Call for applications for Scholarships for international students enrolling in Degree Courses completely held in English at the University of Padova for A.Y. 2019/2020

Internationalization is one of the key objectives of the University of Padova. Accordingly, a specific programme of scholarships has been established in order to enhance the academic career of international students holding a non-Italian citizenship and a foreign entry qualification. The Call for applications concerns two kinds of scholarships:

- 24 Padova International Excellence Scholarships of € 12,000.00 (gross amount), assigned to the most talented student of each Degree course completely held in English;
- 20 scholarships for international students, assigned to the next most talented students of Degree courses involved, provided by single Departments of the University of Padua. Amounts and duration of each scholarship are indicated in the paragraphs below.

ART.1 - Padova International Excellence Scholarships

In order to enhance internationalization, the University of Padova will be offering up to 24 scholarships to highly talented prospective international students wishing to enrol in a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree completely taught in English.

Course Evaluation Committees will award up to 1 (one) Padova Excellence Scholarship for each Bachelor’s and Master’s degree completely held in English.

The scholarship programme is highly selective. Only candidates showing the highest achievements may receive a scholarship. Successful students will be expected to fulfil an ambassadorial role and to represent the University at a number of events.

The Padova International Excellence Scholarship includes a subsistence allowance of € 12,000.00 (gross amount - minus the taxes owed to the Italian State) and a fee-waiver for A.Y. 2019-2020. The only amount to be paid by beneficiary students for A.Y. 2019/20 consists of an admission fee, corresponding to the regional tax and “marca da bollo”. The above-mentioned amount is not refundable. Reimbursement of travel, insurance, accommodation or other costs are not included in Padova International Excellence Scholarships and will not be provided by the University of Padova.

The Padova International Excellence Scholarship is granted for one (1) academic year and will be paid in three (3) instalments of € 4,000.00 (gross amount) each upon achievement of the conditions mentioned in art. 8 of the present Call for applications. Renewals may be granted upon specific merit conditions, but are not necessarily guaranteed.

Scholarships cannot be combined with any other national or international grant awarded by foreign or Italian institutions. Candidates are required, under their own responsibility, to notify promptly to the International Office - Welcome Unit (international.admission@unipd.it) any incompatibility with other scholarships.

1 For academic year 2018/19, the amount of the admission fee was € 185,00. Once available, information on 2019/20 fees will be provided on page: https://www.unipd.it/en/tuition-fees.
ART.2 - Additional Scholarships offered by Departments of the University of Padova

The following Departments offer, providing the related financial coverage, additional scholarships to international students wishing to enrol in one of Degree courses mentioned below: Department of Agronomy, Food, Natural resources, Animals and Environment (DAFNAE); Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies (SPGI); Department of Information Engineering (DEI); Department of Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science (BCA), Department of Physics and Astronomy (DFA).

The amount of each Scholarship is indicated below. Scholarships offered by Departments do not include a fee-waiver; however, they are compatible with the 100 fee-waivers granted to talented prospective international students by the University of Padova. For more information, please visit: https://www.unipd.it/en/fee-waivers. Reimbursement of travel, insurance, accommodation or other costs are not included and will not be provided by the University of Padova.

2.1 Department of Agronomy, Food, Natural resources, Animals and Environment (DAFNAE)
- 4 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in Italian Food and Wine;
- 4 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in Sustainable Agriculture.

The amount of each scholarship consists of € 5,760.37 (gross amount) per year. The scholarship is granted for two (2) academic years.

2.2 Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies (SPGI)
- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in Human Rights and Multi-level Governance;
- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in European and Global Studies.

The amount of each scholarship is € 5,760.37 (gross amount). The scholarship is granted for one (1) academic year.

2.3 Department of Information Engineering (DEI)
- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in ICT for Internet and Multimedia.

The amount of each scholarship consists of € 5,500.00 (gross amount). The scholarship is granted for one (1) academic year.

2.4 Department of Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science (BCA)
- 1 scholarship for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Bachelor's degree in Animal Care;
- 1 scholarship for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in Biotechnologies for food science.

The amount of each scholarship is € 2,600.00 (gross amount). The scholarship is granted for one (1) academic year.
2.5 Department of Physics and Astronomy (DFA)

- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in Astrophysics and Cosmology;
- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in Physics of Data.

The amount of each scholarship is € 9,216.58 (gross amount). Each scholarship is granted over two academic years upon the achievement of specific merit criteria.

ART. 3 - Admission requirements

To be eligible for the selection procedure, under penalty of exclusion, applicants are required to:

1. do not possess an Italian citizenship;
2. hold a non-Italian foreign secondary school diploma (for Bachelor's or Single cycle degrees applicants) or a non-Italian Bachelor's degree (for Master's degrees applicants) allowing admission to the Italian University system;
3. pre-enrol in the selected degree course completely taught in English at the University of Padova within the deadline indicated in the Calls for Applications.

Failure to meet one or more of these criteria automatically implies the non-eligibility for these scholarships.

ART. 4 - Application procedure

In order to be considered for the selection procedure, applicants are required to:

1. choose the degree course(s) held in English of interest;
2. read carefully the Calls for application and make sure to meet the course requirements indicated;
3. complete the online application and upload all required documents within the deadline for application;
4. pay the application fee (€ 30.00) by credit card or by bank transfer into the bank account of the University of Padova.

All the students holding the requirements indicated in art. 3 of the present Call for Applications will be automatically included in the selection procedure. There is no separate application to be filled out or additional specific documents to be submitted besides those indicated in the Calls for applications of the selected course.

ART. 5 - Selection procedure and allocation criteria

All the applications will be academically assessed against the criteria specified in the Call for Applications of the chosen course by a dedicated course Selection Committee.

Scholarships will be assigned from the course Selection Committee to the most talented students admitted to each degree course on the basis of their academic excellence and promise in the proposed field of study, academic quality and results of the preceding education.

Scholarships selection results will be published on-line, together with the admission results, on the following page: www.unipd.it/en/assessement-results. Successful candidates will be also notified via email.

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2 Fund allocation for these scholarships is going to be ratified in the next assembly of the Board of Department of Physics and Astronomy "G. Galilei".

3 As per national regulations, candidates with dual citizenship including the Italian must enrol to University as Italian citizens.
ART. 6 – Acceptance

All selected students who have been awarded a scholarship will receive an offer of admission from the International Office – Welcome Unit. To be granted the scholarship, under penalty of loss, candidates are required to:

- complete the online acceptance procedure and pay an admission fee within the deadline indicated in Offer Letter;
- not benefit of other national or international scholarships or grants;
- [only for candidates admitted with a condition offer] fulfill the admission requirements (e.g., achievement of the entry qualification) within the deadline indicated in the Calls for applications;
- [only for non-European candidates residing abroad] be able to comply with the conditions for obtaining an Italian visa;
- complete the enrolment procedure at the University of Padova, which will be finalized once the authenticity of the required documents has been verified and all conditions of enrolment eligibility completely fulfilled.

If beneficiary students fail to meet one or more of these conditions, they are required to notify it to the International Office by contacting: international.admission@unipd.it

Failure to meet one or more of the above-mentioned conditions implies the impossibility to be granted the scholarship.

ART. 7 - Scholarships reallocation

Scholarships could be reallocated to the next eligible candidate defined by the course Selection Committees in case the beneficiary student fails to meet one of the conditions mentioned in article 6 of the present Call for application.

Please note that only students who accepted their offer of admission within the deadline indicated in the offer letter, will be considered for the reallocation procedure.

ART. 8 - Payment arrangements and maintenance requirements

Scholarship will be paid in three (3) instalments. The first instalment will be released to the beneficiary student only upon:

1. completion of the enrolment procedures at the University of Padova;
2. opening of an Italian bank account or pre-paid credit card with an IBAN registered or co-registered in the student's name;
3. signature of the Declaration of acceptance, where the beneficiary student commits himself to accept the scholarship terms and confirms he/she does not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in article 1 of this call for applications;
4. handing in of the necessary financial documents (Form C, Form C1), that will be provided by the International Office – Welcome unit.

The second instalment will be released to the beneficiary student upon achievement of at least 12 ECTS by 9th March 2020 and the third instalment is conditioned to the achievement of at least 36 ECTS by 10th August 2020. If the beneficiary student does not meet the requirements to obtain the second instalment by 9th March 2020, he/she could receive it nonetheless if he/she meets the requirements for the third instalment.

In case of enrolment with recognition of previous studies, credits earned during a previous university career cannot be taken into account for the achievement of the expected maintenance requirements.

Scholarships are paid via bank transfer to an Italian bank account or prepaid credit card with an IBAN registered or co-registered in the student's name.
ART. 9 – Scholarship revocation

The University of Padova has the right to revoke the scholarships in the following cases:

1. if the beneficiary student does not obtain at least 20 ECTS by 30th November 2020;
2. if the beneficiary student decides to transfer to another University or withdraw from his/her studies.

In the above cases, the beneficiary student shall refund the amount of the scholarship already received for A.Y. 2019/20. Particular situations, duly substantiated, will be evaluated by the Commissione Diritto allo Studio of the University of Padova.

ART. 10 - Notice on data processing

Personal data will be processed pursuant to the principles and provisions of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 on protection of privacy and exclusively for the purposes of managing the procedure. For detailed information: http://www.unipd.it/privacy. The Accounting Department will reserve the right to check the truthfulness of the declared admission qualifications and of any incompatibility reason. Without prejudice to the penal sanctions as per art. 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000, should statements emerge to be untruthful, the beneficiary student will lose the awarded benefit.

ART. 11 – Resolution of controversy

This Call is available in English for dissemination purposes only. For all legal purposes, the Italian version shall apply in terms of application and resolution of any controversy.

ART. 12 – Final Provisions

The person responsible for the procedure is Dr. Elena Autizi – Head of the International Office.
For further information: international.admission@unipd.it.

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