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STAR + LMINT scholarships for applicants from non-EU countries for enrolment in master's degree courses for the a.y. 2025/2026

Art. 1 Purpose

The University of Brescia announces, for the academic year 2026/2027, a competition for the awarding of 17 scholarships, for the duration of 2 years, addressed to non-EU candidates holding an undergraduate degree of at least three years obtained in non-EU countries, who intend to enrol in one of the Master's degree programs listed in Annex 1.

The scholarships are divided as follows:

1. STAR "Students at Risk" – 4 scholarships, reserved for:

- Students with citizenship and residence in a particularly poor and developing country, pursuant to Ministerial Decree No. 166/2025 of 3 March 2025 (see Annex 2);
- Students with citizenship and residence in the following priority countries for Cooperation and Development: Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Jordan, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Tunisia, and the Palestinian Territories.

Candidates must have obtained their undergraduate degree in the educational systems of non-EU countries.

Candidates can choose Master's degree programs taught in Italian or English.

Two scholarships will be reserved for students with citizenship and residence in African countries, provided they meet the eligibility requirements. The qualifying degree must also have been obtained in a country of the same continent. If one or both scholarships cannot be assigned, they will be awarded to eligible candidates from other regions.

2. LMINT

LMINT scholarships are intended for candidates who wish to enrol in one of the following Master's degree programs taught in English:



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| Civil and Environmental Engineering |
| Management – International Business curriculum |
| Management – Green Economy and Sustainability curriculum |
| Analytics and Data Science for Economics and Management ¹ |

The LMINT scholarships are divided into two groups:

A) 8 scholarships for candidates who:

- have citizenship and residence in non-EU countries
- have obtained their undergraduate degree in the educational systems of non-EU countries

Distribution by program:

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| Civil and Environmental Engineering | Maximum 4 scholarships |
| Management – International Business | Maximum 1 scholarship |
| Management – Green Economy and Sustainability | Maximum 1 scholarship |
| Analytics and Data Science for Economics and Management | Maximum 2 scholarships |

B) 5 scholarships, reserved for candidates with citizenship and residence in non-EU countries who obtained their qualifying degree at universities belonging to the following networks, provided they meet eligibility requirements:

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| Non-EU universities in the ASEA-UNINET network https://asea-uninet.org/network-members/member-universities/ |
| Non-EU universities in the UNIMED network https://www.uni-med.net/ |
| African universities in the UNITAFRICA network with which the University of Brescia has signed an MoU (see Annex 3) |
| Latin American universities in the HERIT4FUTURE network with which the University of Brescia has signed an MoU (see Annex 3) |

If one or more Group B scholarships cannot be assigned, they will be awarded to eligible Group A candidates. The Commission will decide the distribution among the programs.

¹ Admission to this program requires passing an interview scheduled for 10 April 2026. Candidates who do not attend or fail the interview cannot enroll in the program nor receive the scholarship.

Art. 2 Benefits

The scholarship amounts are as follows:

- **STAR scholarships:** €6,132.10
- **LMINT scholarships:** €5,060

Scholarships also include:

- exemption from university tuition fees, except for the regional tax for the right to study and the revenue stamp, which must be paid each year (in A.Y. 2025/2026 the total cost was €156.00);
- free reserved accommodation in university residences in a double room with shared facilities (a € 330 deposit is required; students who choose not to live in university housing receive no financial compensation);
- subsidized catering service;
- discounted public transportation pass;
- € 500 reserved for registration with the National Health Service or for purchasing the private health insurance policy prepared for UniBs international students (the amount will be reimbursed upon submission of payment receipts).

Amounts and benefits may be renewed for the second year if the conditions in Art. 8 are met.

Art. 3 Requirements

All requirements must be met by the application deadline.

Candidates who have not yet obtained their undergraduate degree may still apply, provided they obtain it by **10 July 2026**.

Requirements for STAR scholarships:

1. Residence and domicile in one of the countries listed in Art. 1;
2. Citizenship of one of the countries listed in Art. 1;
3. First-time enrolment in an Italian university;
4. A valid undergraduate degree that:
 - lasts at least three years;
 - grants access to postgraduate programs in the country where it was issued;
 - is comparable to QF-EHEA first cycle² / EQF level 6³;
 - is obtained in non-EU educational systems;
 - is issued by an institution authorized to award higher education degrees⁴;

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

³ <https://europa.eu/europass/en/europass-tools/european-qualifications-framework>

⁴ In case of transnational institutions/campuses, the institution/campus must be officially authorized to offer study programs and award higher-education qualifications both by the authorities of the country in which it operates and by the



- is suitable for admission to the chosen Master's degree program;
- 5. For English-taught programs: English proficiency at CEFR B2 or completion of an undergraduate program taught in English;
- 6. A final grade of at least **80/100 or GPA 3.2/4**.

Requirements for **LMINT** scholarships:

- 1. Residence and domicile in a non-EU country;
- 2. Citizenship of a non-EU country;
- 3. Age not exceeding 30 at the application deadline;
- 4. First-time enrollment in an Italian university;
- 5. A valid undergraduate degree that:
 - lasts at least three years;
 - grants access to postgraduate programs in the country where it was issued;
 - is comparable to QF-EHEA first cycle⁵ / EQF level 6⁶;
 - is obtained in non-EU educational systems;
 - is issued by an institution authorized to award higher education degrees⁷;
 - is suitable for admission to the chosen Master's degree program;
- 6. English proficiency at CEFR B2 or completion of an undergraduate program taught in English;
- 7. A final grade of at least **80/100 or GPA 3.2/4**.

Art. 4 Application submission

Applications must be submitted by **15 March 2026, 12:00 PM (Italian time)** through the PICA platform:

<https://pica.cineca.it/unibs/ammissionelaurea2026>

Only **one** Master's degree program and **one** scholarship type (STAR or LMINT) may be selected.

Documents needed for the application

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 on-line application are the following:

1. Valid ID (preferably passport);
2. original certification attesting the qualification obtained as defined at article 3. The certification must show: the name and level of the qualification, the final grade achieved, the minimum and

authorities responsible for the relevant education system.

⁵ <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/il-quadro-dei-titoli/il-quadro-dei-titoli-dello-spazio-europeo-dell-istruzione-su.aspx>

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maximum score that can be acquired, the year it was obtained, the name and address of the institution that issued the qualification, list of exams taken with scores and credits. Those who have not achieved the degree can attach original university enrolment certificate with list of exams.

If the degree has not yet been obtained: certificate of enrollment with transcript;

3. Translation into Italian or English if the documents are not issued in one of these languages;
4. candidates interested in enrolling in a 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 CLIQ⁸ system or by the "Dante Alighieri" University of Reggio Calabria
 - OR
 - pass the Italian proficiency test organized by the University of Brescia;
5. applicants interested in registering in 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 and acknowledge by the university (list available at <https://www.unibs.it/en/education/useful-information/certifications-and-modules/language-certificate>);
6. CV (max 2 pages);
7. Optional but recommended: reference letter or referee contact.

The Commission may request additional documents or conduct an online interview.

Additional requirement for English-taught programs and Economics/Management programs:
Candidates must complete a table mapping their undergraduate exams to required disciplinary areas.

Application fee

Candidates applying for LMINT must pay a **€20 fee** via PagoPA.

To pay the application fee candidates must:

1. Click on VERIFICA
2. Click on PAGAMENTO
3. Choose "payment with credit card"
4. Pay

STAR applicants are exempt from payment.

⁸ On 6 February 2013, the association CLIQ – Certification of Quality Italian Language – was founded. It brings together: Roma Tre University, the Dante Alighieri Society, and the Universities for Foreigners of Siena and Perugia <https://www.esteri.it/it/diplomazia-culturale-e-diplomazia-scientifica/cultura/promozionelinguaitaliana/societadantealighieri/>



Submission

After completing the application and payment (if required), the form must be printed, signed, scanned, and uploaded.

Applications will not be accepted if:

- **requirements are not met**
- **documents are missing**
- **submitted after the deadline**
- **submitted through other means**
- **the €20 fee is missing (if required)**

Art. 5 **Evaluation and Ranking**

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 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:

- suitability and consistency of the qualification obtained by the applicant for their admission to the chosen master's degree programme;
- assessment of the applicant's university merit and curriculum vitae;

Additional criteria for STAR:

- citizenship of a “Priority Country” as defined by the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development, as in art. 1;
- degree obtained at a partner institution
- degree obtained at universities in partner of the University of Brescia:

Non-EU universities in the ASEA-UNINET network <https://asea-uninet.org/network-members/member-universities/>

Non-EU universities in the UNIMED network <https://www.uni-med.net/>

African universities in the UNITAFRICA network with which the University of Brescia has signed an MoU (see Annex 3)

Latin American universities in the HERIT4FUTURE network with which the University of Brescia has signed an MoU (see Annex 3)

In case of ties, younger candidates are prioritized.

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 2026**.

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 University can assign any remaining STAR scholarships to candidates applying for enrolment in a bachelor's degree.

Rankings will be published on the university website, www.unibsit, by 15 May 2026.

Art. 6 Acceptance

Winners must:

- confirm acceptance within **7 days**, sending a passport scan;
- apply for a study visa on the Universitaly portal within **10 days, attaching the requested documentation**

Failure to meet deadlines results in revocation.

Visa procedures must follow embassy instructions. Candidates must notify the University of any visa refusal or withdrawal.

Scholarships assigned for the A.Y. 2026/2027 cannot be postponed to A.Y. 2027/28 under any circumstances.

Art. 7 Scholarship Payment

First-year scholarships are paid after arrival in Italy and enrolment as follows:

- 50% in monthly instalments, first payment within 30 days after providing Italian bank details
- 50% after earning **9 ECTS credits**

Second-year payments depend on renewal conditions.

Art. 8 Renewal

For A.Y. 2027/28, renewal requires:

- at least **24 ECTS** by **10 August 2027**;
- obtaining an Open Badge for Italian language attendance (>80%) or passing the CLA Italian test

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 2024/2025 due to problems in obtaining their Entry Visas for Italy.

Art. 9
Taxation

Scholarships for foreign students are exempt under Art. 3, paragraph 3, letter d-ter of the TUIR.

Art. 10
Enrollment

Winners 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 2026/2027 A.Y., available at <http://www.universitaly.it/student-stranieri>;
2. 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. Candidates must apply on the Universitaly 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

Documents must be in their original language along with a letter on headed paper and must contain the name 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. For Italian-taught programs: pass the CISIA L2 test (dates will be notified later) if no CEFR B2 Italian certificate is provided.

Enrollment is confirmed only after:

- visa issuance
- arrival in Italy
- payment of the first tuition installment
- submission at International Admission Office of degree documents in one of the following forms:
 - 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. The scholarship will be confirmed only after this office has verified the regularity and suitability of the foreign qualification based on the documentation submitted.

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. 11 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. 12 Data Protection

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. 13
Responsible Officer

Responsible for the administrative procedure: Dr. Adriana Bortolotti, Head of the Welcome Office, University of Brescia, Via San Faustino 74/B, Brescia.

Art. 14
Final disposition

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. Welcome office
- e-mail: internationalscholarships@unibs.it

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Annex 1

MASTER'S DEGREE TAUGHT IN ITALIAN

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| Biotehnologie mediche |
| Consulenza Aziendale e Libera Professione |
| Governo delle amministrazioni pubbliche |
| Ingegneria Civile |
| Ingegneria dell'Automazione Industriale |
| Ingegneria delle Tecnologie per l'Impresa Digitale |
| Ingegneria Elettronica |
| Ingegneria Gestionale |
| Ingegneria Informatica |
| Ingegneria Meccanica |
| Ingegneria per l'Ambiente e il Territorio |
| Ingegneria per l'Innovazione dei Materiali e del Prodotto |
| Marketing per il Made in Italy |
| Finanza e Risk Management |
| Scienze Giuridiche dell'Innovazione e della sostenibilità |
| Scienze infermieristiche e ostetriche |
| Scienza del movimento per la salute e il benessere |
| Tecnologie per la Transizione Ecologica in Agricoltura |

MASTER'S DEGREE TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

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| Management – curriculum International business |
| Management – curriculum Green economy and sustainability |
| Analytics and data science for economics and management |
| Civil and environmental engineering |



ANNEX 2

List of developing countries pursuant MUR decree MUR N. 166/2025, March 3rd 2025

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| 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 |



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| Togo |
| Tuvalu |
| Uganda |
| Yemen |
| Zambia |



ANNEX 3

UNIVERSITIES WITHIN THE UNITAFRICA NETWORK WITH WHICH THE UNIVERSITY OF BRESCIA HAS SIGNED A MOU

- Université Amadou Mahtar Mbow (UAM), Senegal
- Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (UCAD), Senegal
- Université Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba (UCAB), Senegal
- Université Gaston Berger (UGB), Senegal
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana
- Moi University, Kenya
- Ruaha Catholic University (RUCU), Tanzania
- Somali National University (SNU), Somalia
- Save University (UNISAVE), Mozambique
- University for Development Studies, Tamale (Ghana)

LATIN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES WITHIN THE HERIT4FUTURE NETWORK WITH WHICH THE UNIVERSITY OF BRESCIA HAS SIGNED A MOU

BRASILE

- Catholic University Center of Eastern Minas Gerais (UNILESTE)
- Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
- Universidade de São Paulo (USP)

CILE

- Universidad Mayor de Santiago de Chile (UMAYOR, Cile)

COLOMBIA

- Universidad de Medellín (Colombia)
- El instituto universitario de la Paz (UNIPAZ)

ECUADOR

- Universidad de Cuenca (Ecuador)

PERÙ

- Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP)
- Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería (UNI)