Milano-Bicocca to assist international students;
- Scholarships offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI scholarships for recipients of international protection;
- Scholarships that are aimed at international students and promoted by foreign governments or institutions based on agreements with the University of Milano-Bicocca;
- Lombardy region right to study grant (DSU)

The scholarship is compatible, and can be accumulated, with international mobility grants.

Art.3 - Admission requirements

Application is open exclusively to candidates specified in Article 1 and who have been admitted to one of the programmes specified in Art. 1.1.

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.

For free entrance courses:

- Be admitted and have received an admission offer by the deadline indicated by the call and have confirmed the admission offer.

Art.4 - Deadlines and submission methods

All the students who have been admitted to one of the courses listed in article 1.1 by the 23rd May 2025 will be considered for the award.

Art.5 - Selection criteria

Students are selected on the basis of merit requirements.

Assessment will be carried out by a Committee composed by a panel of experts to be appointed by Rector Decree.

Art.6 - Selection process

The Committee in charge of awarding the scholarship will assess the received documentation using the following criteria:

- Academic/Study 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 be considered eligible it is necessary to obtain a minimum score of 26/40.

Candidates will be listed in descending order of points. In the event of a tie, the youngest candidate takes precedence.

The ranking list will then be approved by the Rector.

The ranking list of the candidates will be published **by the end of June 2025** on the website <https://en.unimib.it/international/opportunities/inclusive-university/bicocca-peace>

The beneficiaries will also be informed through the apply.unimib.it platform.

Art.6.1 - Acceptance of the scholarship

The winners will be notified by email by 30th June 2025.

To confirm the scholarship, candidates must reply to the University's communication within 7 days of the notification date. Failure to respond by the given deadline will result in the loss of the scholarship and its benefits

By accepting the scholarship, the student fully accepts, without reservation, the support and financial benefits provided by the Bicocca per la Pace project, under the conditions outlined in this call for applications. The winner cannot request any services or amounts other than those specified in Article 1.2. Additionally, by accepting the scholarship, students confirm, under their full responsibility, that they do not fall within any of the incompatibility conditions outlined in Article 2 of this call for applications.

Art.6.2 - Ranking and allocation of available places

In the event that one or both of the winners decline the scholarship within the period of time stated in Art. 6.1, the University will proceed to award the scholarship to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

Art.7 - Renewal

Art. 7.1 - Renewal requirements – 2026/2027

In order to renew the scholarship for the academic year 2026/27, students – both those enrolled in a first level or a second level degree course - must complete at least 40 university credits (CFU) by 30 November 2026.

In addition, students are required to complete the Italian language courses indicated by the University's tutoring services until they reach at least an A1 level by completing the online course and passing the Italian level exam organized by the University.

Art. 7.2 Renewal requirements – 2027/2028

In order to renew the scholarship for the academic year 2027/28, bachelor students must complete at least 90 university credits (CFU) by 30 November 2027.

In addition, students are required to complete the Italian language courses indicated by the University's tutoring services until they reach at least an A2 level by completing the online course and passing the Italian level exam organized by the University.

All the students must graduate by the last session available for their cohort. Housing will be provided until that deadline.

Art. 7.3 - Renewal under condition

In exceptional and duly motivated conditions, and for just one time during the study in the event that the student is missing a maximum of 5 credits for meeting the renewal requirement as previously indicated in the above Articles, he/she can request a renewal under condition by writing an official request to refugees@unimib.it. The student will be required to send an official request to the course coordinator, providing the reason behind the missing of the requirements and including a detailed remedial plan. The request will be reviewed in consultation with the Professor in charge of the study course, considering the student's academic progress, commitment, and any study gaps.

Any special cases not covered here may be examined by a designated committee.

Art.8 - Payment of the scholarship

FIRST YEAR:

The payment of the scholarship will be made in three installments. The first installment will be paid upon arrival, once the student has submitted all the relevant documents due for admission and has opened a bank account.

The second installment will be paid after the completion of the winter session, provided the student has passed at least two exams.

A third installment will be paid by the end of July 2026, according to the student study progress.

SECOND YEAR ONWARDS

Scholarship will be paid into three installments: by the end of September, by the end of the winter session and by the end of July.

Art.9 - Italian Courses

Following the provisions of Article 6, students are required to reach within the first year of study the A1 level of language proficiency and within the second Year A2 level. The University will inform students about the online learning platform and how to register for the language exam.

Art.10 - Revocation of the scholarship

Students who withdraw from their studies will automatically forfeit all associated benefits. The University reserves the right to revoke the scholarship and suspend all benefits, including financial ones, if a student abandons their residence or studies for more than 15 days without prior notification, unless due to unforeseen circumstances or force majeure. If efforts to resolve the situation and restore the relationship of trust between the student and the University fail, the scholarship and all related benefits will be immediately revoked. Any unreported absences will be reported to law enforcement authorities.

ART. 11 Withdrawal

Candidates who will withdraw from the program, even in case of voluntary withdrawal or prolonged absence, will lose all the benefits of the scholarship. It will be considered an implicit withdrawal if the student is unavailable, leaves the dormitory, or stops attending classes for more than 15 days without providing any justification or communication to the student secretariat.

Art.12 - Processing of personal data

Pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003 and EU Regulation 679/2016, the processing of personal data provided or otherwise acquired by the University is aimed solely at carrying out this selection and it will be carried out by authorized personnel, using procedures, including IT procedures, in the manner and within the limits necessary to pursue the aforementioned purposes. The data will be stored in accordance with the rules on the conservation of administrative documentation. The data controller is University of Milano-Bicocca in the person of the Rector, Legal Representative, with registered office in Piazza dell 'Ateneo Nuovo, 1 - Milan.

The Information on Personal Data Processing is available at:

<https://en.unimib.it/international/inclusiveuniversity/unicore>

The administration reserves the right to check the accuracy of the declared data as set out in Article 76 of DPR 445/2000. In the event of false declarations, the applicant will lose the right to participate in the call for applications and/or any benefits awarded.

Art.13 Person in charge of the procedure

The person in charge of the procedure is Dr. Agnese Cofler - Head of International Affairs Unit – U12 Auditorium Building – Via Vizzola 5, 20126 Milan, Italy.

Art.14 - Publication

This provision is published in the Official Register and on the University website.

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