

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DUAL CAREER STUDENT ATHLETES

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PREAMBLE

The University of Padua, being in favour of the widespread dissemination of sports culture as part of the more general promotion of personal development, in accordance with the principles laid down in Article 2 of the Italian Constitution, referring to the “Linee guida UE sulla Doppia Carriera degli Atleti - Norme di azione raccomandate a sostegno della Doppia Carriera nello sport di élite (EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes - Recommended Policy Actions in Support of Dual Careers in High-Performance Sport)” (Approved by the EU Expert Group “Education & Training in Sport” in Poznań on 28 September 2012), having regard to the Conclusions of the Council of the European Union and the representatives of the governments of the Member States on dual careers for student-athletes adopted on 14 June 2013, having transposed the Memorandum of Understanding between MIUR, CRUI, CONI, CIP, CUSI and ANDISU aimed at fostering the university careers of top athletes (Atti del Ministro - Minister's Acts No. 68 of 12 December 2016), intends to promote and encourage dual career student athletes.

The aim is to enable athletes to start, develop and successfully conclude an elite sports career as part of their personal growth, in combination with attaining a higher education qualification and developing specific skills.

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ART. 1 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The University of Padua recognises the status of student-athlete to students duly enrolled in bachelor's degree courses, master's degree courses, single-cycle degree programmes, short specialisation degree courses and doctoral courses for the 2025/26 academic year within the normal duration of the course of study or within the following two years at the latest, who meet the following requirements:

1. achievement of outstanding **sporting merit of competitive importance**;
2. passing **at least 20 ECTS credits** in the twelve months prior to 30 September 2025 for those enrolled in degree programmes **in years subsequent to the first**,
3. passing **at least 6 ECTS credits** by the February 2026 examination session for students in the **first year** of their courses.

Please note that:

- those who graduate in the extraordinary session of the 2024/25 academic year, by December 2025, will not be considered eligible for the Project unless they re-register for the 2025/26 academic year.

The following categories are considered valid as criteria for the assessment of **'sporting merit of competitive importance'**:

- a) athletes called to join, both for individual sports and for team sports, representative teams of Italy and/or their own country through national federations and represented at the Olympic/Paralympic Games (the category/speciality of the discipline must also be Olympic/Paralympic); the call to join must relate to participating in an official federal match/event, not to a preparation meeting;
- b) absolute, youth or category champions/champions or podium finishers in the Italian national championships and/or their country's national absolute or youth rankings, in European or world championships, in one of the sports disciplines represented at the Olympic/Paralympic Games (the category/speciality of the discipline must also be Olympic/Paralympic);
- c) athletes, coaches or referees called to join by their federation to represent Italy and/or their own country in the Olympic/Paralympic disciplines at the Winter and Summer Olympic/Paralympic Games (the call to join must relate to participating in an official federal match/event, not to a preparation meeting);
- d) athletes or coaches who play in exclusively national championships for sports clubs in the province of Padua or in cities where the University of Padua has a decentralised seat, covered by the framework agreement with the University of Padua.

Further clarifications:

- being formally recognised as an athlete of 'national interest' is not sufficient to qualify as a student-athlete;
- if you compete in Italian national championships, your **federation must be recognised by CONI or CIP**;
- participation in the National University Championships or the Eusa Games does not fall into the category assessed as 'outstanding sporting merit';
- For categories (a), (b) and (c), only results obtained in the **12-18 months preceding** the application deadline will be evaluated;
- athletes who have already participated in the same call in previous editions may reapply, provided that the new competitive documentation submitted **was obtained after the previous one**;
- for athletes or international athletes, sporting merit is further assessed on a case-by-case basis according to the documentation submitted.

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ART. 2 BENEFITS GRANTED

The University grants the following concessions to student athletes:

1. **economic incentive**: annual contribution of **€ 1,500.00** gross peripient for those with an ISEE certificate of less than € 70,000.00 (except for PhD students who have already received a grant);
2. **tutoring** service: assignment of an **educational tutor** to support the student in finding any teaching material distributed or suggested by the lecturer, as well as the programmes of study, subjects, exam dates and contacts with the offices for administrative matters;
3. possibility of agreeing with the teacher, in compliance with the principle of equal treatment of students and compatibly with the nature of the examinations, **a different examination date in the same session**, in the following cases:

- the date already set in the academic calendar coincides with or falls within five days preceding or following the date of an international competition the student has been called to join, as certified by the federation to which the student belongs or by the provincial CONI;
 - the date already fixed in the academic calendar coincides with the day following an off-site competition at a distance of more than 200 km;
 - if competitions or retreats played away provide for documented late returns, it will be possible to take a day off before taking the examination.
4. authorisation for the athletes referred to in Art. 1(a), (b) and (c) not to count their absence towards the compulsory attendance of a lesson or workshop if that absence coincides with a federal match or event; if the absence relates to more than one lesson or laboratory/training activity, provided the student athlete demonstrates 'unmissable' sporting commitments, he/she may agree with the professor to make up for it; to make up for it;
 5. possibility of requesting a suspension of studies to prepare for and participate in particularly important international sporting events such as, for example, the Olympic and Paralympic Games, in accordance with the procedures and deadlines laid down in the Student Career Regulations;
 6. certification of sporting merits recognised as a student athlete in the Diploma Supplement, supplementing the information normally required with regard to the course of study completed;
 7. psychological and motivational support, a service provided in cooperation with SCUP.

All the facilities indicated apply at all times or only in the academic year in which the application is accepted.

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ART. 3 HOW TO APPLY: APPLICATION AND PAYMENT METHODS

Students wishing to apply must submit their application **by 30 October 2025** by completing the online procedure available in their reserved area of **Uniweb**, under the heading '**Initiatives**'.

When filling in, you must specify whether this is a new application or a renewal.

The application must be accompanied by the documentation required to verify sporting merit, in pdf format (by way of non-exhaustive example: rankings and classifications with indication of the competition and the relevant date, copy of official invitations, copy of certificates and results obtained).

Applications on paper, without attachments or sent by email to the Office will not be accepted.

Furthermore, applications that do not clearly state the position achieved in the competitions in which they competed will not be evaluated.

Finally, for convocations received from the Federation, it must be specified whether they refer to official federal competitions or preparation convocations/meetings.

Athletes registered with clubs under a framework agreement (**category d**) may enclose a certificate from the club confirming their membership for the 2025/2026 sports season.

In order for the ISEE value to be verified, the student-athlete who is competing for the **incentive** indicated in point 1 of article 2 (Annual contribution of € 1,500.00 gross percipient) must fill in the 'Application for Benefits', available in their reserved area of Uniweb, by 30 November 2025, following the path 'Right to Education - disability/DSA, Summer courses'). The data contained in the ISEE certificate, if valid, compliant and issued for 'benefits for the right to university education', will be imported directly from the INPS database (or from the CAF affiliated with the University, in the case of Equivalent ISEE) following the authorisation granted with the Application for Benefits. Please note that the Declaration in Lieu (Dichiarazione Sostitutiva Unica, DSU) for ISEE purposes must be **signed by 30 November 2025**.

The Guide to the Application for Benefits and the calculation of ISEE can be found at www.unipd.it/en/isee.

The incentive is paid in a single instalment by the month of April 2026.

Contributions will be credited by using the bank details (IBAN) of the student's current account or prepaid card, which must be entered by the student in the Uniweb reserved area, under: Home, Master Data, Refund methods, Edit Bank Account Refund Data.

The current account or prepaid card must be in the name of or co-owned by the student; bank details of third parties, including parents, cannot be accepted.

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ART. 4 EVALUATION OUTCOME

The evaluation will be carried out by a special Committee appointed by the Rector and chaired by the Deputy Rector responsible for welfare and sport; it will be published on the page www.unipd.it/en/dual-career-student-athlete. The outcome of the assessment will be sent to the institutional email address of each student **by 30 November 2025**.

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ART. 5 WITHDRAWAL OF ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for the dual qualification of student-athlete will be lost if a student:

1. does not achieve the minimum 6 ECTS credits required by the end of the February 2026 session, if enrolled in the first year of study in the 2025/26 academic year;
2. transfers to another university or withdraws from studies by the end of the February 2026 session.

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ART. 6 STUDENT'S DUTIES

Upon attaining athlete status, students agree to:

1. notify their educational tutor in good time of their participation in major competitions or events;
2. take part in some national and international university competitions;
3. participate, in accordance with their sporting activity and compatibly with their physical and athletic condition, in national and international university competitions for the University of Padua;
4. respect the principles of fair play and integrity in their sporting activities.

In addition, those who join the project may be asked by the University to **provide their image** for university sports promotion activities or to participate in agreed and scheduled events.

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ART. 7 PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE AND DATA PROCESSING

Pursuant to article 4 of Legge (Law) no. 241 of 7 August 1990 (*Nuove norme in materia di procedimento amministrativo e di diritto di accesso ai documenti amministrativi*, New rules on administrative procedures and on the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, the Director of the Student Service Office, Alessandra Biscaro, will be appointed as the Person in Charge of the Administrative Procedure.

Candidates may exercise their right of access to the application documents according to the provisions of the Decreto del Presidente della Repubblica (Presidential Decree) no. 184 of 12 April 2006 (*Regolamento recante disciplina in materia di accesso ai documenti amministrativi in conformità al capo V della Legge 241/90*, Regulation governing access to administrative documents pursuant to Chapter V of Italian Law 241/90).

Personal data collected for the purposes set out in this notice is processed in compliance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) no. 679 of 27 April 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR).

The 'Data Controller' is the University of Padua, with registered office in Via 8 Febbraio, 2 - 35122 Padua. The full information notice is available from the Data Controller or at www.unipd.it/privacy.

N.B. This call has been translated into English for information purposes only.

With regard to the handling and resolution of disputes, and for all legal effects, only the Italian version shall be considered valid.

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digitally signed pursuant to D.lgs (Legislative Decree) no. 82/2005

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Date	Date	Date