

# IUPALS - ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES FOR PALESTINIAN STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO PALESTINIAN STUDENTS RESIDING IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

#### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARDING OF 10 SCHOLARSHIPS

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# Art. 1 - Objectives and contents of the project

The main goal of IUPALS project, carried out in collaboration with the Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities (CRUI), is to provide Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories with dedicated scholarships to attend a first or second-level degree programme at an Italian university.

Some universities participating in the project also provide for the organisation of courses in Italian language and culture, which students are required to attend before starting their studies.

As part of this project, the University of Milan is offering 10 scholarships for enrolment in the 2025/2026 academic year. The scholarships will cover the whole study cycle, upon fulfilment of specific requirements.

# Art. 2 - Eligibility

Applications are open to Palestinian students who reside in the Palestinian Territories and want to attend a Bachelor's, Master's or single-cycle Master's degree programme at the University of Milan starting in academic year 2025/2026. To be eligible for the

scholarship, students must hold a suitable school or academic qualification to continue or begin university studies.

Students who are already enrolled at an Italian university are not eligible for the scholarship.

These scholarships shall not be cumulated with any similar financial aid disbursed by the University or other public or private entities. Instead, they can be cumulated with international mobility grants.

#### Art. 3 - Benefits

Each scholarship provides the following benefits:

- accommodation in a double room at one of the University residences;
- two meals a day, seven days a week, at the University cafeterias or other affiliated restaurants and bars;
- tuition fee;
- registration with the National Health Service (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale);
- public transport season ticket;
- PC on loan.

Students will also receive a total amount of €4,000, paid in two instalments.

Additionally, beneficiaries are offered:

- academic tutoring to better organise their studies and meet academic deadlines;
- **guidance services** to encourage their integration in social and academic life and receive assistance on administrative procedures for their stay in Italy;
- counselling services to help them alleviate stress, anxiety or other emotional difficulties which they may experience during their stay in Italy;
- an Italian language course.

#### Art. 4 - Application procedure

Applicants must submit their scholarship application by May 30, 2025, by following these steps:

- 1. Register on the University portal at the following link: https://registrazione.unimi.it/reg\_utenti\_esterni/ENG/registrazione/form.html
- 2. Submit the scholarship application using the registration credentials at the following link:

https://informastudenti.unimi.it/saw/ess/offeringPage/12432569

The application must specify the degree program of interest. The University's degree programmes are available at: https://www.unimi.it/en/education

When applying, they will be required to attach the following documents:

- passport (only the page with personal data);
- school or university documentation confirming their enrolment or attainment of their diploma/university degree, including their school report or university transcript of records, as required to continue or begin university studies;
- CV including information on the applicant's education, languages spoken, personal skills and any professional experiences.

# Art. 5 - Assessment criteria and procedure

An ad hoc committee appointed by Rector's Decree will assess applicants taking into account: their school or university education; language proficiency in relation to the programme chosen; consistency between their educational background and the programme in which they are interested.

The Committee may also invite applicants to an online interview aimed at evaluating their background and reasons for applying.

If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of scholarships available, preference will be given to those admitted to Bachelor's and single-cycle Master's degree programmes.

# Art. 6 - Ranking and acceptance of the scholarship

The assessment outcome will be posted by 30 June 2025 on the University website at: <a href="https://www.unimi.it/en/node/52209">https://www.unimi.it/en/node/52209</a>. Eligible applicants will also receive a notice at the email address they indicated when applying online.

They will be required to confirm their acceptance of the scholarship by replying to the University's notice within 7 days of receipt. Failure to accept the scholarship by the specified deadline will result in the loss of the scholarship and its associated benefits.

To obtain the scholarship, applicants must submit a pre-enrolment application to the University of Milan through the <u>Universitaly portal</u> for the purpose of obtaining a student visa, and complete the enrolment process according to the instructions that will be provided upon acceptance.

# Art. 7 - Allocation of the scholarship

The scholarship will be awarded to students who hold a valid academic qualification, are properly enrolled at the University, comply with the procedures related to staying in Italy, and have successfully attended and completed the Italian language course offered as part of the project.

For the academic year 2025/2026, the €4,000 stipend will be paid in two instalments: the first instalment when the student arrives in Italy, and the second in July 2025,

subject to completion of at least one exam, or possession of a certificate of attendance to the programme activities to be issued by the Head of the study programme.

The scholarship will be automatically renewed for the academic year 2026/2027, subject to completion of at least one exam by September 2026.

Requisites for the renewal of the scholarships for years subsequent to the second will be communicated later on.

#### Art. 8 - Withdrawal

Students who withdraw from studies will automatically forfeit all benefits associated with the scholarship. In this case, any overdue payment will not be disbursed.

# Art. 9 - Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person in charge of the procedure set forth in this call for applications is Ms Monica Delù (Head of the Post-Graduate Programmes and International Students Services Sector).

#### Art. 10 - Contacts and Information

For information and/or clarifications, please contact the International Welcome Desk via the <u>InformaStudenti</u> service, selecting the category International > IUPALS scholarships.

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