



EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS REGULATIONS

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Article 1 - Definition and field of application

Excellence scholarships are reserved to international students holding a foreign title and enrolled in a master degree programme or in the International Medical School single-cycle master programme who meet specific merit requirements based on the academic career, on the curriculum vitae uploaded during the admission application to the first year and on the academic coursework completed in the master degree programme.

The number of scholarships reserved for students enrolled in the first year is decided annually by the Board of Directors.

Article 2 - Requirements and participation terms for students enrolled in the first year

To be eligible to receive the excellence scholarship students must:

- Be admitted to open-access master degree programmes and have completed the application for admission **by May 31st** of each year or be admitted to a master degree programme with limited access;
- Be admitted to the single-cycle master degree programme in International Medical School.

Article 3 - Ranking criteria

3.1 Open access master programmes

3.1.1 The evaluation committees of each open access master degree programme will draw up a ranking list based on the sum of the scores obtained by the assessment of applicants' academic records and the curriculum vitae.

Each committee can assign maximum 30 points per student as follows:

Academic curriculum (average of exam records)	Maximum 20 points
Curriculum vitae (work, research or study experience)	Maximum 10 points

Among applicants of equal merit, preference will be given to those with the best academic records. In the case of persisting equal merit, preference is given to the younger applicant.

Candidates who after this phase of assessment are awarded a score less than 21/30 are not eligible.

3.1.2 The rankings of each programme are prepared **by June 30th** by the evaluation committees of each open access master degree programme.

3.1.3 An examining committee appointed by rectoral decree will draw up a general ranking based



on the rankings provided by each study programme committee. Benefits are distributed proportionally among the programmes taking into account the number of admitted applicants to each master programme.

- 3.1.4 The general ranking list is approved by rectoral decree and published on the University website at the page <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/financial-support/international-scholarships> by 15th July. The allocation of the benefit will be communicated by email to the address provided during the registration on the portal.
- 3.1.5 Recipients must enrol online by 31st July, on the contrary the scholarship will be cancelled. In case of benefit forfeiture due to enrolment failure, the ranking list will be scrolled until the available scholarships are fully filled.
- 3.1.6 The documents required to finalize the enrolment must be submitted by 30th November. Specific situations that prevent the completion of procedures by the deadline will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, provided that they are appropriately pointed by the same deadline. The final and mandatory deadline for completing the enrolment with the submission of the required documentation is 15th January, under penalty of exclusion in the ranking.

3.2 Limited access master programmes

The allocation of the benefits destined to students of master degree programmes with limited access and of the single-cycle master degree programme in International Medical School is made on the basis of the score obtained in the admission tests.

The outcome of the award is communicated by email to the address provided during the registration on the portal.

Recipients must enrol online by the deadlines set in the corresponding admission notices. Please refer to section 3.1.6 of these Regulations for the submission of the documentation required to finalize the enrolment.

Article 4 - Exclusion from the benefits

The following candidates are NOT eligible to participate in the competition and will not be included in the ranking list:

- those who does not hold the foreign title at the date of 31st May with reference to the open access programmes;
- those who have previously enrolled in a master degree programme in Italy;
- those who are enrolled on a part-time basis;
- those who are enrolled in single courses;
- those who have not enrolled by 31st July to an open access degree programme or by the deadlines set in the admission notices with reference to limited access courses;
- those who do not submit the required documentation to complete their enrolment within the deadlines established by these Regulations.

Article 5 - Scholarship payment

The scholarship will be paid in two instalments amounting to the half of the scholarship value:



- the first instalment will be paid once enrolment is completed and after the submission of all the required documentation to the offices in charge of it;
- the second instalment will be paid once the recipient has earned 30% of the credits required in the first year of his/her degree programme study plan, by 10th August of the current academic year.

Art. 6 - Withdrawal

6.1 Full withdrawal

Scholarship will be fully withdrawn in one of the following cases:

- withdrawal from studies;
- failure to earn 30% of the credits specified in the first year of the degree programme study plan by 30th November of the academic year subsequent to that of enrolment on the programme.

In both of the above-mentioned cases, the student has to refund the disbursement received, but he/she will keep the right to the exemption of the tuition fees for the academic year of reference.

6.2 Partial withdrawal

In the event that the 30% of the credits specified in the first year of the degree programme study plan is earned by 30th November of the academic year subsequent to that of enrolment in the programme, the student will keep the status of partial recipient: he/she will not be entitled to receive the second instalment of the scholarship but will keep the right to the exemption of the tuition fees for the academic year of reference.

Art. 7 - Scholarship renewal

The scholarship can be automatically renewed only for the subsequent academic year provided that the recipient has earned at least 90% of the university credits (CFU) required for the first year of the degree programme, by 30th September of the current academic year. The student must be regularly enrolled in the second year of study.

The payment will be made in a single instalment on renewal of the scholarship.

In case of withdrawal from studies, the student has to return the amount received and pay the University fees for the academic year of reference.

Art. 8 - Incompatibility with other grants

The Excellence scholarship is not compatible with any similar grant, including those awarded by the education incentive programme (Diritto allo Studio), but it is compatible, and can be cumulated, with international mobility grants.

Article 9 - Fees exemption

Scholarship holders are exempted from the payment of the second instalment.

Exemption from the payment of the second instalment of University fees is also granted to students who do not hold scholarship but who are in a suitable position in the ranking list of their programme - within the limits of the benefits annually established by the Board of Directors - and provided that they enrol by the deadlines set out in article 3 of these Regulations. The exemption is valid only for the first year of study.



The exemption will be allocated by 30th November and subsequently communicated via email.

Article 10 - Entry into force

These Regulations come into force from the date of publication of the rectoral decree and implemented to students enrolled from the academic year 2023/2024.