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Selection notice to award scholarships for international students *at risk* 2024/25

ART.1 - Students at risk

As decided by the Board of Administration in its meeting on 27 February 2024 (decision no. 61 of 2024), the University of Padua offers up to 22 scholarships to international students *at risk* wishing to enrol on a degree programme of the University of Padua and it will launch a fundraising campaign for potential additional scholarships financed by public and private institutions.

The scholarship includes an allowance of € 7,987.82 (gross for the recipient) and a tuition fee-waiver per academic year. The only amount to be paid by scholarship recipients is the admission fee, consisting of the regional tax for the right to education and the revenue stamp, corresponding to € 204.00. Such amount is not refundable. Reimbursement of travel expenses, insurance or other expenses is not included in the scholarship and will not be covered by the University of Padua.

The scholarships run for one academic year, renewable according to the terms defined in art. 6. Once the above-mentioned period has elapsed, students who do not benefit from the renewal will be required to pay the tuition fees due until graduation, according to the [call for applications for tuition fees and fee waivers](#), which details also all the exemption possibilities. Moreover, from the second year, students will be able to apply for the regional scholarship, according to the procedures explained at <https://www.unipd.it/en/veneto-region-scholarship>.

Students at Risk scholarships cannot be combined with any other grant awarded by other public institutions. Candidates selected for more than one scholarship must choose which one to accept. Candidates are responsible for notifying the Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office (unipd.rescuefund@unipd.it) of any incompatibility with other scholarships.

ART. 2 - Admission requirements

To be eligible for selection, under penalty of exclusion, applicants must:

- have received temporary protection as per the EU Council Implementing Decision 2022/382 or
- have received a permit of stay for asylum or equivalent, in Italy or abroad or
- declare their "*at risk*" status as detailed in the Attachment n.1.

Moreover they must:

- hold a non-Italian upper secondary school certificate (to access Bachelor's or Single-cycle degree programmes) or a non-Italian Bachelor's degree (to access Master's degree programmes) valid for the enrolment in the Italian higher education system;
- apply to one or more degree programmes for the A.Y. 2024/25 at the University of Padua according to the procedures and deadlines established by the course programme or
- be already eligible for the A.Y. 2024/25 admission.

Applicants with incomplete or partial documentation required for the application can contact the *Admissions and Welcome Unit* of the *Global Engagement Office* via email: unipd.rescuefund@unipd.it

Applicants who fail to meet one or more of the above requirements are not eligible for the selection of this scholarship.

ART. 3 – Selection procedure and awarding criteria

Applications must be presented through the [online form](https://www.unipd.it/en/students-at-risk) available at <https://www.unipd.it/en/students-at-risk>, **from May 13th and not later than 12.00 pm, noon (Italian time), June 7th 2024.**

Applicants must upload the following documents in PDF format:

1. Admission letter for a Bachelor's or Master's Degree Programme valid for the A.Y. 2024/25 in case of applicants in the first call
Or
admission offer for a Bachelor's or Master's Degree Programme valid for the A.Y. 2024/25 in case of applicants in the second call;
2. Documentation of status (under art. 2): permit of stay
Or
declaration of the situation "*at risk*" as detailed in Attachment n.1.

A dedicated Committee shall assess the applications for the purposes of awarding the scholarships. Scholarships shall be awarded to the most deserving candidates on the basis of the quality and records of their prior education, their language competence, motivation and "*at risk*" status. In the event of a tie, preference shall be given to female candidates and to younger candidates.

The Committee might schedule an interview with an applicant, if deemed necessary to examine their documents.

The results of the selection and the awarding of the scholarships will be made available at <https://www.unipd.it/en/students-at-risk> starting **from 17th June 2024.**

Any unallocated scholarships will be reserved for students admitted to Italian-taught Bachelor's or Master's degrees with a limited number of places and degree programmes (Italian- or English-taught) with access limited on a national basis by the Italian Ministry of University and Research.

ART. 4 – Acceptance

Candidates admitted and selected for a scholarship will receive a specific communication by the *Admissions and Welcome Unit* of the *Global Engagement Office* with the procedure and deadline to accept it.

To be granted the scholarship, selected candidates must:

- accept or have already accepted the admission offer received from the *Admissions and Welcome Unit* of the *Global Engagement Office* and pay or have already paid the admission fee by the given deadline;
- not benefit from other scholarships or grants;
- fulfil the admission requirements (e.g. obtaining the entry qualification and the English language requirement) within the deadline given in the admission offer;
- [only for non-EU candidates residing abroad] meet the requirements and conditions for an Italian student visa (D - enrolment);
- finalise the enrolment procedure for the chosen degree programme.

Should selected candidates not accept the scholarship, or not fulfil one of the criteria above, the Committee may award scholarships to the next eligible candidates meeting the requirements.

ART. 5 - Payment methods and requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility A.Y. 2024/25

The scholarship shall be paid via bank transfer in 2 equal instalments for a total amount of € 7.987,82 (gross for the recipient) per academic year.

Students shall be credited with the first instalment of the A.Y. 2024/25 upon arrival in Italy and only after:

1. completing the enrolment at the University of Padua;
2. opening a bank account (including an online bank account or a prepaid card with an IBAN) at any Italian bank or any other bank in the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) of which the student is the holder or joint holder. It also might be possible for students to use the IBAN of their *University Flash Card*, provided the card has been upgraded at any Intesa Sanpaolo branch;
3. signing the Declaration of acceptance, through which students undertake to accept the scholarship terms and conditions and confirm that no incompatibility arises within the meaning of article 1 of this call for applications.

Students shall be credited with the second instalment of the A.Y. 2024/25 by 31 March 2025 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2024/25) upon registering exams for at least 6 credits.

In case of enrollment with recognition of prior learning, the credits earned during previous university education do not count for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility.

The Global Engagement Office will organise a training session with required attendance by beneficiaries. The aim is to help students in placing their experience in Padua in their career path. The course will invite them both to reflect on their status and to deepen their understanding of the psychological, legal and professional dimensions that may be relevant in maximising the outcomes of their activity in Padua and lay the foundations for pursuing their careers in Italy or abroad.

ART. 6 - Scholarship renewal and requirements to maintain the scholarship eligibility A.Y. 2025/26 and 2026/27

Students lacking the eligibility requirements or not benefiting from the Regione Veneto scholarship in the relevant academic years, may renew the Students at risk scholarship for one (1) academic year for students enrolled in a Master's degree programme, or for two (2) academic years for students enrolled in a Bachelor's degree programme.

The subsequent instalments of € 3,991.41 each will be paid out on the basis of the fulfilment of the following merit requirements:

- First instalment of A.Y. 2025/26: at least 30 ECTS credits by 30th September 2025 (summer and fall examination session - A.Y. 2025/26);
- Second instalment of A.Y. 2025/26: at least 42 ECTS credits by 31st March 2026 (winter examination session - A.Y. 2025/26);

Only for Bachelor's degree students:

- First instalment of A.Y. 2026/27: at least 80 ECTS credits by 30th September 2026 (summer and fall examination session - A.Y. 2026/27);
- Second instalment of a.y. 2026/27: at least 92 ECTS credits by 31st March 2027 (winter examination session - A.Y. 2026/27).

Specific duly reasoned situations where the aforementioned merit requirement threshold is not reached, shall undergo examination by the designated University Committee appointed for the selection and award procedure of the scholarship in question.

ART. 7 - Revocation of scholarship

If the aforementioned merit requirements are not met within the deadline, the payment of the scholarship shall be stopped.

The University of Padua is entitled to revoke scholarships when:

1. students do not obtain at least 20 ECTS credits by 30 November 2024;
2. students transfer to another University or withdraw from studies.

In both circumstances, students shall pay back the amount of the scholarship already received.

Specific duly reasoned situations where the aforementioned merit requirement threshold is not reached, shall undergo examination by the designated University Committee appointed for the selection and award procedure of the scholarship in question.

ART. 8 - Processing of personal data statement

Personal data shall be processed in compliance with the principles and provisions of EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation) and for the sole purposes of competition procedure. For detailed information: <https://www.unipd.it/en/privacy> .

The Administration reserves the right to check the truthfulness of the admission and incompatibility requirements. Without prejudice to the criminal sanctions provided for in art. 76 of Italian Presidential Decree DPR no. 445/2000, should checks prove statements to be false, the scholarship recipient shall lose the benefit eligibility.

ART. 9 – Dispute resolution

This call for selection is translated into English for informational purposes only. Should any disputes arise and for all legal purposes, only the Italian version shall be considered valid.

ART. 10 – Final Provisions

The person responsible for the procedure is Mattia Gusella, Director of the Global Engagement Office.

For further information please email: unipd.rescuefund@unipd.it

The Rector
Prof.ssa Daniela Mapelli
digitally signed pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree no. 82/2005