

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF 25 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENROLLING IN DEGREE PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BARI "ALDO MORO" IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

ART. 1 - Purpose, scholarship amount and duration

In the framework of the initiatives aimed at promoting and supporting the right to study of international students residing abroad, as part of the process of internationalization and inclusion within its academic offer, the University of Bari intends awarding n. 25 annual scholarships to international prospective students.

For this Call, an overall funding of € 250,000.00 (two hundred and fifty thousand/00) is available, from the three-year funding programming for the period 2021-2023 and, in any case, up to the amount of the overall economic resources allocated.

The annual scholarships are reserved for international students who will enroll in the 2024/2025 academic year to study full-time in the first year of a study courses, activated at the University of Bari Aldo Moro.

International students are understood as all international students residing abroad (excluding Italian citizens) which have obtained the entry qualification eligible for access to the chosen study program in a foreign higher education and academic institution.

The enrollment is referring to the enrollment in the first year of the 3-years bachelor's degree programs, 2-years master's degree programs and single-cycle master's degree programs.

Enrollments in years after the first one, transfers from another degree course or another University will not be taken into consideration.

The university recognizes a flat rate scholarship for the amount of Euro 10,000.00 (gross of charges to be borne by the beneficiary) for each year and up to a maximum of three years. Each scholarship holder student is guaranteed total exemption from the payment of the expected tuition fee for each year of ongoing enrollment in the chosen bachelor's or master's degree program (excluding regional tax and stamp duty).

Any additional services may be offered upon request of interested parties.

ART. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order for scholarship applicants to be considered, the students must:

- have obtained a valid qualification for the admission to the chosen 3-years bachelor's degree program, 2-years master's degree program and single-cycle master's degree program;
- have submitted the pre-enrollment application at the website <https://www.university.it/>(only for non-EU students requesting visa);
- have received eligibility for the course, notified through the University acceptance report (only for non-EU students requesting visa);
- have never previously been enrolled in a degree program at the University of Bari;
- are foreign citizens residing abroad (excluding Italian citizens).

ART. 3 – INCOMPATIBILITY

The scholarship is incompatible with

- any type of merit-based or income-based scholarship or study award promoted by the University of Bari Aldo Moro in favour of international students;
- scholarships offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- scholarships promoted by CRUI in favour of holders of international protection;
- scholarships aimed at international students and promoted by foreign governments or institutions on the basis of agreements with the University of Bari Aldo Moro;
- scholarship for the right to study ADISU Puglia.

ART. 4 – PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

Applications can be submitted in response to this Call within the deadline, no later than 24:00 p.m. CEST on June 28th 2024.

The application form, as well as the useful documents for the competition, must be submitted, under penalty of exclusion, electronically, using the dedicated computer application on the following page <https://pica.cineca.it/uniba/2024-borsa-studentiinternazionali>

The computer application will necessarily require the possession of an e-mail address in order to self-register on the system. The candidate must fill in all the data required to produce the application and attach the documents in electronic PDF format.

The application form must be duly completed in all its parts, as indicated in the online procedure, and must include a copy of a valid identity document.

The electronic submission of the application form is certified by the computer system by the means of a receipt that will be automatically sent via e-mail.

Each application will be assigned an identification number which, together with the competition code indicated in the IT application, must be specified for any subsequent communication. At the end of the submission deadline, the system will no longer allow access and sending of the electronic form. Other forms of sending applications or useful documentation for participation in the procedure are not allowed.

In the case of access to the platform via SPID, the procedure will not require a signature; in all other cases the application must be signed:

- by digital signature, using smart cards, USB tokens or remote signatures, which allow the holder to sign generic documents using signature software on a PC or a web portal for Remote Signature made available by the Certification Authority. Whoever has a smart card or a Digital Signature USB token can verify its compatibility with the Digital Signature system integrated into the server system. In the event of a positive outcome, the holder will be able to sign the application directly on the server (e.g. ConFirma);

- those who do not have compatible digital signature devices and Holders of Remote Digital Signatures who have access to a portal for signing generic documents, must save the PDF file generated by the system on their PC and, without modifying it in any way, digitally sign it in CAdES format: a file with the .p7m extension will be generated which must be re-uploaded on the system. Any amendment made to the file before the Digital Signature is applied will prevent the automatic verification of the correspondence between the content of this document and the original one and this will exclude the application;

- if it is impossible to use one of the above options, the candidate must save the PDF file generated by the system on his PC and, without modifying it in any way, print it and affix the complete handwritten signature on the last page of the printout. This complete document must be produced in PDF via scan and the file thus obtained must be uploaded to the system.

The administration assumes no responsibility in case of loss of communication due to inaccurate information of the address given by the applicant or failure or delay in communicating the change of address indicated in the application, nor for any postal problems or in any case due to third parties, unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure.

Once the application has been submitted and the confirmation email has been received it will no longer be possible to make changes; however, the candidate can withdraw the application by clicking on the "Withdraw" button on the home page (dashboard) by filling in the appropriate form; if the call has not yet expired, it will be possible to submit a new application.

The IT procedure could be temporarily suspended due to technical reasons; in case of technical problems, you can contact the dedicated support by sending a request to the following link <https://pica.cineca.it/uniba>

The Application form must include the following attached documents:

- copy of a valid identity document;
- for candidates to 3-years bachelor's degree program and single-cycle master's degree program, is required a high school diploma, which allows verifying the twelve years of previous schooling, showing the final grade certificate;
- for candidates to 2-years master's degree program in possession of an entry qualification must provide a copy of the 3-years bachelor's degree diploma and a certificate issued by the sending University confirming the foreign qualification as valid for access to the chosen master's degree program showing the final grade certificate (transcript of records);
- University acceptance report from Uniba (only for non-EU candidates residing abroad);
- Curriculum Vitae including study background;
- Motivational letter in English language;
- Letter of reference.

The candidate's submitted documents must be written in Italian or English.

Documents in other languages must be accompanied by a translation into Italian or English. If you are not yet in Italy, the translation must be done [in accordance with the procedural rules laid down by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation \(MAECI\)](#)

If you are in Italy you can obtain the court translation by an official translator who cannot coincide with the holder of the title (sworn translation).

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 - Evaluation criteria, ranking and approval of the ranking list

The selection Committee will be appointed by the Rector and formed by at least four members chosen among the academic or administrative personnel of the University of Bari. The Committee will evaluate the applications and prepare a ranking list based on the following criteria:

- A maximum of 30 points out of 100 for Curriculum Vitae (CV), including study background and final grade of the bachelor's degree.
- A maximum of 10 points out of 100 for other qualifications or certifications which may also include academic or scholastic references and the evaluation of a motivation letter;
- A maximum of 60 points out of 100 for the motivational interview to be carried out, also in videoconferencing mode.

The Committee will formulate the ranking list which will be subsequently approved by Rector's decree. In the event of equal scores among candidates pre-admitted to courses of study of the same level, the youngest candidate will be given priority. In case of equal scores between candidates pre-admitted to courses of different levels, priority will be given to the candidate with the highest score in the motivational interview.

The ranking list will be published on the website of the University of Bari Aldo Moro.

Priority will be given to applications from international students coming from geographical areas of strategic interest, as indicated under the [Art. n. 2 within the MUR's \(Italian Ministry of University and Research\) Call for the granting of funding for transnational educational initiatives – TNE](#)

ART. 6 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates selected for a scholarship will receive a notification of the scholarship assignment to the email address indicated in the application form. 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 from the date of notification, at the email address **borsestudio.internazionali@uniba.it**, under penalty of forfeiture.

Candidates awarded the scholarship will have to complete enrollment in the 2024/2025 academic year in the chosen course of study, as a full-time student, under penalty of forfeiture of the benefit.

In the event scholarships are not accepted or declined, they will be awarded to the next applicants on the ranking list.

The winner's renunciation of the scholarship must be communicated in writing and sent to the following email address: **universitabari@pec.it**.

ART. 7 – PAYMENT OF THE AWARD

The awarding of the annual scholarship will take place following the ranking list and up to the amount of available resources and will be subject to actual enrollment in the academic year 2024/2025, as a full-time student, in the chosen study program and to the possession of the maintenance requirements as set out below.

Each scholarship beneficiary is guaranteed total exemption from paying university fees for each year of enrollment in the chosen 3-years bachelor's degree programs, 2-years master's degree programs and single-cycle master's degree programs (excluding the regional tax and stamp duty).

The scholarship disbursement will occur in two instalments (two years) for students enrolled in 2-years master's degree programs and in three installments (three years) for students enrolled in 3-years bachelor's degree programs and single-cycle master's degree programs, upon presentation of a specific declaration which will be sent via email to the scholarship winners, in which the student must declare that he/she does not incur the incompatibilities provided under the Article 3 of this Call, under penalty of forfeiture of the benefit, as well as undertaking to promptly communicate any changes that may occur, during the duration of the subsidy, compared to what was originally declared.

The payment of the scholarship for those enrolled in 3-years bachelor's degree programs and single-cycle master's degree programs is expected in three installments and is subject to the fulfillment of "administrative and academic obligations" as follows:

<i>Installment</i>	<i>Administrative and academic requirements</i>	<i>Amounting</i>
1°	Be enrolled by November 30th 2024 and comply with all the requirements provided for by the internal regulations of the University and by the annual ministerial procedures for the entry, enrolment of international students and the related recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy, at the study course as a full-time student	€ 10,000.00 *
2°	Have acquired at least 24 CFU (European Credit Transfer System) by October 30th 2025 and have completed enrollment in the second year of the chosen course of study by November 30th 2025 in compliance with all requirements provided for by the internal regulations of the University and by the annual ministerial procedures for the entry, enrolment of international students and the related recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy	€ 10,000.00 *
3°	Have acquired at least 60 CFU (European Credit Transfer System) by October 30th 2026 and have completed enrollment in the second year of the chosen course of study by November 30th 2026 in compliance with all requirements provided for by the internal regulations of the University and by the annual ministerial procedures for the entry, enrolment of international students and the related recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy	€ 10,000.00 *

** gross of charges to be borne by the beneficiary*

The payment of the scholarship for those enrolled in 2-years master's degree programs is foreseen in two installments and is subject to the fulfillment of "administrative and academic obligations" as follows:

<i>Installment</i>	<i>Administrative and academic requirements</i>	<i>Amounting</i>
1°	Be enrolled by November 30th 2024 and comply with all the requirements provided for by the internal regulations of the University and by the annual ministerial procedures for the entry, enrolment of international students and the related recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy, at the study course as a full-time student	€ 10,000.00 *
2°	Have acquired at least 24 CFU (European Credit Transfer System) by October 30th 2025 and have completed enrollment in the second year of the chosen course of study by November 30th 2025 in compliance with all requirements provided for by the internal regulations of the University and by the annual ministerial procedures for the entry, enrolment of international students and the related recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy	€ 10,000.00 *

** gross of charges to be borne by the beneficiary*

The payment of the scholarship will be made by bank transfer to a bank account or prepaid card, preferably with an Italian IBAN in the name of the beneficiary student.

The installments of the scholarships will be paid according to the timeframe indicated above.

Any university credits acquired as a result of a recognition of a previous career will not be taken into consideration since the credits must be effectively obtained at the University of Bari.

ART. 8 – REVOCATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship will be revoked if:

- the student withdraws from the Uniba courses;
- the student chooses to transfer to another University;

The students whose scholarship has been revoked must return the instalment 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. 9 - SUPERVISOR OF THE AWARDING PROCESS

In accordance with the Italian Law n. 241/1990, the Supervisor of the scholarship awarding process is Dr. Orsola Castoro, Direzione Offerta Formativa e Servizi agli Studenti (tel. +39.0805714643, e-mail: orsola.castoro@uniba.it).

ART. 10 – PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

Personal data provided by applicants in submitting their applications (and their CVs) for selection will be processed only for the purposes related to this call and in compliance with the regulatory provisions regarding the processing of personal data.

The data will be processed - by the officers authorized to process such data - with manual, IT and telematic tools within the scope and for the purposes specified above, in compliance with the security measures adopted by the University and in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation no. 2016/679 relating to the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the free circulation of such data, as well as the legislative decrees adapting national legislation to the provisions of the aforementioned Regulation.

The holder of personal data processing is the University of Bari Aldo Moro, with head office in Piazza Umberto I, n. 1, 70121 - BARI. The appointed data protection Officer can be contacted at the following email address rpdpd@uniba.it. The full text of the information is available at following link:

<https://www.uniba.it/it/ateneo/privacy/informative/informativa-selezioni/view>

ART. 11 – FINAL PROVISIONS

For further information relating to the administrative procedure of this call, you may contact the International Students Office, at the email address uo.studentiinternazionali@uniba.it. This announcement Call is published on the University website at www.uniba.it, in the announcements section and the "International" section, under the heading "International Students", "Scholarships". The English version is a translation of the original in Italian for information purposes only. In case of a discrepancy, the Italian original will prevail. Please refer to relevant legislation for all matters not covered in this call.

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