

Call for Applications for Bicocca International Scholarship Programme

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ART. 1 – Definition and Field of Application

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

1. **Medicine and Surgery (LMCU)**
2. **Marine Sciences (LM)**
3. **International Economics (LM)**
4. **Data Science (LM)**
5. **Materials Science and Nanotechnology (LM)**
6. **Artificial Intelligence for Science and Technology (LM)**
7. **Astrophysics and Space Physics (LM)**
8. **Physics (LM)**
9. **Marketing and Global Markets (LM)**
10. **Optometry and Vision Science (LM)**
11. **Applied Experimental Psychological Sciences (LM)**
12. **Mathematics (LM)**
13. **Economics and Technologies of Sustainability (LM)**
14. **Economics and Science for Environmental Sustainability (LT)**
15. **Physical Sciences for Advanced Technologies (LT)**
16. **Artificial Science (LT)**
17. **Human centered artificial intelligence (LM)**

Five scholarships will be assigned to the best candidates for each course among those meeting the requirements (please see article 2 for more details). 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.

The Bicocca International Scholarship Programme is **renewable for a maximum of 3 years for Bachelor** (Laurea) programmes and Single Cycle Degree programmes (Laurea Magistrale a Ciclo Unico) and **2 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. Do not possess an Italian citizenship (except for dual citizenship including Italian one)
3. Not to 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. In order 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 by **15 March 2026** at the latest. Priority will be given to candidates who have applied to 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 Limited Access Programmes

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

5.2 Free Access Programmes

The Academic Committee of each degree programme will appoint an Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee will rank eligible applicants and award scholarships to most deserving candidates. Applicants will be scored based on academic excellence, and past education records. Among evaluation parameters, Commission may also consider gender equality, country of origin, and candidates' age (prioritizing 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.

In case of courses whose admission is managed by a partner University, the scholarship will be assigned on the basis of the ranking shared by the partner University.

ART. 6 – Notification of the Results

Scholarship selection results will be published on apply.unimib.it according to the following schedule:

- By middle of April for free access study programmes;
- Following the publication of admission ranking list for limited access study programmes.

ART. 7 – Scholarship Assignment

7.1 Acceptance

Beneficiaries will receive a specific scholarship offer from the International Global Engagement Unit through the platform apply.unimib.it. The communication will also include procedures and deadlines in order to receive 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 given deadline;

- Confirm that they are not beneficiaries of any other scholarships (see Art. 11);
- Fulfill the enrollment requirements within the given deadline;
- **Only for non-EU students:** meet the requirements for an Italian student visa (D - enrolment);
- Complete enrolment to the selected degree programme following checks on document authenticity and enrolment eligibility;
- Arrive in Milan by **31st October 2026**;

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

Art. 7.2 Scholarship re-assignment

In case a beneficiary will not meet one of the requirements mentioned above, within the deadline set by the office, the scholarship will be awarded to the next eligible student in the ranking list.

ART. 8 – Scholarship Payment

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

The **First Instalment** will be paid by **December 2026** and under these conditions:

- Completed enrolment procedures and submitted the required documents within deadlines;
- Having opened an Italian or SEPA bank account on the beneficiary student's name;
- Having signed the Declaration of Acceptance form, declaring 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** in the first semester. Credits recognized from previous studies will not be counted.

ART. 9 – Scholarship Renewal

9.1 First year renewal - Academic Year 27/28

First instalment: the renewal for the second year for all the beneficiaries is granted upon completion of **40 ECTS credits by November 2027**.

Second instalment: the payment of the second instalment for all the beneficiaries will be paid upon the completion of **60 ECTS by March 2028**.

If the scholarship renewal is approved, the student is allowed to enroll for 2027/28 academic year only by paying administrative fee.

9.2 Second Year renewal (Bachelor and single cycle degree) - Academic Year 28/29

First instalment: second year renewal for beneficiaries enrolled in Bachelor and Single Cycle Degree Programmes is granted upon completion of **90 ECTS by November 2028**.

Second instalment: the payment of the second instalment of the renewal will be paid upon the completion of **120 ECTS** by **March 2029**.

If the scholarship is renewed, the student can enroll for the 2028/2029 academic year by paying only the administrative fee.

Credits recognized from past studies will not be counted.

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 of this call for application.

In such cases, the student must refund the 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 any similar grant**, including those from the Regional scholarship programme (Diritto allo Studio - DSU) or any other public or private body, **being Italian or foreign**. Moreover, Bicocca International Scholarship **cannot be combined with any additional benefit** connected with the Regional Scholarship Programme (Diritto allo studio - DSU) included but not limited to the Meal card, Housing or extraordinary grant.

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 are compulsory requested to apply for suspension of the scholarship and to justify it by sending an email to international.promotion@unimib.it. The suspension of the Bicocca International scholarship **cannot last** more than **one academic year**.

Art. 13 – Tax Treatment

Bicocca International Scholarships are considered as a form of income by the current Italian tax regulation and are subject to the tax regulations in force.

Art. 14 – Verification on accuracy of statements

The University of Milano-Bicocca will check the accuracy of students' statements, even after awarding the scholarships. Additionally, the University will be able to exercise the right regulated by the current laws, specifically by art. 10 D. Lgs. N.68/2012, 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 will apply by art. 75 and 76 of D.P.R. n. 445/2000 and by art. 10 D. Lgs. N. 68/2012 cit, along with legal measures. The act constitutes a crime due to Italian law.

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

Marketing and International Recruitment Office is in charge of this procedure.