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## **“STAR-Students At Risk” A.Y. 2021/2022 Developing Countries and Syria, Iraq and Pakistan**

The University of Brescia is organising for the academic year 2021/2020 a competitive examination for the assignment of No. 5 Scholarships of € 5,750.00 gross each per year limited to the normal duration of the study programme, reserved for applicants enrolled in a Bachelor's degree programme (three-year) or a Master's Degree programme (two-year) indicated in Annex 1 and coming from a developing country pursuant to Decree No.62/2020 of the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR), or from Syria, Iraq and Pakistan.

### **A. The scholarships shall be distributed among applicants as follows:**

1. Among Bachelor's degree programmes and Master's degree programmes based on the number and attributes of the applications received;
2. to favour geographic representation.

### **B. Requirements to be met on the application submission deadline**

1. Be resident and domiciled in a Developing Country pursuant to MUR Decree No.62/2020 of 6 May 2020 or in Syria, Iraq and Pakistan.
2. Be a national of a Developing Country pursuant to MIUR Decree No.62/2020 of 6 May 2020 or in Syria, Iraq and Pakistan.
3. Holding a valid qualification obtained abroad, which is suitable for the chosen Bachelor's or Master's Degree Programme.
  - for Bachelor's degree programmes, a final upper secondary school qualification obtained after at least 12 years of schooling and comparable to the 4th level of EQF<sup>1</sup> is required, allowing admission to higher education in the country where it was obtained;
  - For Master's degree programmes, an academic qualification comparable to the first cycle QF-EHEA<sup>2</sup> / 6th level EQF<sup>3</sup> and enabling admission to the next level of higher education in the country in which it was obtained is required.

It should be noted that applicants intending to obtain the qualification by 20 June 2021 will also be admitted.

4. Register for the first time with an Italian University

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/il-quadro-dei-titoli/l-european-qualifications-framework-eqf.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/il-quadro-dei-titoli/il-quadro-dei-titoli-dello-spazio-europeo-dell-istruzione-su.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/il-quadro-dei-titoli/l-european-qualifications-framework-eqf.aspx>



### C. Application submission

Only one Bachelor's or Master's Degree may be chosen in the on-line application.

Applications will not be accepted if they do not comply with the requirements set out, are incomplete and/or are not sent with the required documentation, or received after the deadline set and/or are submitted in a manner different from that indicated above.

The documents to be attached to the on-line application are the following:

1. applications for admission to the call, including name, surname, gender, date of birth, birth place, nationality, address, personal e-mail address, telephone number, Skype contact, if any;
2. a valid identity document, preferably a passport;
3. certification attesting the qualification obtained abroad as defined in point B3. The certification may be in either Italian or English and must show: the name of the qualification, the final grade achieved, the minimum and maximum score that can be acquired, the year it was obtained, the name and address of the institution which issued the qualification. If applying for a Master's Degree scholarship, said certificate must also include the list of examinations taken to achieve the Bachelor's Degree, with the scores and educational credits.
4. Candidates interested in enrolling in the Bachelor's or Master's Degrees in Italian must attach a certificate of knowledge of the Italian language not lower than the CEFR B2 level, issued by one of the bodies belonging to the CLIQ<sup>4</sup> system or by the "Dante Alighieri" University of Reggio Calabria; if this certificate has not been obtained, the enrolment of candidates will be subject to passing the Italian proficiency test organised by the University of Brescia;
5. Applicants interested in registering for Master's Degree Programmes in Italian or English who have NOT undertaken their study pathway in English must attach a certificate of proficiency in English (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL) with a level not lower than CEFR B2 level;
6. Curriculum vitae (in Italian or English, max. 2 pages);
7. Reference letter or name and e-mail of a professor from the school or university of origin (optional but recommended).

The Board reserves the right to require additional documents and/or interview candidates via Skype.

### D. Preparation of the ranking list

The merit ranking list will be drawn up by a special Board set up by Chancellor's Decree. Scholarships will assigned, without prejudice to what is indicated in points A1 and A2, following a comparative evaluation of the applications submitted on the basis of the following criteria, which the

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<sup>4</sup> On 6 February 2013 the CLIQ - Italian Language Quality Certification association was created, which brings together: the Roma Tre University, the Dante Alighieri Society and the Universities for Foreigners of Siena and Perugia.



Board will assign the relative weight and priority, highlighting it in the minutes:

- suitability and consistency of the qualification obtained by the applicant for their admission to the chosen Bachelor's or Master's Degree Programme;
- assessment of school/university merit and curriculum vitae;
- be a national belonging to one of the “priority countries” as defined by the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development;
- Limited to awarding scholarships for Master's degrees, to have obtained or obtain by 20 June 2021 the Bachelor's qualification in a University with which the University of Brescia has official and active collaboration agreements;
- Be in possession of a valid qualification obtained in a Developing Country pursuant to MUR Decree No.62/2020 of 6 May 2020 or in Syria, Iraq and Pakistan.

In the event of several applicants with the same scoring, priority shall be given to the younger ones.

The applicants that will obtain the qualification by 20 June 2021, point B3, will be inserted in the ranking with the condition of “suspended”; the actual allocation of the scholarship will happen after examining the certificate for the attainment of the title, which will be sent by email by and not later than **1 July 2021**.

Any scholarships not allocated due to the depletion of winning positions in one of the ranking lists, shall be redistributed, without any change to the amount, based on criteria to be defined by the Board.

The ranking will be published on the University website [www.unibs.it](http://www.unibs.it).

#### **E. Renewal of scholarships for the Academic Year 2022/2023**

Students awarded with scholarships will have their scholarships renewed under the same financial conditions for the Academic Year 2022/2023, provided that they obtain, by 10 August 2022, at least 24 CFU (University Credits).

Upon evaluation by the Chancellor's Delegate for Internationalisation, Cooperation and Development policies, the said deadline for CFU acquisition may be postponed for students who could not attend at least 2/3 lessons in the first semester of the Academic Year 2021/2022 due to problems in obtaining their Entry Visas for Italy.

#### **F. Renewal of scholarships for the Academic Year 2023/2024 (only for Bachelor's Degree Programmes)**

Students awarded with scholarships will have their scholarships renewed under the same financial conditions for the Academic Year 2023/2024, provided that they obtain, by 10 August 2023, at least 48 CFU (University Credits).

Upon evaluation by the Chancellor's Delegate for Internationalisation, Cooperation and Development policies, the said deadline for CFU acquisition may be postponed for students who could not attend at least 2/3 lessons in the first semester of the Academic Year 2021/2022 due to problems in obtaining their Entry Visas for Italy.



## G. Payment of scholarships:

The scholarships shall be paid to successful applicants provided they are correctly enrolled into their chosen Bachelor's or Master's Degree Programme for the first (2021/2022) or second (2022/2023) Academic Year, or for the Bachelor's Degree Programme, for the third Academic Year (2023/2024).

The scholarships for the first year will be paid: 50% within 30 days from registration in the academic year 2021/2022 and for the remaining 50% upon obtaining 9 CFUs. The scholarships for the second and third year will be paid in a lump sum each year within 30 days from registration in the academic year 2022/2023 or 2023/2024 after verification of obtaining the CFUs defined in paragraph E and F.

## H. Taxation

For scholarships awarded to students with foreign citizenship, the exemption laid down in art.3, Paragraph 3, letter d-ter of the TUIR (Income Tax Consolidation Act) applies.

## I. Enrolment

In order to enrol into the chosen Bachelor's or Master's Degree Programme, the successful candidates must:

1. Follow the procedures defined by the MUR - Ministry of Universities and Research for the admission of non-EU candidates residing abroad to Italian universities for the 2021/2022 A.Y., procedures that will be available on the page <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>

In particular, candidates must possess:

- Entry visa to Italy for study purposes (type D)
- Foreign qualification and certificates of the exams taken legalised or with Apostille
- Foreign qualification and certificates of exams taken translated into Italian or English
- Declaration of value relating to the foreign qualification, issued by the Italian representation operating in the country where the qualification was awarded

As an alternative to the Declaration of value, the University of Brescia accepts the Statement of comparability issued by CIMEA with the procedure via email: see what is indicated in the **International students** section of the [www.unibs.it](http://www.unibs.it) portal, under the heading *Issuance of Statements of comparability and verification: UNIBS-CIMEA agreement*

The International Student Admission Office may request further documentation relating to the foreign qualification at the time of enrolment, based on the examination of the documents presented.



### 2.a) Bachelor's degree programmes:

- Participate in the Italian language proficiency test (the date will be announced at a later date) if they do not have the CLIQ B2 level Italian language proficiency certificate, point C;
- Register online and take part in the orientation or selective admission test for your chosen study programme, following the instructions in the notices that will be published online by July 2021 (University notice board). For programmes with a maximum number of students, the possibility of enrolling will depend on the position in the ranking after the admission test.
- After the language test and the admission test, if they are eligible for enrolment, successful candidates must complete the online enrolment procedure according to the instructions and by the deadline that will be announced by email (and in any case no later than 31 December 2021).

### 2.b) Master's degree programmes:

- Take the Italian language proficiency test (the date will be announced at a later date) if the programme they have chosen is in Italian and if they do not have the CLIQ B2 level proficiency certificate, point C;
- Complete the online enrolment procedure according to the instructions and by the deadline that will be announced by email (but no later than 31 December 2021).

3. Submit the entry visa for Italy and the documents relating to the qualification obtained abroad, indicated in point 1 of this paragraph, to the International Students Admission Office, according to the instructions that will be sent by email.

The scholarship will be confirmed only after this office has verified the regularity and suitability of the foreign qualification on the basis of the documentation submitted.

The winners will be awarded places as part of the specific quota reserved for non-EU candidates residing abroad provided for annually for each Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes. *Enrolments will be accepted until the reserved places are reached.*

If at the time of enrolment the student is not in possession of documentation relating to the foreign qualification translated, legalised and with a Declaration of Value/CIMEA Statement of Comparability (indicated in point 1 of this paragraph), the student may submit this documentation by a later deadline defined by the Academic Senate. In this case, enrolment will not be confirmed until the documentation has been submitted and the student will not be able to use online services, take examinations, request certificates or receive payment of the scholarship. If the student does not submit the required documentation by the deadline set by the Academic Senate, enrolment and the right to the scholarship will be definitively revoked.

### L. Fees, accommodation and restaurant services

Successful candidates must still pay:

- only the regional university fees and the stamp duty;
- accommodation in university halls of residence, if requested by them, charged at the first price bracket for services for the right to education;
- catering service, charged at the first price bracket for services for the right to education.



## **M. Incompatibility**

The grant may not be awarded to students who receive/are receiving other grants from Italian public bodies for the academic year in question.

## **N. Protection of Personal Data**

The processing of personal data provided by candidates for the aforementioned purposes is carried out in compliance with the EU Regulation - GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). The Data Controller is the University of Brescia, in the person of the Magnificent Chancellor, who has appointed as Data Protection Officer (DPO) the Company Frareg S.r.l. in the person of Dr. Luca Serra, who can be contacted at the following email address: [rpd@unibs.it](mailto:rpd@unibs.it).

Underage candidates, before communicating their data to the University, are required to read the information carefully together with their parents or guardians. The legal representatives of underage users can exercise their rights by writing to [rpd@unibs.it](mailto:rpd@unibs.it).

The processing of the personal data provided by the candidates when participating in the selection of this Call for Applications is aimed solely at carrying out selection activities and will be carried out by the personnel in charge of the procedure, including through the use of computerised procedures, in the ways and within the limits necessary to pursue the aforementioned purposes, even in the event of disclosure to third parties. The processing will also be carried out by Cineca - Consorzio interuniversitario.

This data must be provided for evaluation of the participation requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure. The data transmitted by the data subject will be processed by means of appropriate guarantees and security measures - manual and/or electronic, in order to ensure their protection and confidentiality. For any complaint arising from the processing of data, the data subject may contact the Guarantor for the protection of personal data and other competent public bodies. To exercise their rights, the data subject may contact the Data Controller. Further information is available on the University website at the following link: <https://www.unibs.it/privacy>.

## **O. Request for information**

Information relating to this call and registration procedures may be requested at [internationalscholarships@unibs.it](mailto:internationalscholarships@unibs.it)

## **P. Procedure Manager**

In accordance with Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, Dr. Silvia Coppi, Head of the Services for the Right to Higher Education Unit of the University of Brescia, Viale Europa 39 - Brescia.

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Signed THE CHANCELLOR

Prof. Maurizio Tira.

Signed digitally pursuant to art. 24 of Legislative Decree 82/05