



## UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

Direzione Attività Istituzionali, Programmazione, Qualità e Valutazione  
Area Internazionalizzazione - Sezione Mobilità e Didattica Internazionale

### CALL FOR APPLICATION:

### 10 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM AFGHANISTAN.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS: JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2022

AT 1 P.M. ITALIAN TIME (GMT +1)

According to the aim 1.2 of UniTO's Piano Strategico 2021-2026 ("Consolidare la cultura della parità" – "Azione 1.2.3 Individuare soluzioni per supportare soggetti in situazioni particolari di disagio e offrire loro le migliori condizioni di studio/lavoro"), on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 the Rector informed the Academic Senate and the University Board of Governors about the engagement to promote concrete actions of solidarity and support for Afghan students. This call for application implements the decision taken by the University collegial bodies.

The subject of this call (*UniTO for Afghan students*) is the award of scholarships (money amount and services) through a funding program planned among many other initiatives, with the purpose of supporting Afghan students who wish to start or continue their studies at the Università degli Studi di Torino (University of Turin), following the worsening of the political situation in Afghanistan.

The purpose of this call is to welcome and assist candidates applying for this call to successfully start and complete their academic path, with the support of organizations and teams which may contribute to achieve the learning project.

#### **ART. 1 – Benefits, target, amount and duration**

##### **Art. 1.1 – Target and duration**

The University of Turin funds 10 scholarships (money amount and services) for international students holding Afghan citizenship who enroll for the academic year 2021-2022 in a bachelor's degree, one-long cycle master's degree (5 or 6 years of length) or master's degree without a fixed quota of places, at Università degli Studi di Torino.

The *UniTO for Afghan Students* scholarship is provided for the period between the date of enrollment (at academic year 2021-2022) and 30/09/2022 for a maximum of 12 months, except any possible renewal pursuant to art. 7 of this call. However, winners won't be granted the scholarship before physically arriving in Italy. If candidates enroll while they are still abroad, the date of physical arrival in Italy, proven by the seal on the passport, will be considered as the beginning of the right to the economical benefits.

##### **Art. 1.2. – Provided benefits**

The scholarship includes:

- A cash benefit of the monthly amount of € 800 (gross to the beneficiary) for a maximum amount of € 9,600. In



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case of incomplete monthly payments, the amount will be paid on the basis of the number of days of duration of the scholarship pursuant to art. 1.1.

- accommodation (free of charge) at the university residences of Edisu Piemonte from the day of arrival in Italy or the beginning of the right to the economical benefits. Please, note that the accommodation will not be granted before the start of the second semester of academic year 2021-2022;
- food service (free of charge) at university canteens or restaurants in partnership with Edisu Piemonte (2 meals a day, 7 days a week) from February 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 .
- Total exemption from the payment of tuition fees for the academic year 2021-2022, except for the first installment of the students' contribution, corresponding to the regional tax for the right to study and the duty stamp, except as provided for by EDISU Piemonte.

The following support services are also provided:

- welcoming and orientation services, support aimed to enhance inclusion in the university and in the social context of reference;
- assistance for enrollment procedures at the University;
- Italian language courses organized also with the support of local organizations;
- intercultural mediation and psychological support services;
- Tutoring service;
- Individual welcoming services for students with specific disabilities or learning disorders.

The scholarships announced in this call cannot be cumulated with scholarships granted by other public and/or private institutions. If a candidate is granted more than one scholarship, he/she must choose which benefit to accept.

### **ART. 2 - Admission requirements**

To apply for this call candidates must meet the following requirements, within the established deadline (January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022) under penalty of exclusion:

- holding Afghan citizenship;
- holding a [study qualification suitable for enrolment](#) for the academic year 2021/2022 in a bachelor's degree program, one long cycle master's degree, or master's degree without a fixed quota of places, offered by the University of Turin.

It is also necessary alternatively:

- To hold a residence permit for political asylum, subsidiary protection, or any other temporary typology of protection, issued on the basis of Italian migration Law following the Afghan humanitarian crisis of August 2021;
- To have submitted the first application for political asylum residence permit, following the Afghan humanitarian crisis of August 2021;



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- To hold a study visa for enrollment at the University of Turin for the a.y. 2021-2022;
- To have submitted the application for a study visa for the a.y. 2021-2022 for the University of Turin, through Universitaly website, within the deadline for application to this call (January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022).

Please, note that candidates must not have submitted a pre-enrollment application on the Universitaly platform for another Italian university.

Candidates who transfer from other universities are not eligible.

To apply for this call, a positive assessment of the suitability of the qualification is also required. If candidates apply for a master's degree program, this assessment also includes an additional specific assessment made by a teaching board: the assessment purpose is to check if the candidates have an adequate personal preparation and meet curricular requirements.

The suitability of the qualification could have been assessed/be assessed as follows:

- Having received a positive feedback following the submission of application for the University of Turin a.y. 2021/2022 through the application procedure reserved to candidates holding a foreign qualification, on Apply@unito website, within the established deadlines;
- Having received a positive feedback following the submission of application and the sending of the study documents by email to [internationalstudents@unito.it](mailto:internationalstudents@unito.it) (only if applications are submitted after the deadline for application on Apply@unito);
- Having submitted the assessment application to [internationalstudents@unito.it](mailto:internationalstudents@unito.it), by sending the [study documents](#), by January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The positive feedback of the application should be obtained within the deadline for the publication of the final ranking list.

Please, note that if candidates lack study documents (or part of them) they may submit, alternatively:

- The [European Qualification Passport for Refugees](#) issued by the Council of Europe;
- The positive outcome obtained following the extraordinary qualification assessment request procedure, which may be set up by University of Turin for candidates lacking study documentation<sup>1</sup>.

If the outcome of one of the aforementioned procedures is not available while submitting the application for the present call, in order to be included in the ranking list candidates must submit a proof of a positive outcome within the date of publication of the ranking list.

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<sup>1</sup>The procedure is set up on the basis of the request of the interested candidate and by the Internationalization Area. It may consist in an interview jointly led by administrative staff and teaching committee for the chosen degree program: the candidate will be required to provide information on contents and learning outcomes of his/her previous study program, exams syllabus and teaching materials, study method of the home education institution and projects set up during the study period.



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**A negative feedback following the assessment procedure for the admission to the chosen degree program automatically causes the exclusion from the participation to the selection process described in the present call.**

### **ART. 3 - Application procedure**

Applications must be submitted exclusively through the online procedure published at <https://www.unito.it/internazionalita/studenti-e-ospiti-internazionali/studenti-internazionali/borse-studenti> no later than January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 1 p.m. Italian time (GMT +1), attaching the following documents:

- Passport
  - motivation letter in Italian or in English;
  - Curriculum vitae et studiorum;
  - foreign study qualification and additional study documents (e.g. high school score report / transcript of records)
- or, in case of incomplete or absence of documents, European Qualification Passport for Refugees, issued by the Council of Europe, or the positive outcome obtained following the extraordinary qualification assessment request procedure.

If the outcome of one of the aforementioned procedures is not available while submitting the application for the present call, candidates must attach the receipt of the submitted request for the start of the procedure.

If candidates hold certification of linguistic proficiency equal to at least a B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, as specified below, this certification must be attached to be assessed:

- IN THE CASE OF APPLICATIONS FOR DEGREE PROGRAMS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH, it is possible to certify linguistic proficiency in one of the following ways:
  - a. attaching to the application an English language certification included among the following ones: BEC Vantage, FCE Grade B and C, IELTS 5.5-6.5, TOEFL iBT 87-109, Trinity College ISE II;
- IN THE CASE OF APPLICATIONS FOR DEGREE PROGRAMS TAUGHT IN ITALIAN, it is possible to certify the linguistic proficiency by attaching to the application an Italian language certification equal to at least a B2 level of the Council of Europe, awarded as follows:
  - a. issued within the framework of the CLIQ (Italian Quality Language Certification) quality system. This system unites in one association the current certification bodies (University for Foreigners of Perugia, University for Foreigners of Siena, Rome Tre University and the Dante Alighieri Society)
  - b. issued by the University for Foreigners "Dante Alighieri" of Reggio Calabria, as well as in convention with Italian Institutes of Culture abroad or other institutions.



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### **ART. 4 - Selection procedure, award criteria and drawing up of the ranking list**

Applications will be evaluated by a University Evaluation Committee specifically designated for the awarding of scholarships. **The applications selection will be exclusively based on the assessment of the qualifications and of the interview outcome.**

The committee may allocate a maximum of 100 points: 60 for qualifications and 40 for the interview, on the basis of the criteria available in the Annex I.

Admission to the interview will take place on the basis of a preliminary ranking list **drawn up on the outcome of the assessment of qualifications**; candidates with a residence permit and/or already in Italy will be placed in

prior positions to the ones assigned to candidates waiting for a study visa.

Only the first 40 candidates placed in the preliminary ranking list will be admitted to the interview.

The interview will be held online according to the indications that will be promptly provided by email to the eligible candidates.

If certification of linguistic proficiency is not provided, during the interview the aforementioned Committee may verify candidates' English or Italian proficiency depending on the chosen degree program; additional language skills reported in the candidates' curriculum vitae may be verified too.

At the end of the interviews, the **final ranking list** will be drawn up considering **the assessment of the qualifications and of the interview outcome**; candidates with a residence permit and/or already in Italy will be placed in prior positions to the ones assigned to candidates waiting for a study visa. If candidates will get the same overall score, the scholarship will be awarded to the youngest ones.

The final ranking list will be published approximately at the beginning of March 2022 on the following page:  
<https://www.unito.it/internazionalita/studenti-e-ospiti-internazionali/studenti-internazionali/borse-studenti>

### **ART. 5 - Scholarship acceptance**

The Internationalization area will provide winners with details on scholarship acceptance procedures and deadlines.

To get the benefits winners are required to:

1. accept the scholarship;
2. complete the enrolment procedure for the chosen program, by paying the first installment of the students' contribution pursuant to the Art. 1, within the established deadline that will be indicated by the Internationalization area;
3. declare not to be granted any other scholarship, pursuant to the Art. 1;
4. obtain a study visa, if necessary, no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.



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**If winners do not enroll in the chosen degree program or do not fulfill one of the above listed requirements, they will lose the right to the scholarship.** Unassigned scholarships may be re-assigned to candidates placed in a useful position in the ranking for a maximum of 10 scholarships, as announced in the present call.

### **ART. 6 - Scholarship payment procedures a.y. 2021-2022**

The **UniTO for Afghan Students** scholarship will be paid through bank transfer in two installments.

In order to get the first installment, the winners must:

1. enroll at the University of Turin within the established deadline that will be indicated by the Internationalization area;
2. provide alternatively:
  - study visa issued by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022;
  - residence permit for political asylum, subsidiary protection, or any other temporary typology of protection, issued on the basis of Italian migration Law following the Afghan humanitarian crisis of August 2021;
  - receipt of first application for political asylum residence permit, following the Afghan humanitarian crisis of August 2021;
3. physically arrive in Italy between August 2021 and April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (the arrival must be proven by the seal reported on the passport);
4. open a bank account in an Italian bank or hold a debit/credit card with an associated IBAN number: the winners must be the holders/the co-holders of the bank account;
5. accept the scholarship contract, terms and conditions and confirm not to fall under incompatibility conditions reported in Art. 1 of this call;
6. sign and send the required financial documents which will be provided by the Internationalization area.

The first installment amount of the scholarship will be calculated considering the period of validity of the scholarship, based on:

- number of months and days between the date of enrolment at Unito and July 31<sup>st</sup> 2022;
- number of months and days between the date of physical arrival in Italy 2022 - proven by the seal reported on the passport - and July 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 (only if the date of arrival in Italy follows the date of enrolment)

The second installment, corresponding to the monthly payments of August and September 2022, will be paid in August, upon achievement of at least 5 ECTS credits by July 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.

### **ART. 7 Conditions for the benefits renewal**



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To renew the benefits, or part of them, the current winners confirming their enrollment for the academic year 2022-2023 must have obtained by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, the minimum number of ECTS credits reported in the individual learning agreement signed in accordance with the Evaluation Committee, pursuant to Art. 4, and the Teaching Board of the program chosen by the candidate.

The renewal of the benefits is in any case subjected to the amount of the total resources available.

### **ART. 8 - Scholarship withdrawal**

**Winners who decide to transfer to another university or to leave their studies are required to return 50% of the amount of the received scholarship.**

Particular cases duly motivated will be taken in consideration by the University Evaluation Committee.

### **ART. 9 - Data processing and right of access pursuant to art. 13 GDPR 2016/679**

Regarding the processing of personal data, the University of Turin will operate in compliance with the provisions of Annex II "Privacy Policy", pursuant to Art. 13 of the EU general regulation 679/2016 on data protection.

### **ART. 10 - Resolution of disputes**

This call is translated into English for publicity purposes only; for all legal purposes only the Italian version is valid.

### **ART. 11 - Final provisions**

The person in charge of the procedure is Andrea Silvestri, *interim* director of Direzione Attività Istituzionali, Programmazione, Qualità e Valutazione. For further information, please contact [internationalstudents@unito.it](mailto:internationalstudents@unito.it)

The *interim* Director  
Andrea Silvestri



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# Annex I

## Criteria for the selection of candidates for the assignment of scholarships: grid for assigning points

The evaluation of qualifications (maximum score: 60 out 100 points) and the Interview (maximum score: 40 out 100 points) will have an overall score of maximum 100/100 points and will be based on the following items:

	<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Maximum Score</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	a. Examination of the Curriculum vitae et studiorum	45
	b. Certified language skills relating to the language of the chosen program: - no knowledge: 0 points - B1-B2 level: 3 points - C1-C2 level: 5 points	5
	c. Motivation expressed in the motivation letter	10
<b>Total Score for Qualifications</b>		<b>60</b>
<b>Interview</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Overall Score (Qualifications + Interview)</b>		<b>100</b>