

IUPALS: Italian University for Palestine

**Call for applications for of up to four (4) scholarships for Palestinian Students living in the
Palestinian Territories enrolled in a first or second level degree course for the Academic Year
2025/26**

Art.1 – Objectives, Recipients and benefits	2
Art.1.1 - List of available study courses.....	2
Art.1.2 - Benefits	2
Art.2 - Incompatibility	3
Art.3 - Admission requirements.....	3
Art.4 - Selection criteria.....	4
Art.5 - Deadlines and submission methods.....	4
Art. 5.1 Submission methods	4
Art. 5.2 Required documents.....	4
Art.6 - Selection process	5
Art. 6.1 Title evaluation	5
Art. 6.2- Acceptance of the scholarship	5
Art. 6.3 - Ranking and allocation of available places	6
Art.7 - Renewal.....	6
Art. 7.1 - Renewal requirements – 2026/2027	6
Art. 7.2 Renewal requirements – 2027/2028.....	6
Art. 7.3 - Renewal under condition	6
Art.8 - Payment of the scholarship	6
Art.9 - Italian Courses.....	7
Art.10 - Revocation of the scholarship	7
Art.11 Withdrawal	7
Art.12 - Processing of personal data	7
Art.13 Person in charge of the procedure	7
Art.14 - Publication.....	8

Art.1 – Objectives, Recipients and benefits

The overall objective of the IUPALS Italian University for Palestine project, in collaboration with CRUI (Conferenza Rettori Universitari Italiani) is to promote the right to higher education for Palestinian Students residing in the Palestinian Territories.

Residency status in the Palestinian Territories will be assessed by the relevant Italian Consulate.

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](#) - On line test “English TOLC E” due for admission
- [Physical Sciences for Advanced Technologies \(LT\) - under accreditation](#) - On line test “English TOLC I” due for admission

Selecting the specific course from the above list, you will be redirected to the program page, where you can view the full course information including study plans and specific entry requirements.

For the Bachelor courses, it is required to sit the relevant TOLC exam by the deadline of 31st July 2025.

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 IUPALS 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 who holds the following requirements:

- Hold Palestinian nationality and reside in the Palestinian Territories. These two conditions will be verified by the relevant Italian Consulate
- Have never been enrolled before in a degree program at University of Milano-Bicocca or any of the Partner Universities.
- Hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen First or Second Cycle Degree Program (The qualification must allow access to a degree course in Italy);
 - For Bachelor candidates: sit the relevant admission test (see art. 1.1) by the 31st July 2025
- Meet the specific admission requirements of the Second cycle degree program or having been admitted to one of the courses listed in art. 1.1

- Proficiency in the English language is required. Candidates must hold a certificate of English proficiency at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The English language competence of candidates who do not hold the above-mentioned certificate will be assessed during an interview.

Art.4 - Selection criteria

Bachelor degree applicants will be required to sit the entrance test due for the admission (see art. 1.1) no later than July 31st, 2025, by way of derogation from the deadline set by the call for application of the course.

Master degree applicants are selected on the basis of the specific entry requirements of the Master course chosen and need to hold the admission requirements to the course of interest in order to be considered eligible for the scholarship.

The assessment will be carried out by a Committee of experts that will be nominated by the Rector.

Only candidates who meet the entry requirements for the course will be listed in the ranking. In case of course with limited access, they will be considered admitted over quota.

Art.5 - Deadlines and submission methods

Applications will be opened from the date of publication of this call until May 23rd, 2025 12 pm Rome Time.

Deadline for sitting the entrance test required for the admission to the Bachelor course is July 31st, 2025.

Art. 5.1 Submission methods

Candidates are invited to apply to admission and to the scholarship on the section for international students, at the following link:

<https://apply.unimib.it/courses/course/118>

Candidates can apply to one course among those listed on article 1.1.

Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be taken into consideration.

Students are allowed to apply only for one study course among those listed in Article 1.

Art. 5.2 Required documents

In order to apply for the scholarship candidates must:

- Fill the on-line application form in all the required fields
- Upload the school documentation required for evaluation
 - For high school students, high school diploma or high school transcripts of grades
 - For degree students, degree certificate or updated transcripts of grades
- Any English language certification, if possessed
- For Bachelor candidates: relevant TOLC exam results (see art. 1.1) if already possessed

Art.6 - Selection process

Art. 6.1 - Title evaluation

Professor will assess the eligibility of the candidate for admission, and then will score the candidates 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 for the scholarship, it is necessary to obtain a minimum score of 26/40.

The evaluation Committee reserves the right to invite students to an on-line interview in case they will need to better assess their academic and linguistic abilities.

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 Decree and published **by the end of June 2025** on the following link:

<https://en.unimib.it/about-us/international-outreach/inclusive-university/iupals-italian-university-palestine-scholarship>

Beneficiaries of the scholarship will be also informed through the apply.unimib.it platform.

Art.6.2 - 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

The University reserves the right to revoke the scholarship award for candidates whose nationality and residency requirements are not confirmed by the relevant Italian Consulate.

Beneficiaries are required to fulfill all the requirements due for the VISA application, including the submission of the pre-application on the University website and the attendance of the Italian Course organized by the relevant Offices.

By accepting the scholarship, the student fully accepts, without reservation, the support and financial benefits provided by the IUPALS 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.6.3 - Ranking and allocation of available places

In the event that one of the winners declines 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.

If the Italian Consulate does not confirm the nationality and residency requirements of one of the winners, the scholarship will be revoked and assigned 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.

FROM THE 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 a 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.

THE RECTOR: Professor Giovanna Iannantuoni
(F.to digitalmente ex Art. 24 D.Lgs. 82/05)

Person in Charge of the procedure: Agnese Cofler

Document processed by: Martaa Farina, International Affairs Unit