

Call for applications for the award of 2 scholarships for non-UE students enrolling in Innovation Development in Agri-Food Systems (IDEAS) Master's Degree in the 2023/2024 academic year

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

from the date of publication of this call until 4.11.2023

ART. 1 – NATURE, AMOUNT AND DURATION

The Department of Soil, Plant and Food Sciences of University of Bari establishes the award of 2 scholarships for non-UE students enrolling in Innovation Development in Agri-Food Systems (IDEAS) Master's Degree in the 2023/2024 academic year.

Each scholarship amounts to $30,000 \notin (15,000 \notin \text{per year})$. All amounts indicated are subject to taxation by the Italian state. Awardees are not exempt from paying the tuition fees they owe upon enrolment.

The term "non-UE students" describes all applicants who are not citizens or legal residents of an EU country and possess the admission requirements granting access to the above master's degree programme.

ART. 2 – INCOMPATIBILITY

The scholarship is incompatible with any other scholarship awarded by the Italian Government or by Italian public institutions, including the need-based scholarship for student financial aid awarded by ADISU (Agency for the right to university studies).

ART. 3 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order for scholarship applicants to be considered, they must:

- have received eligibility for the Master Course IDEAS from the Department Commission, as notified by e-mail from the International Office Unit of University of Bari.
- have submitted the application within 30 September 2023 at https://www.universitaly.it/

ART. 4 – PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

Applications can be submitted in response to the call within the deadline, which is fixed until 24:00 p.m. CEST on 4.11.2023, exclusively by e-mail using the form included in the present call. The e-mail address to be used is: disspa@pec.uniba.it

The application must include the following documents:

- a. personal information
- b. coloured scanned copy of a valid passport;
- c. the e-mail communication of eligibility for the programme received from the International Office Unit of University of Bari;
- d. Curriculum Vitae including study background and mark of the Bachelor degree.
- e. motivational letter

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f. language certificate (minimum B2-level knowledge of the English language)

Scholarship applications sent after the deadline will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The university administration reserves the right to carry out checks on the truthfulness of what has been declared. Without prejudice to the penal sanctions provided for by art.76 of the Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, if the check reveals that the content of the declaration is untruthful, the declarant loses the benefit.

ART.5 - AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Candidates will be evaluated as follows:

- A maximum of 60 points out of 100 for Curriculum Vitae (CV), <u>including study background</u> <u>and mark of the Bachelor degree;</u>
- A maximum of 20 points out of 100 for the evaluation of a motivational letter;
- A maximum of 20 points out of 100 for the evaluation of one of the <u>language certifications</u> recognized by the University and attesting the candidate's knowledge of English <u>language</u>(minimum B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

ART. 6 - PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CANDIDATES' RANKINGS

The candidates' rankings will be prepared and approved by a commission nominated by the Director of the Department.

Candidates are ranked in descending order of score. In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the younger applicant.

ART. 7 - ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARD

Scholarship recipients will be notified of their success via email (the notification will be sent to the same address used to sign up to the platform universitaly.it).

Scholarship recipients must confirm their unconditional acceptance of the scholarship and of the conditions associated with it as outlined in the present call for applications within 5 calendar days after the date of the publication of the rankings on the university website. In order to do so, they must complete the pre-enrolment procedure on the Universitaly portal.

By no later than 30 November 2023, scholarship recipients must send a copy of their visa OR the receipt attesting that they have already applied for a visa to the email address <u>mailto:orsola.castoro@uniba.it</u>. Scholarship recipients who will not send this documentation will lose the scholarship, which will be assigned to the next suitable candidate in the rankings.

ART. 8 – PAYMENT OF THE AWARD

The awarding of scholarships requires that recipients have correctly concluded the enrollment process within the period prescribed for the 2023/2024 academic year (30 November 2023). The scholarships are only awarded for enrolment in the IDEAS Master degree programme.

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The scholarship will be accredited in two installments, one for each year of the Master degree programme. Each installment is equal to half of the total amount of the awarded scholarship package.

The first installment of 15,000 € will be paid out after the scholarship recipient successfully completes the enrollment procedure and no later than 31 March 2024.

The second installment of 15,000 € will be paid out no later than 31 March 2025 only if the scholarship recipient has earned at least 40 ECTS associated with the study plan of the first year (officially appearing on his/her transcript of records) by 28 February 2025.

ART. 9 – REVOCATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship will be revoked if:

- the student withdraws from IDEAS Master's degree;
- the student chooses to transfer to another University;
- the student cannot meet the requirements to receive the second installment;
- the student fails to enroll in the second year of the studies.

The students whose scholarship has been revoked must return the instalment(s) already received. Until they do so, their academic career will be blocked, and they will be unable to take or register exams, fill out their yearly study plan, transfer to another degree programme or to another university, etc.

ART. 10 – RENOUNCEMENT

A successful applicant's renouncement of the scholarship he or she has been awarded must be communicated via email by writing to <u>disspa@pec.uniba.it</u>. The scholarship will then be assigned to the next suitable candidate in the ranking.

ART. 11 – SUPERVISOR OF THE AWARDING PROCESS

In accordance with the Italian Law n. 241/1990, the Supervisor of the scholarship awarding process is the Officer of the Didactic Office of Department of Soil, Plant and Food Sciences of University of Bari.

ART. 12 – CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

Please contact the Didactic Office of Department of Soil, Plant and Food Sciences of University of Bari for information, by writing to <u>fara.martinelli@uniba.it</u>

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Annex: Application form