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Call for applications IUPALS

Italian Universities for Palestinian Students”

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Art. 1

Purpose

The University of Brescia joins the “IUPALS Project - Italian Universities for Palestinian Students,” coordinated by the Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities - CRUI and in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Universities and Research and the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem.

The project includes scholarships, provided by Italian universities, for Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories in order to benefit from an international education by accessing academic courses of study in Italy. An Italian language and culture course is also provided, preparatory to academic matriculation, implemented by some of the universities participating in the project according to a coordinated model.

Art. 2

Benefits

The University of Brescia issues this Call for applications to assign 3 scholarships that includes the following benefits:

For the first year of the educational path (2025/26):

- *Pocket money* of € 4,200 per year, paid monthly as indicated in article 7;
- Free registration for the second semester of the Foundation Year;
- Reserved and free accommodation in the university residences hall;
- Free catering service at approved venues (two meals per day, depending on venues opening hours);
- Free registration with National Health Service;
- Free enrolment in Italian language courses organised by the University Language Centre;

For the following three academic year (2026/2027, 2027/2028 e 2028/2029), if the scholarship recipient students meet the renewal requirements as per art. 9, they will receive the following benefits:

- *Pocket money* of € 4,200 per year, paid monthly as indicated in article 7;
- Exemption from tuition fees for the chosen degree course;
- Reserved and free accommodation in the university residences hall;
- Free catering service at approved venues (two meals per day, depending on venues opening hours);
- Free registration with National Health Service;
- Free enrolment in Italian language courses organised by the University Language Centre;

The university will also activate the following services for the whole duration of the educational path:

- Support in carrying out paperwork related to the university career by the International Admission Office;
- Initiatives to promote inclusion and to enhance personal well-being by the University *Spazio studenti*;
- Tutoring for the teaching activities by international tutors.

Upon agreement with local partners, additional benefits are granted to the winners:

- Cover of the cost of issuing and renewing the residence permits for study purpose for the four academic years (2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2027/28 and 2028/2029 – **Centro Migranti ETS**
- Initiatives to facilitate social interactions and knowledge of the local territory and culture for the first academic year (2025/26) – **Cooperativa Kemay**;
- Purchase of a SIM card upon arrival in Italy – **Cooperativa Kemay**;
- Free urban transportation pass during the four academic years (2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28 e 2028/2029) - **Comune di Brescia - Settore Mobilità, Eliminazione barriere architettoniche e Trasporto pubblico.**

Art. 3 ***Requirements and criteria for scholarship assignment***

Scholarship are awarded to three Palestinian candidates that meet the following requirements:

- Residence in the Palestinian Territories;
- Be in possession within the 31st of July, of a valid upper secondary degree issued in the Palestinian Territories, suitable for admission to the master's degree programme chosen and it must:
 - Be obtained after at least 12 years of schooling;
 - Be issued by an institution recognized by a Palestinian education system and authorized to issue higher education degrees;
 - allowing admission to an undergraduate course in the country where it was obtained;

- attendance of the Italian Language course provided as a part of the IUPALS project.

The ranking is drawn up by a commission, appointed by Rectoral Decree and composed of at least three members, which carries out a comparative assessment of the applications that meet the above-mentioned requirements. The assessment is based on the following criteria:

- suitability and consistency of the high school qualification for the admission to the chosen degree;
- evaluation of academic merit and curriculum;
- knowledge of Italian and English.

In the event of a tied score, priority is given to the younger candidate.

The ranking list will be published on the University website www.unibs.it by the **15th September 2025** and candidates will be notified by e-mail.

In order to confirm the scholarship, winners will have to send the university the certificate of attendance of the Italian Language course organised as part of the IUPALS project or a certificate of Italian knowledge of at least B2 CEFR level.

Art. 4 ***Educational course***

ITALIAN LANGUAGE

From June 3rd to October 30th, candidates wishing to apply for admission and scholarship to the University of Brescia must attend an Italian Language course in Betlemme and Ramallah at the Terrasanta Schools and organised with the Fondazione Giovanni Paolo II and coordinated by the Università per Stranieri di Siena and Università per Stranieri di Perugia. The course lasts 5 months and it is mandatory to attend at least the 70% of the lessons in order to obtain a certificate of attendance, which is necessary to confirm the award of the scholarship.

Those who already have a B2 CEFR level Italian language certificate are exempt from attending the course. CILS, CELI PLIDA or CERTIT certificate are accepted.

UNIVERSITY ENROLMENT

After their arrival in Italy, winners follow an educational course designed to help them acquire the necessary skill to undertake and successfully complete their university career.

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 - enrolment in the degree course chosen from those available at Annex 1;
 - attendance of the second semester of the Foundation Year in the pathway related to the degree chosen. It is mandatory to attend at least 70% of the lessons and pass the final examination of the individual subject by September 2026;

- registration in the Italian Language course organised by the University Language Centre; students have to take a placement test in order to define their level. It is mandatory to attend at least 80% of the lessons and to pass the final exams to obtain the Open Badge by September 2026.
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 - renewal of the enrolment in the chosen degree course;
 - registration in the Italian Language course organised by the University Language Centre. It is mandatory to attend at least 80% of the lessons and to pass the final exams to obtain the Open Badge by September 2026.

Art. 5

Deadline and procedures for submitting a scholarship and an entry visa application

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Candidates, after obtaining their upper secondary qualification, must fill out the **Google Form “Domanda progetto IUPALS / Application to IUPALS project”** available at the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEtsutwHE9y7ETdudrI37ImK6uNIA0oHuud3TlktJxVbblQQ/viewform?usp=header>

within the 15th August 2025 at 23:59 (Italian time).

Applications must indicate the degree course chosen from those listed in Annex 1 of this Call.

Documents to be attached are the following:

1. a valid document, preferably a passport;
2. diploma and final report card in their original language certifying that an upper secondary qualification has been obtained;
3. if the diploma and report card are in Arabic, an English or Italian translation must be attached;
4. declaration of enrolment and attendance of the Italian language course organised by the IUPALS project partners or a certificate of knowledge of the Italian language of at least B2 CEFR LEVEL (CILS, CELI, PLIDA o CERTIT);
5. curriculum vitae in Italian or English.

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

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

Valid applications are examined by the board that draw the final ranking within the **15th of September 2025**, according to the criteria indicated in article 3 of this Call



UNIVERSITALY APPLICATION

In order to not lose their scholarship winner must:

1. send confirmation of acceptance of scholarship within the 30th September 2025;
2. fill out the application for admission to the chosen course in the University portal within the 30th September 2025, following the instruction available at the link:

<https://www.unibs.it/it/internazionale/degree-seeking-students/ammissione/studenti-extracomunitari-residenti-all'estero/riciesta-visto-studio-sul-portale-universitaly>

STUDY VISA APPLICATION TO THE ITALIAN CONSULATE

Following the approval of the application for admission in University, candidates must apply for a study visa to the competent Italian Consulate, following the procedure provided by the Consulate.

Art. 6 Enrolment

Enrolment will be confirmed when candidates:

- have obtained study visas;
- will have arrived in Italy;
- will submit to the International Student Admission Office documents related to the upper secondary school qualification achieved abroad: paper documents in the original language, translated into Italian or English, legalised by the Palestinian authorities along with the Declaration of Values issued by the competent Italian representation.

The International Student Admission Office may request additional documents relating to the foreign qualification after examining the documents.

In case of discrepancy between the documents submitted by person and those sent by e-mail or in case they 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.

Art. 7 Payment of pocket money

The cash part of the scholarship is paid monthly. The first payment will be made following confirmation of enrolment and within 30 days from the notification of the Italian bank account information on which the scholarship must be paid.

Art. 8
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. 9
Renewal of scholarships

Scholarships and benefits will be confirmed for the three following years if students meets the following requirements:

- **within September 2026: having attended the second semester of the *Foundation Year*** and having passed all the exams of the individual subject and having completed the Italian Language course obtaining the Open Badge;
- **within September 2027: having acquired at least 30 CFUs** included in the study plan of the chosen degree course, and having completed the Italian Language course obtaining the Open Badge;
- **within September 2028: having acquired at least 80 CFUs** included in the study plan of the chosen degree course, and having completed the Italian Language course obtaining the Open Badge;

Art. 10
Incompatibility

Scholarships cannot be awarded to students who receive/are receiving other grants from Italian public bodies for the academic year in question.

Winners may participate in an international mobility programme for a maximum length of six months, starting from the academic year 2027/2028.

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. 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, Adriana Bortolotti, head of International Admission Office of the University of Brescia, via San Faustino 74/B – Brescia, is the procedure manager.

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 the International Admission Office of the University of Brescia, Via San Faustino 74/B - Brescia, e-mail: internationalscholarships@unibs.it

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Annex 1

Bachelor's Degree

Degree course	Language	AREA
Economia e analisi dei dati (<i>terzo anno in lingua inglese</i>)	Italian	ECONOMY
Economia e gestione aziendale	Italian	
Consulente del lavoro e giurista d'impresa	Italian	LAW
Scienze politiche e sociali	Italian	
Ingegneria Civile	Italian	ENGINEERING
Ingegneria per l'ambiente e il territorio	Italian	
Ingegneria Elettronica e delle telecomunicazioni	Italian	
Ingegneria Informatica	Italian	
Ingegneria dell'Automazione industriale	Italian	
Ingegneria Gestionale	Italian	
Ingegneria Meccanica e dei materiali	Italian	
Sistemi agricoli sostenibili	Italian	AGRICOLTURE