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Call for selection for scholarships reserved for international students from Afghanistan

This call for selection is to implement the decision by the University bodies to give practical support and help to the Afghan people, by welcoming students from that country. In particular, this call regulates access to the **Unipd 4 Afghanistan** scholarships, a funding programme intended for Afghan students who are in a dangerous situation or have lost the opportunity to start their university studies as a result of the worsening political situation in Afghanistan.

ART.1 - Unipd 4 Afghanistan

As decided by the Board of Administration in its meeting on 9 September 2021 (minutes no. 200/2021 dated 09/09/2021), the University of Padua offers up to 50 scholarships to international students with Afghan citizenship wishing to enrol on a degree programme of the University of Padua.

The *Unipd 4 Afghanistan* scholarship includes an allowance of € 12,000.00 (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. Such amount is not refundable. Reimbursement of travel, insurance or other expenses is not included in the scholarship and will not be covered by the University of Padua.

The *Unipd 4 Afghanistan* scholarships run for a maximum of

- one (1) academic year, for Short Specialisation Degrees (reserved for students already pre-enrolled at the University of Padua);
- two (2) consecutive academic years, for Master's degree programmes;
- three (3) consecutive academic years, for Bachelor's and Single-cycle degree programmes.

Once the above-mentioned period has elapsed, students will be required to pay the tuition fees due until graduation. Students can maintain their scholarship eligibility also in the following years if enrolled on the same degree programme as of first enrolment. Scholarships cannot be combined with any other grant awarded by other public institutions. If a candidate has been awarded more than one scholarship, he/she must choose which one to accept. Candidates are responsible for notifying the *Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office* (unipd4afghanistan@unipd.it) of any incompatibility with other scholarships.

ART. 2 Admission requirements

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

- have Afghan citizenship;
- 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);
- reside outside Italy and be pre-enrolled on a degree programme of the University of Padua for the 2021/2022 academic year;

or

- having fled from Afghanistan by airlift or other means as a result of the political deterioration in Afghanistan, as proved by a recently issued visa with limited territorial validity, a recent asylum or family reunification application, etc., and any other documentation to be examined by the Committee; not be pre-enrolled at another Italian university, and be admitted, as a result of the extraordinary selection process, to the degree programmes of the University of Padua for the 2021/2022 academic year,

or

- be already enrolled at the University of Padua for the 2020/2021 academic year and about to start the second year of study.

The applicants who fail to meet one or more of these requirements are not eligible for selection for scholarships.

ART. 3 – Selection procedure and awarding criteria

- (1) All the students fulfilling the above-mentioned requirements who applied for enrolment for the 2021/22 academic year are automatically admitted to selection. Neither a separate application form nor further documents are needed in addition to those required for applying for the chosen degree programme.
- (2) The students enrolled at the University of Padua who meet the requirements above should apply via email to unipd4afghanistan@unipd.it, enclosing a letter of motivation. The closing date for applications is 27 September 2021.
- (3) The students who fled from Afghanistan following the political deterioration in Afghanistan should apply for the extraordinary selection via the apply.unipd.it platform. The selection is intended for all the degree programmes of the University of Padua and will be open on the date of signature of this call. To access the degree programmes with national-based selection for the 2021/22 academic year, students should have already ranked conveniently in the national ranking lists.

The students who cannot provide proof of their entry qualification may attend an interview to be carried out jointly by the enrolment officer and the members of the Committee. They will be interviewed about the contents and learning outcomes of the degree programme, the books used and the exams. Interviewees will also be asked about the study method of the home institution and the projects carried out during the study period.

A dedicated Committee shall assess the applications for the purposes of both admission to the degree programmes and awarding of 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, and motivation. In the event of a tie, preference shall be given to female candidates and to younger candidates.

The results of the selection and the awarding of the scholarships will be made available on the [University's website](#)

- from **1 October 2021**, as for students already admitted to a degree programme following previous selection and students already enrolled at the University of Padua;
- from the **date of receipt of the admission letter**, as for students taking part in the extraordinary selection;

ART. 4 – Scholarship acceptance

Candidates selected for a scholarship will receive a specific *scholarship offer* from the *Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office* with the procedures and deadlines for accepting it.

To be granted the scholarship, selected candidates must:

- accept the admission and/or scholarship offer received from the *Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office* and pay the admission fee by the deadline given;
- not benefit from other scholarships or grants;
- [only for candidates admitted to the 1st year of the programme] fulfil the admission requirements (e.g. obtaining the entry qualification) within the deadline given in the admission offer and finalise the enrolment procedure for the chosen degree programme;
- [only for non-EU candidates residing abroad] meet the requirements and conditions for an Italian student visa (D - enrolment);

To prove the validity and authenticity of the entry qualification, students should apply for the CIMEA statement of comparability and the CIMEA Statement of Verification following their arrival in Italy and the awarding of the scholarship; until then, they will be enrolled conditionally. Further information is available at <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/attestati-di-comparabilita-e-certificazione-dei-titoli/attestati-di-comparabilita-e-di-verifica-dei-titoli-diplome.aspx>

For the purpose of admission to the degree programmes, the interview with the students with no documentation at all - being the tool used to demonstrate the candidates' skills formally - shall replace the above-mentioned CIMEA statements.

If scholarship recipients fail to meet one of the aforementioned criteria, they must notify the *Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office* of it by emailing unipd4afghanistan@unipd.it.

Should selected candidates not accept the admission offer and the scholarship granted, 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 2021/22 A.Y.

The *Unipd 4 Afghanistan* scholarship shall be paid via bank transfer in 3 instalments of € 12,000.00 (gross for the recipient) per academic year.

Students shall be credited with the first instalment of the 2021/22 A.Y. upon arrival in Italy and only after:

1. completing enrolment at the University of Padua;
2. opening an Italian bank account, or prepaid card with an IBAN, of which the student is the holder or joint holder. It is also possible for students to use the IBAN of their [University Flash Card](#), provided that 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;
4. handing in the necessary financial documents (Form C, Form C1) provided by the *Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office*.

Students shall be credited with the second instalment of the 2021/22 A.Y. by 31 March 2022 (winter examination session – 2021/22 A.Y.). Students shall be credited with the third instalment of the 2021/22 A.Y. upon gaining at least 20 ECTS credits by 31 July 2022 (summer examination session – 2021/22 A.Y.).

In case of enrolment 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 terms and dates of the scholarship will be adjusted according to the date of admission of the candidates participating in the extraordinary selection.

Scholarships are granted to students currently **enrolled** at the University of Padua provided that they meet the following merit requirements:

- 30 ECTS credits by 30 September 2021 (summer and extra examination sessions – 2020/21 A.Y.), in order to be credited with the first instalment;
- 42 ECTS credits by 31 March 2022 (winter examination session – 2021/22 A.Y.), in order to be credited with the second instalment;
- 60 ECTS credits by 31 July 2022 (summer examination session – 2021/22 A.Y.), in order to be credited with the third instalment.

ART. 6 – Scholarship renewal: payment methods and requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility

Scholarship recipients shall receive the *Unipd 4 Afghanistan* scholarship for the second academic year (2022/23 A.Y.) provided that they meet the following merit requirements:

- 30 ECTS credits by 30 September 2022 (summer and extra examination sessions – 2021/22 A.Y.), in order to be credited with the first instalment;
- 42 ECTS credits by 31 March 2023 (winter examination session – 2022/23 A.Y.), in order to be credited with the second instalment;
- 60 ECTS credits by 31 July 2023 (summer examination session – 2022/23 A.Y.), in order to be credited with the third instalment.

Bachelor's and Single-cycle degree students shall receive the *Unipd 4 Afghanistan* scholarship for the third year (A.Y. 2023/24) provided that they meet the following merit requirements:

- 80 ECTS credits by 31 September 2023 (summer and extra examination sessions – 2022/23 A.Y.), in order to be credited with the first instalment;
- 92 ECTS credits by 31 March 2024 (winter examination session – 2023/24 A.Y.), in order to be credited with the second instalment.
- 110 ECTS credits by 31 July 2024 (summer examination session – 2023/24 A.Y.), in order to be credited with the third instalment;

In case of enrolment with recognition of prior learning, the credits earned during previous university education do not count for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements for scholarship renewal and to maintain scholarship eligibility in the second and third year (if applicable).

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 2022;
2. students transfer to another University or withdraw from studies.

In both circumstances, students shall pay back the amount of the *Unipd 4 Afghanistan* scholarship already received. Specific duly reasoned situations shall undergo examination by the designated University Committee.

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: <http://www.unipd.it/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 Mr Mattia Gusella, Head of the Global Engagement Office.

For further information please email unipd4afghanistan@unipd.it

The Rector

Prof. Rosario Rizzuto

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