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**STAR scholarships for applicants  
from non-EU countries  
for enrolment in bachelor's degree courses  
a.y. 2025/2026**

***Art. 1  
Purpose***

The University of Brescia for the Academic Year 2025/2026 hereby issues this Call for the awarding of 2 scholarships limited to the normal duration of the study programme to students wishing to enrol in a undergraduate course among the ones listed in Annex 1. Candidates must:

- have a high school degree achieved in a non EU country;
- have nationality and residence in a developing country pursuant to Decree n. 440/2024 February 13th, 2024 or one of the following countries defined as priority by the Italian Agency for Cooperation: Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Jordan, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Tunisia and Palestinian territories (see annexes 2)

Candidates can choose between courses held in Italian or English.

The annual amount of the scholarship is € 6,150.00

Three scholarships of the total of STAR scholarships will be assigned as a priority to students coming from an African country, including the scholarships assigned for enrolment in a Master Degree course as per Call for application issued with Rector Decree n. 1236 of the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

***Art. 2  
Requirements***

Requirements for the **STAR** scholarships at the moment of the Call deadline:

1. Be resident and domiciled in one of the countries listed in the art. 1;
2. Be citizen of one of the countries listed in the art. 1;
3. Register for the first time with an Italian University;
4. Be in possession of a high school degree:
  - obtained after at least 12 years of schooling

- allowing admission to a undergraduate course in the country where it was obtained;
- comparable to 4th level EQF<sup>3</sup>
- obtained outside the EU
- issued by an institution recognized by the local education system and authorized to issue education degrees

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Candidates that intend to achieve their degree within the 10th July 2025 will also be admitted.

If the degree is achieved after a duration of less than 12 years, candidates can apply for STAR scholarships submitting documents proving the attendance of a post high school course, of the duration of at least one year.

In case of transnational institutions, it is necessary that said institutions are authorized to issue educational degrees by the relevant authorities of the country where they operate.

### ***Art. 3***

#### ***Application submission***

Applicants wishing to apply for scholarships must apply by 12:00 Italian time (11:00 UTC) of 31st March 2025, via the PICA procedure available from the following link:

<https://pica.cineca.it/unibs/borsestar2025-26/domande>

Only one bachelor's degree and only one scholarship may be chosen in the online application.

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

It is mandatory to fill out the following information: name, surname, gender, date of birth, country of birth, nationality, address, e-mail, telephone number.

Documents to be attached to the online application are the following:

1. a valid identity document, preferably a passport.
2. high school diploma original certification attesting the qualification obtained as defined at article 2. Certification must show: the name and level 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 that issued/will issue the qualification.
  - those who have not achieved the final degree can attach the original certificate of enrolment;
  - those who have achieved a degree after a duration of less than 12 years must submit documents proving the attendance of a post high school course, of the duration of at least one year with the list of all the passed exams.
3. if documents were not issued by the institution in English or Italian it is mandatory to attach the translation in Italian or English of the qualification documents carried out by an official translator;

4. candidates interested in enrolling in a course held in Italian must attach a certificate of knowledge of the Italian language of at least CEFR B2 level, issued by one of the bodies belonging to the CLIQ 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 organized by the University of Brescia;
5. candidates that wish to enrol in the *Business and Economics* course: must submit a certificate of English proficiency of at least CEFR B2 level acknowledged by the university (list is available at CLA Language Certificates: <https://www.unibs.it/en/education/useful-information/certifications-and-modules/language-certificate>). Candidates that have undertaken their study pathway English are exempted.
6. curriculum vitae (in Italian or English, max. 2 pages);
7. reference letter or name and e-mail of a professor from the school origin (optional but recommended).

The board reserves the right to require additional documents and/or interview candidates remotely using a video-communication 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.**

#### ***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 6 members. The board can be supported by other consultant professors.

Considering what 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 degree programme;
- assessment of the applicant's school merit and curriculum vitae.

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

Applicants that will obtain their qualification by 10th July 2025 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 must be sent by e-mail by the institution that issued it not later than 30th July 2025.

**Scholarship allocation will be confirmed:**

1. after checking the veracity and eligibility of the educational path and degree;
2. after the admission test: in case of a selective test candidates will have to win one of the available places reserved for non-EU citizens; in case of the TOLC test, they will have to pass it without OFA (Additional Training Obligations) within the 20th July 2025;
3. after checking the linguistic knowledge required for the admission of the chosen course.

Any scholarships not allocated due to the depletion of winning positions in ranking list, shall be assigned to candidates that applied for STAR scholarships reserved for Master's Degree courses, as per Call for application issued with Rector Decree n. 1236 on the 20th December 2024.

The ranking will be published on the University website within 15th May 2025. Candidates awarded with a scholarship will receive notification by the UOC Diritto allo Studio and they must accept it within 10 days.

#### ***Art.5***

#### **Renewal of scholarships**

Students awarded with scholarships will have their scholarships renewed under the same financial conditions for the Academic Year 2026/2027, if they obtain, by **10th August 2026, at least 24 CFUs**.

For the Academic Year 2027/2028 students will have their scholarships renewed under the same financial conditions, if they obtain, by **10th August 2027, at least 48 CFUs**.

Upon evaluation by the relevant Chancellor's Delegate, the said deadline for CFUs acquisition may be postponed for students who could not attend at least 2/3 lessons in the first semester of the Academic Year 2025/2026 due to problems in obtaining their Entry Visas for Italy.

Students awarded with scholarships will have to achieve an Open Badge issued for attending at least 80% of an Italian language course or an Open Badge on passing the CLA certification final test, both issued by the University Language Teaching Centre in order to renew their scholarship for the second year.

#### ***Art. 6***

#### **Payment of scholarships**

The scholarships of the first year will be paid on a monthly basis 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. Students must be enrolled before receiving the payment
- For the remaining 50%: upon obtaining 9 CFUs.

Scholarships for the second year 2026/2027 and third year 2027/2028 will be confirmed after the verification of registration in the academic year, have obtained the required CFUs and have obtained the Open badge issued by the Language Teaching Centre as stated in art. 5.

**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 2025/2026 A.Y., procedures that will be available on the page <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>
2. apply for an entry visa to Italy for study purposes via the University 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. **Candidates must apply on the University portal within 10 days of the notification of the awarding of the scholarship; otherwise the scholarship will be revoked.**

To speed the VISA process candidates can have the institution that issued their degree send a document containing the final diploma with the list of exams to the following addresses:

ammcentr@cert.unibs.it  
[internationalstudents@unibs.it](mailto:internationalstudents@unibs.it)

Documents must be in their original language along with a letter on headed paper and must contain the name of the office / person in charge that can be contacted in case any verification is needed. They must be sent from an email address belonging to the institution (documents sent by professors are not accepted).

Those who choose this method are exempted from submitting legalisation and Declaration of value from CIMEA.

3. Take the Italian language proficiency test L2 CISIA (date will be notified later) if the chosen course is in Italian and they do not have the B2 CEFR Italian language proficiency certificate, (art. 3);
4. take the admission test: in case of a selective test they will have to win one of the available places reserved for non-EU citizens; in case of the TOLC test, they will have to pass it without OFA (Additional Training Obligations)
5. complete the online enrolment procedure by paying the first instalment of university fees, following the instruction sent by e-mail.

Enrolment will be confirmed when students:

- obtain the study VISA;
- will arrive in Italy;
- will submit at the International Admission Office the qualification obtained abroad, choosing one of the following options:
  - a) original printed certificates, translated in Italian or English, legalised by the authorities in the country where the qualification was awarded along with the Declaration of Value issued by the Italian representation operating in the country where the qualification was awarded;
  - b) original printed certificates, translated in Italian or English, with the Statements of comparability and verification issued by CIMEA, instead of the legalisation and Declaration of Value. If the student chooses this option, the CIMEA certificate must submit through the platform MyDiplome;
  - c) original documents translated in Italian or English if the foreign institution has already sent the documents by e-mail in their original language

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

In case of discrepancy between the documents submitted by person and those sent by e-mail or in case their turn to be not authentic, admission to the course and scholarship will be revoked. The decision will also be notified to the embassy/consulate that issued the VISA.

Winners will be awarded places as part of the specific quota reserved for non-EU candidates residing abroad provided for annually for each Bachelor' 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 as indicated, 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 (it was 156.00 € in the a.y. 2024/2025).

They also have a reserved place in the university residences that 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**

##### ***Incompatibilità***

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 Liguria Digitale S.r.l. in the person of Eng. Maurizio Pastore, who can be contacted at the following email address: [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: [www.unibs.it/privacy](http://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***

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, Viale Europa 39 - Brescia, e-mail: [internationalscholarships@unibs.it](mailto:internationalscholarships@unibs.it)  
Brescia,

F.to IL RETTORE  
Prof. Francesco Castelli  
(f.to digitalmente ex art. 24 D. Lgs. 82/05)



## ANNEX 1

### BACHELOR'S DEGREE COURSES

#### In English

Business and economics <i>corso in attesa di autorizzazione ministeriale</i>
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#### In Italian

Assistenza sanitaria (abilitante alla professione sanitaria di Assistente sanitario)
Banca e finanza
Biotechnologie
Consulente del lavoro e giurista d'impresa
Economia e azienda digitale ( <i>terzo anno in lingua inglese</i> )
Economia e gestione aziendale
Educazione professionale (abilitante alla professione di Educatore professionale)
Infermieristica – sede di Brescia (abilitante alla professione di Infermiere)
Igiene dentale (abilitante alla professione di Igienista dentale)
Ingegneria civile
Ingegneria per l'ambiente e il territorio
Ingegneria elettronica e delle telecomunicazioni
Ingegneria informatica
Ingegneria dell'automazione industriale
Ingegneria gestionale
Ingegneria meccanica e dei materiali
Ingegneria delle tecnologie per l'impresa digitale
Ingegneria Fisica e Matematica
Ortottica e assistenza oftalmologica
Ostetricia (abilitante alla professione di Ostetrica/o)
Scienze motorie
Scienze politiche e sociali <i>corso in attesa di autorizzazione ministeriale</i>

Sistemi agricoli sostenibili
Tecniche industriali di prodotto e di processo
Tecniche di prevenzione nell'ambiente e nei luoghi di lavoro (abilitante alla professione sanitaria di Tecnico della prevenzione nell'ambiente e nei luoghi di lavoro)
Tecniche di laboratorio biomedico (abilitante alla professione sanitaria di Tecnico di laboratorio biomedico)
Tecniche di radiologia medica per immagini e radioterapia (abilitante alla professione sanitaria di Tecnico di radiologia medica)



## ANNEX 2

### List of developing countries pursuant MUR decree n. 440, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Afghanistan
Angola
Bangladesh
Benin
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gambia
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Haiti
Kiribati
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
Niger
Rwanda
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Sudan
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
Tanzania
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tuvalu
Uganda
Yemen
Zambia