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**“STAR-Students At Risk” scholarships for students
from developing Countries, or Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon,
Libya, Pakistan and Tunisia
A.Y. 2023/2024**

***Art. 1
Purpose***

The University of Brescia, in collaboration with Fondazione EULO - Università di Brescia, is organising for the academic year 2023/2024 a competitive examination for the assignment of No. 5 Scholarships of € 6,150.00 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.344/2022, April 08th 2022 of the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR), or from Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan and Tunisia.

The scholarships shall be distributed among applicants as follows:

1. one scholarship assigned as a priority to the medical degrees that has a specific quota reserved for non-EU candidates residing abroad;
2. among bachelor's degree programmes and Master's degree programmes based on the number and attributes of the applications received;
3. to favour geographic representation.

***Art. 2
Requirements***

Requirements to be met on the application submission deadline:

1. Be resident and domiciled in a Developing Country pursuant to No.344/2022, April 08th 2022 of the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR), or from Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan and Tunisia;
2. Have a nationality of a Developing Country pursuant to No.344/2022, April 08th 2022 of the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR), or from Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan and Tunisia;
3. Applicants must be not over 30 years-old at the moment of the Call deadline (except for renewals)
4. Register for the first time with an Italian University;
5. Be in possession of a valid university degree awarded outside the European Union, suitable for admission to the bachelor's or master's degree programme chosen:
 - For bachelor's degree programmes, a final upper secondary school qualification issued by a university or another institute officially recognized by the education system of the country where



the qualification was awarded, obtained after at least 12 years of schooling and comparable to the 4th level EQF¹, allowing admission to higher education in the country where it was obtained;

- For Master's degree programmes, an academic qualification issued by a university or another institute officially recognized by the education system of the country where the qualification was awarded, comparable to the first cycle QF-EHEA² / 6th level EQF³ 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 candidates wishing to obtain the qualification before 30th July 2023 will also be admitted.

Art. 3 ***Application submission***

Applicants wishing to apply for the scholarships must apply **by 12:00 Italian time of 15th March 2023**, via the **PICA** procedure available from the following link:

<https://pica.cineca.it/unibs/noneugrants2023>

Only one bachelor's or master's degree may be chosen in the on-line application.

Once filled out the form the application must be printed, signed, scanned and upload.

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.

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

1. a valid identity document, preferably a passport;
2. certification attesting the qualification obtained/to be obtained as defined at article 2. 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 / will issue the qualification. For master's degree: the certification must contain a list of exams taken with scores and credits;
Those who have not achieved the degree can attach:
 - certificate of enrolment from the school if they wish to enrol in a bachelor's degree;
 - the certificate of enrolment with a list of exams, with score and credits, if they wish to enrol in a master's degree;
3. 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 CLIQ⁴ system or by the "Dante Alighieri" University of Reggio Calabria; if this

¹ <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/il-quadro-dei-titoli/il-quadro-dei-titoli-dello-spazio-europeo-dell-istruzione-su.aspx>

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

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

⁴ 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.



certificate has not been obtained, the enrolment of candidates will be subject to passing the Italian proficiency test organized by the University of Brescia;

4. applicants interested in registering for master's degree Programmes in English who have NOT undertaken their study pathway in English must attach a certificate of proficiency in English (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL), of at least CEFR B2 level;
5. curriculum vitae (in Italian or English, max. 2 pages);
6. 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 remotely using a video-communication application.

Art. 4

Preparation of the ranking list

The merit ranking will be drawn up by a special Board, appointed by Rector's Decree, composed by at least 5 members.

Considering what is indicated in art. 1, scholarships shall be awarded based on the results of comparative assessment of the applications received based on the following criteria, of which the Board will give proper priority and importance, accounted for them in the final report:

- 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 the applicant's 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, among those listed in the Decree No.344/2022, April 08th 2022 of the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR), or from Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan and Tunisia;
- for master's degrees, to have obtained or obtain by 30th June 2023 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.344/2022 of April 08th 2022 or 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 their qualification by 30 June 2023 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 qualification, which will be sent by email by and not later than 15 July 2023.

Scholarship recipients for the bachelor's degree will also be inserted in the ranking as "suspended"; the scholarship will be confirmed only after having passed the admission test for the chosen course. In case of a selective test they will have to win one of the available places; in case of the TOLC test, they will have to pass it without OFA (Additional Training Obligations) within the 09th September 2023.

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.

Art. 5
Renewal of scholarships

1. Students awarded with scholarships will have their scholarships renewed under the same financial conditions for the Academic Year 2024/2025, if they obtain, by 10 August 2024, at least 24 CFUs. For the Academic Year 2025/2026 (only for those students enrolled in a bachelor's degree) students awarded with scholarships will have their scholarships renewed under the same financial conditions, if they obtain, by 10 August 2025, at least 48 CFUs. Upon evaluation by the relevant Chancellor's Delegate, 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 2023/2024 due to problems in obtaining their Entry Visas for Italy.
2. Students awarded with scholarships who are not in possess of the Italian language certificate needed for enrolment, as for art. 3 and that do not have an Italian certificate of at least level A, will have to attend, for each year of enrolment, an Italian language course issued by the Language Teaching Centre of the University. The attendance certificate is mandatory to renew the scholarship.

Art. 6
Payment of scholarships

The scholarships of the first year will be paid on a monthly basis and with the deduction of the accommodation fees (if the student request accommodation in the university residences) as following:

- For the first 50%: the first instalment within 30 days from the notification to the UOC Diritto allo Studio of the bank account information on which the scholarship must be paid. The entire amount for the a.y. 2023/2024 of the accommodation fees will be deducted from this first half.
- For the remaining 50%: upon obtaining 9 CFUs.

The scholarships for the second year 2024/2025 (and third year 2025/2026 for those who are enrolled in a bachelor's degree) will be confirmed after the verification of:

- registration in the academic year with payment of the first instalment fees;
- have obtained the CFUs provided for in art. 5;
- have obtained the attendance certification of the Italian course issued by the Language Teaching Centre.

The second- and third-year scholarship will also be paid on a monthly basis and with the deduction of accommodation fees.

Art. 7
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.

Art. 8
Enrolment

In order to enrol into the chosen 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 2023/2024 A.Y., procedures that



will be available on the page <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>

In particular, candidates must apply for an entry visa to Italy for study purposes via the www.universitaly.it/ portal within the deadline indicated by the MUR. The university of Brescia will confirm the eligibility of the candidate on the portal; this confirmation is available for embassies and consulates in charge of issuing the Visa. They must prepare before enrolment the following documents:

- Foreign qualification and certificate of the exams taken legalised or with Apostille, 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 Statements of comparability and verification issued by CIMEA, with an online procedure, while for the legalisation can be submitted the Statement of verification. **For further information visit the University portal at International students/degree seeking students/admission/CIMEA statements.**

The International Admission Office may request further documentation relating to the foreign qualification at the time of enrolment.

2. a) bachelor's degree programmes:

- Take the Italian language proficiency test L2 CISIA (date will be notified later) if they do not have the B2 CEFR Italian language proficiency certificate, (art. 3)
- Register online and take part in the orientation or selective admission test for your chosen study programme, (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 and pay the first instalment of the university fee according to the instructions and by the deadline that will be announced by e-mail (and in any case no later than 23 December 2023).

2 b) master's degree programmes:

- Take the Italian language proficiency test L2 CISIA if the chosen programme is in Italian and the candidate does not have the B2 CEFR level proficiency certificate; (art. 3)
- Complete the online enrolment procedure and pay the first instalment of the university fee according to the instructions that will be announced by e-mail (and in any case no later than 31 December 2023).

3. Submit the entry visa for Italy and the documents relating to the qualification obtained abroad, as per item 1, 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. Scholarship can be confirmed only upon verification by the International Student Admission Office of documents presented by the student. 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.

Art. 9

Fees, accommodation and restaurant services

Scholarship recipients are exempted from the payment of university fees except for the regional fee and the stamp duty (156.00 €).

They also have a reserved place in the university residences which is charged at the first price bracket for services for the right to education. Accommodation shall be requested upon acceptance of the scholarship. Catering service, if requested, is charged at the first price bracket for services for the right to education.

Art. 10

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.

Students awarded with an international scholarship may participate in an international mobility programme for a maximum length of six months.

Art. 11

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. Giovanni Parravicini, who can be contacted at the following email address: rpdp@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: www.unibs.it/privacy.

Art. 12

Procedure Manager

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



Art. 13

Final provisions

We inform you that, on the basis of art. 71 of Presidential Decree 445 of 28/12/2000, the Administration will carry out appropriate checks, including sample checks and in all cases where there are well-founded doubts as to the truthfulness of what has been declared. For all matters not covered by this call for applications, the laws and regulations in force regarding public competitions and university study awards will apply.

Information relating to this call and registration procedures may be requested at U.O.C. Diritto allo Studio - Università degli Studi di Brescia, Viale Europa 39 - Brescia, internationalscholarships@unibs.it

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