



Research, Innovation and Internationalisation Department
Internationalisation Area - International Students Section

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 4 SCHOLARSHIPS
IUPALS - Italian Universities for Palestinian Students – Academic Year
2025-2026
FOR PALESTINIAN STUDENTS
RESIDING IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Executive Decree

*number and date of the protocol entry in the metadata of the Titulus IT protocol system

Deadline for submission
of applications:
16 June 2025, 5:00 PM
(Italian time)

ART.1 - The Project's Objective

The ***IUPALS Italian Universities for Palestinian Students*** project aims to support Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories who intend to study at Italian universities and to strengthen cooperation between Italian universities, Palestinian educational institutions, and other locally active organisations (both in Italy and in the Palestinian Territories), in order to promote internationalisation and cultural integration processes.

IUPALS is promoted by the Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI), which coordinates the project, and is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of University and Research, and the Italian General Consulate in Jerusalem. Project partners include Terra Sancta Schools and the John Paul II Foundation.

Before the start of the degree programmes in Italy, students will participate in an Italian language course, specially organized within the project, lasting 5 months. This course will be held in Bethlehem and Ramallah, at the Scuole di Terrasanta. At the end of the language course, the student will be given a document describing the path followed and the skills acquired.

ART. 1.1 – Purpose of the scholarship and duration

The University of Turin, with its own funds dedicated to scholarships for international students, is establishing **4 annual scholarships** in services and funds for students enrolling for the first time in the 2025-2026 academic year to:

a **Bachelor's degree programme with open admission in Italian or English language with a duration of 3 years** (<https://www.unito.it/didattica/offerta-formativa/corsi-studio> → corsi ad accesso libero



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→ Laurea <https://en.unito.it/studying-unito/programs/degree-programs> → WITHOUT RESTRICTED NUMBER OF PLACES → Undergraduate Degrees)

or

one of the following **Master's degree programmes with open admission:**

Master's Degree Programmes taught in English

- Area and Global Studies for International Cooperation (Department of Cultures, Politics and Society)
- Artificial Intelligence for Biomedicine and Healthcare (Department of Oncology)
- Biotechnological and Chemical Sciences in Diagnostics (Department of Molecular Biotechnology and Health Sciences)
- Biotechnology for Neuroscience (Department of Neuroscience "Rita Levi Montalcini")
- Cellular and Molecular Biology (Department of Life Sciences and Systems Biology)
- Cultural Heritage and Creativity for tourism and territorial development (Department of Historical Studies - **University campus in Biella, 70 km from Turin, accessible by train**)
- English and American Studies (Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and Modern Cultures)
- European Legal Studies (Department of Law)
- Geography and Territorial Sciences - Urban and political geography (Inter-university Department of Sciences, Planning and Territorial Policies)
- Language Technologies and Digital Humanities (Department of Humanities)
- Materials Science (Department of Chemistry)

Master's Degree Programmes with a curriculum in English

- International curriculum in English of the Master's degree programme in Viticultural and Enological Sciences - Department of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences (**University campus in Asti, 60 km from Turin - accessible by train**)
- Philosophy (English-language curriculum of the Master's degree programme in Philosophy) Department of Philosophy and Educational Sciences

Master's Degree Programmes taught in Italian (dedicated funds from the Department of Physics)

- Physics
- Physics of Complex Systems

The student awarded the scholarship will be invited to take part in research activities of the Department of Physics.



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ART. 1.2 - Scholarship composition

The scholarship provided by the University of Turin has a total annual value of €12,000.00 gross and includes economic coverage for the following benefits:

- accommodation service at facilities indicated by the University;
- meal service at facilities indicated by the University;
- exemption from payment of all amounts due for university enrolment for the 2025/2026 academic year, **with the exception of the first instalment of student contribution**, corresponding to the regional fee for the right to study and the stamp duty, according to the provisions of the Fees and Contributions Regulations in force at the time of enrolment and subject to approval by the authorised academic bodies of UNITO;
- registration with the National Health Service and/or private insurance policies to cover healthcare expenses.

The following support services are also provided free of charge:

- welcome, orientation, integration and accompaniment in the university and social environment;
- assisted procedures for university enrolment;
- cultural mediation and psychological support services;
- academic tutoring;
- support services for processing residence permit applications;
- customised reception services for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders;
- laptop loan;
- membership of CUS - Turin University Sports Centre (<https://www.custorino.it>) for access to sports facilities.

The IUPALS project also includes the provision of an Italian language and culture course, preparatory to academic enrolment, organised by some of the universities participating in the project, based on a common model.

All information on the Italian language course that will take place from June 3rd to October 30th 2025 will be available on the CRUI website: <https://www.cru.it/>

The scholarships in this call are not compatible with any scholarship awarded by other public and/or private institutions.

ART. 2 - Admission requirements

Applications may be submitted by those who, by the deadline of this call:

1. are Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories;
2. **have submitted their application on the University platform** (<https://www.university.it>) **by 16 June 2025**;
3. hold a [qualification suitable for enrolment](#) for the 2025/2026 academic year in one of the



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- University of Turin courses listed in Article 1.1;
4. meet the specific admission requirements of the selected course of study, to be verified on the relevant website;
 5. have NEVER been enrolled in a study programme at UNITO;
 6. are NOT pre-enrolled on the [Universitaly](#) platform at another Italian University.

ART. 3 - Submission of applications

Applications must be submitted **by 16 June 2025 (5:00 PM Italian time)** exclusively through the online procedure published on the website <https://www.unito.it/internazionalita/arrivare-unito-dallestero/ammissione-studenti-internazionali/borse-studenti>, (website in English: <https://en.unito.it/studying-unito/scholarships-international-students>), attaching:

- copy of passport;
- document certifying residence in the Palestinian Territories;
- **for Bachelor's degree applicants:** high school diploma, including school report, obtained after at least 12 years of schooling, bearing the stamp and signature of the foreign academic institution and its official translation into English or Italian, if the documents are not already issued in Italian, English, French, or Spanish (only for three-year Bachelor's degrees);
- **for Master's degree applicants:** original foreign academic qualification (bachelor's degree) and related official study plan (*transcript of records*) bearing the stamp and signature of the foreign academic institution and its official translation into English or Italian, if the documents are not already issued in Italian, English, French, or Spanish (only for Master's degrees);
- motivation letter for admission to the study programme and for the scholarship assignment, to be written in the language of the study programme of interest;
- curriculum vitae (CV);
- **if available**, certification of English and/or Italian language proficiency, at least at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

The online application procedure will be open from Monday, 12 May until Monday, 16 June 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Submitting fraudulent study documents is a crime. All documents submitted by applicants will be carefully verified by the selection committee. The attached documents must be legible and in PDF format, under penalty of exclusion from the selection. Once the application has been submitted, it will not be possible to change it.

Incomplete applications, applications received after the deadline or sent by email, and multiple applications sent from different email addresses will not be considered.



ART. 4. – Admission procedures for the study programme and allocation of IUPALS scholarships

Applications received will be selected based on compliance with the selection admission requirements set out in Article 2.

Only eligible applications will proceed to the subsequent selection phases:

1. admission to the study programme
2. allocation of IUPALS scholarships.

ART. 4.1 - Admission to Bachelor's degree programmes (three years)

The admission procedure for the Bachelor's degree programme will be structured as follows:

- Technical verification of the qualification for access to the study programme of interest.

ATTENTION: Admission to the chosen study programme is subject to the eligibility of the qualification (verified by the International Students Section) and possession of the minimum and language requirements.

Knowledge of the language of study of the chosen course must be demonstrated through a language certification or certification of attendance of the Italian language course organised by the IUPALS Project - *Italian Universities for Palestinian Students*; the same knowledge will be confirmed with an interview with the Commission provided for by this selection.

Possession of the minimum access requirements must be proven by the outcome of the TARM (minimum requirements assessment test) required by the degree course (delivered through TOLC test). The relevant TOLC must be taken no later than **9 October 2025**.

For detailed information on admission and language requirements and on the locations of the study programmes, we strongly advise to carefully consult the website of the course of interest, available at:

<https://www.unito.it/didattica/offerta-formativa/corsi-studio> and
<https://www.unito.it/didattica/iscrizioni/corsi-di-laurea-triennali-e-corsi-di-laurea-magistrale-ciclo-unico-ad-accesso>

(in English <https://en.unito.it/studying-unito/programs/degree-programs> and
<https://en.unito.it/studying-unito/enrolment-procedure/undergraduate-and-5-or-6-year-postgraduate-degrees-free-admission>)

Failure to take the TARM (TOLC), taking a TOLC different from that indicated by the study programme for Bachelor's degrees, and/or failure to complete all the required procedures will automatically result in exclusion from the selection covered by this call.

ART. 4.2 - Admission to Master's degree programmes (two years)

The admission procedure for the **Master's degree programme** will be structured as follows:

- technical verification of the qualification for access to the Master's degree programme of interest,
- assessment of the eligibility of the qualification and the candidate for admission to the



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study programme of interest, by the Foreign Qualifications Assessment Committees of the Master's Degree Programmes (hereinafter CdLM committee).

The CdLM committee may request an online interview with the candidate to assess personal preparation or invite them to take an assessment test.

PLEASE NOTE: For the purpose of awarding the scholarship, **it is necessary that the qualification be assessed as eligible for enrolment in an open admission Master's degree programme (Article 1.1)**, based on the assessment by the International Students Section and the judgement expressed by the selected Study Programme Committee (CdS), regarding the adequate personal preparation and possession of the curricular requirements required by the chosen study programme.

Ineligibility for admission to the Study Programme automatically implies exclusion from the selection covered by this call.

PLEASE NOTE: For the purpose of awarding the scholarship covered by this call, linguistic knowledge will be verified both through possession of the language requirements required by the Master's degree programme, and through the interview with the Scholarship Award Committee, regardless of any verifications already carried out by the CdLM committee.

ART. 4.3 – Allocation of IUPALS scholarships

Only candidates eligible for admission to the chosen study programme will be able to access the selection phase for the awarding of scholarships. The selection will be carried out by a specific Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will evaluate the candidates and award the following scores:

1. Requirements set out in the call
 - Educational background and GPA (**score: 0-20 points**);
 - CV evaluation: experience and skills (**score: 0-10 points**);
 - Motivation in the choice and consistency with previous studies and the chosen study programme (**score: 0-10 points**).

Following the assignment of scores, **the top 10 candidates** with a **score equal to or greater than 25/40** will be admitted to the interview.

Candidates admitted to the interview will receive an email from the International Students Section with details regarding the date, time, and platform where the interview will take place.

Candidates must attend the online interview with a valid identity document.

2. Outcome of the online interview (the selection committee will assess the skills possessed and the candidate's knowledge of Italian or English): (**score: 0-40**)



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Candidates who have obtained a **minimum score of 40/80 points** (evaluation of requirements and oral interview) will be considered eligible for the scholarship.

ART. 5 - Ranking

At the end of the interviews, a **ranking list** that will take into account the results of the evaluation, will be drawn up.

In the event of a tie in the overall score, priority for the scholarship will be given to female candidates and younger candidates.

Starting from 5 August 2025, information regarding the results of the selection and the awarding of scholarships will be published on the University portal at:
<https://www.unito.it/internazionalita/studenti-e-ospiti-internazionali/studenti-internazionali/borse-studenti>
<https://en.unito.it/studying-unito/scholarships-international-students>

ART. 6 - Acceptance of the scholarship

Winners will receive a communication from the International Students Section indicating the method and deadline for accepting the scholarship.

The awarding of the scholarship is subject to positive verification of residence in the Palestinian Territories, which will be carried out by the Italian General Consulate in Jerusalem.

For the purposes of accessing the benefit, candidates are required to:

1. accept the scholarship within **the deadlines that will be communicated by the International Students Section**, by submitting the acceptance letter provided by the International Students Section (signed and dated);
2. obtain a visa suitable for enrolment, arrive in Italy, and possess the receipt of application for a study residence permit and the tax code, by the deadline for enrolment for the 2025-2026 academic year;
3. complete the enrolment procedure for the chosen course, by paying the first instalment of student fees referred to in Article 1 (regional fee and stamp duty equal to €156 as per current Fees and Contributions Regulations), by the deadline that will be indicated by the International Students Section;
4. declare that they are not beneficiaries of other scholarships, as referred to in Article 1.

In the event that a candidate wins multiple scholarships, they must promptly inform the International Students Section at the email address internationalstudents@unito.it and choose which benefit to accept.



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PLEASE NOTE: To complete enrolment, winners must submit the following documentation:

- a) passport;
- b) document certifying residence in the Palestinian Territories;
- c) visa suitable for enrolment;
- d) Italian tax code;
- e) receipt of application for an Italian study residence permit;
- f) original high school diploma or foreign academic qualification (bachelor's degree) and related official study plan (transcript of records) bearing the stamp and signature of the foreign academic institution with relevant proof of authenticity and related translations into Italian or English, if not already issued in English, French, Spanish or Italian.

In the event that winners renounce to enrol in the study programme or do not satisfy one of the listed conditions, they will lose their right to the scholarship.

ART. 7 - Ranking list shift

Winners may submit the renunciation of benefits by sending an email to internationalstudents@unito.it by **1 September 2025**.

Unassigned scholarships may be reallocated to candidates appropriately placed in the ranking list, until the ranking list is terminated, with the exception of the scholarship aimed at students enrolling in the Master's degrees in Physics or in Physics of Complex Systems.

ART. 8 - Scholarship payment methods

The IUPALS scholarship will be paid in successive instalments by bank transfer to an Italian bank account held or co-held by the winners.

The **first instalment (€5,000.00)** will be paid to the winners **exclusively** following:

- actual entry into Italy with a visa suitable for enrolment and presentation of the receipt of application for the relevant study residence permit;
- completion of enrolment at the University of Turin within the deadline that will be indicated by the International Students Section;
- opening of a bank account in Italy with an IBAN held or co-held by the winner;
- signing of the financial contract for the awarding of the scholarship (in which the winner undertakes to accept the terms and conditions relating to the scholarship and confirms that they do not fall under any of the incompatibility conditions established by Article 1 of this selection notice);
- submission of the financial documents required for the disbursement of the scholarship, which will be provided by the International Students Section.



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The payment of subsequent instalments will only occur **only** if the requirements are met.

Instalment details:

- 1st instalment: €5,000.00 gross: November/December 2025, following successful enrolment;
- 2nd instalment: €4,000.00 gross: April/May 2026, following the passing of at least 1 exam, from those indicated in the educational agreement by 31 March 2026;
- 3rd instalment: €3,000.00 gross: August/September 2026, following the passing of a further 2 exams from those indicated in the educational agreement by 31 July 2026.

In verifying the career, the following will **not** be considered:

- any exams recognised following a possible career abbreviations¹;
- individual exam modules (only fully passed exams will be considered valid);
- exams not specified within the educational agreement and/or without a grade out of thirty points.

Any adequately motivated cases may be evaluated by the Selection Committee.

ART. 9 - Loss of benefit

A student who decides to interrupt their studies, to transfer to another course within UniTO, or to request a transfer to another University automatically loses the right to all benefits provided by this call.

A student who decides to apply for international protection in Italy will lose the right to be enrolled in a study programme at UniTO, because the status of asylum seeker does not allow it; consequently, they will lose the benefits of this call.

ART. 10 - Renewal of benefit

The renewal of benefits is subject to meeting the requirements for the last instalment of the 2025-26 academic year and the student's enrolment in the next year of the study programme within the deadlines provided by the current Fees and Contributions Regulations. The renewal methods, requirements, and instalment payment of benefits will be communicated directly by the International Students Section to the scholarship holders via their institutional email.

ART. 11 - Data processing and right of access

Pursuant to Article 13 GDPR 2016/679 on the processing of personal data, the University of Turin will operate in accordance with the provisions of Annex 1 Privacy Information.

¹ If any exams recognised following career abbreviation correspond to one or more exams included in the educational agreement, the student is still required to take at least one additional exam to obtain the second instalment of the scholarship and at least two for the third.



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ART. 12 - Dispute resolution

This call is translated into English for information purposes only.
For the application and resolution of any dispute and for every legal effect, only the Italian version is valid.

ART. 13 - Final provisions

The Person in charge of the procedure is Elisa Rosso, Director of the Research, Innovation and Internationalisation Department. For information, please contact: internationalstudents@unito.it

The Director

Elisa Rosso

digitally signed pursuant to Legislative Decree 82/2005



ANNEX 1

PRIVACY POLICY PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 13 AND 14 OF THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (REGULATION (EU) 679/2016 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL OF 27 APRIL 2016)

The University of Turin hereby informs that the personal data of candidates for the call for the assignment of 4 “IUPALS scholarships for Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories” acquired with the application form or with subsequent specific collection methods, will be processed for the performance of its institutional teaching and research activities, in compliance with the general principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, purpose limitation, limited storage periods, data minimisation, accuracy, integrity, confidentiality and accountability, of the code on the protection of personal data and of the University regulations implementing the code and on sensitive and judicial data (available on the portal www.unito.it, “Statute and Regulations”, “Regulations: procedures”).

Pursuant to Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (hereinafter GDPR), in compliance with the principle of transparency, the following information is provided in order to make students aware of the characteristics and methods of data processing:

a) Data Controller and contact details

The Data Controller is the University of Turin, in the person of its acting legal representative, the Rector, with registered office in Via Verdi 8 - 10124 Turin (contact details: certified email address: ateneo@pec.unito.it - email address: rettore@unito.it; telephone 011 6706111).

b) Contact details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO)

The University of Turin’s Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be contacted at the email address: rpd@unito.it.

c) Purposes of the processing and legal basis

The processing of personal data requested from the data subject is carried out for the performance of a task in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority pursuant to Article 6(1)(e) of EU Regulation 2016/679 for the following purposes:

- 1) provision of benefits, scholarships and prizes for study and other services related to the right to university study.
- 2) management of student careers (from enrolment to graduation), sending related communications and storage and archiving of all related documents;
- 3) management of curricular and extra-curricular traineeships;
- 4) statistical surveys and historical and scientific research (in aggregated and anonymous form);
- 5) management of listening and support activities for students in difficulty;
- 6) management of support activities for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders;
- 7) institutional communications from the University for administrative, educational and research purposes (for example, notification of seminars, events and conferences).



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Please note that pursuant to the Transparency Consolidation Act Legislative Decree 33 of 2013, data will be published online in the “Transparent Administration” section and on the University portal as part of the publication of the ranking.

For the above processing purposes and in specific situations, pursuant to Article 10 of the GDPR, special categories of personal data may be collected and processed, such as data relating to criminal convictions and offences or related security measures.

d) Types of data processed

The personal data collected and processed by the Data Controller for the above purposes are:

- identification data;
- contact data;
- data relating to the university career.

For the above purposes, special categories of personal data are collected and processed by the Data Controller pursuant to Article 9 of EU Regulation 2016/679 and specifically:

- data relating to health, in relation to actions to support people with special needs;
- data relating to nationality, to the status of holder of temporary protection, international protection, subsidiary protection, special protection and for other forms of protection pursuant to the Italian legislation in force on immigration;

e) Provision of data

The provision of personal data is mandatory for the purpose of evaluating the requirements for participation in the call for the assignment of 4 IUPALS scholarships aimed at Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories. Failure to provide such data will result in non-admission to the aforesaid call and the non-completion of the related procedure.

f) Processing Method

The processing of personal data will be carried out using manual, computerised and telematic tools in any case suitable to guarantee the security and confidentiality of the data themselves.

For the achievement of the purposes reported above, data are processed within the University of Turin by data processing officers authorised under the responsibility of the Data Controller, who are adequately instructed and trained for this purpose.

g) External Data Processors

The data may also be communicated and processed externally by third-party suppliers of certain services necessary for the execution of the processing, who act on behalf of the Data Controller solely for the purpose of the requested service and who are duly appointed “Data Processors” in accordance with Article 28 of EU Regulation 2016/679.

h) Categories of recipients of personal data

Personal data, in compliance with the regulatory provisions in force, will be communicated to the following categories of recipients:

- 1) Ministry of University and Research – MUR



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- 2) National registry of students and graduates;
- 3) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Embassies, Prefectures, Police Headquarters, in relation to the recognition of particular status;
- 4) Public Prosecutor's Office, State Attorney's Office for the management of litigation and the management of disciplinary proceedings;
- 5) Certifying administrations, when verifying substitutive declarations made pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445/2000;
- 6) Public and private entities and organisations that manage the provision of research contributions and/or scholarships or that promote studies and research, projects for university development;
- 7) Ente regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario per il Piemonte (Regional Authority for the Right to University Study for Piedmont) that manages services for the right to study (scholarships, residences, canteens);
- 8) Intesa Sanpaolo – banking institution that, as the University's cashier, manages the procedures for collecting university fees and contributions and for paying scholarships;
- 9) Consorzio Interuniversitario per il Calcolo Automatico (Interuniversity Consortium for Automatic Calculation) – CINECA, for the management and maintenance of applications relating to student careers;
- 10) Consorzio Interuniversitario Alma Laurea (Alma Laurea Interuniversity Consortium), for surveys on the profile and employment status of graduates;
- 11) Insurance providers for accident and civil liability processes;
- 12) External public or private entities for occupational, cultural, recreational and sporting purposes;
- 13) External bodies and associations operating within the University for the achievement of the objectives provided for by the related assignments.

The data processed for the above purposes will be communicated or will in any case be accessible to teaching staff, employees or collaborators assigned to the competent offices of the University, who, in their capacity as data protection reference persons and/or system administrators and/or data processors, will be adequately instructed by the Data Controller for this purpose.

i) Transfer of data to a third country

The University may use, for the pursuit of some of the institutional purposes mentioned above, suppliers designated as External Data Processors, Google services for the Educational sector for which adequate guarantee measures have been adopted (for further details see the Privacy and Security section of Google referred to in the Privacy section of the University Portal); these services involve the transfer of personal data to non-European countries (these are the so-called “cloud” solutions of Google LLC).

l) Data retention period

Personal data relating to the university careers (for example identification data, qualifications held, minutes, etc.) will be stored indefinitely in order to comply with certification requests from individuals and verification requests, in compliance with the archiving obligations imposed by current legislation. Contact data (telephone, personal email) are kept for the period necessary for the achievement of the purposes for which the data were collected and, subsequently, will no longer be used by the University.

m) Rights over data



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The data subjects (the persons to whom the data refer) may exercise their rights over personal data pursuant to Articles 15-21 of EU Regulation 2016/679, where applicable, towards the University of Turin by sending a specific request with the subject: “*privacy rights*” to the following email address: internationalstudents@unito.it.

n) Complaints

The data subject is informed that they have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority and can contact the Data Protection Authority (website: www.garanteprivacy.it)

o) Profiling

The Data Controller does not use automated processes aimed at profiling personal data.