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Selection notice to award scholarships for palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories “Italian University for Palestinian Students (IUPALS)” - a.y. 2025/26

This Call for selection implements the decision taken by the University Board of Directors to join the project '*Italian University for Palestinian Students (IUPALS)*' coordinated by CRUI (Italian Conference of Academic Rectors), with the cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Universities and Research and the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem, and in collaboration with local partners including the Schools of the Holy Land and the Foundation Giovanni Paolo II for the promotion of scholarships for Palestinian students living in the Palestinian Territories, in line with the in line with the commitment taken by the Academic Senate (motion of 14 May 2024).

ART.1 – Italian Universities for Palestinian Students (IUPALS): overview and benefits included

As decided by the Board of Administration in its meeting on 29 April 2025, the University of Padua adheres to the Italian Universities for Palestinian Students (IUPALS) project by offering four (4) scholarships for the academic year 2025/2026 in favour of Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories, who wish to attend a Bachelor's, Master's degree or a Single-Cycle Master's programme offered by the university in Italian or English.

The scholarship consists of an allowance of € 12,000.00 (gross for the recipient¹) and includes:

- a tuition fee-waiver per academic year;
- accommodation at suitable facilities, including affiliated residences, properly identified by the International Relations Division;
- access to the catering service at ESU canteens and affiliated facilities;
- coverage of health insurance costs according to solutions deemed appropriate by the International Relations Division.

Beneficiary students will have to cover the costs of these services; they are in any case required to pay the admission fee, consisting of the regional tax for the right to education (€189) and the revenue stamp (€16). This amount is non-refundable.

Any expenses incurred by the candidate, other than those mentioned above, are not to be considered as included in the grant and must be paid directly by the candidate.

Students will also be offered:

- a dedicated buddy service providing direct support from a senior student before their arrival in Padua and thereafter during the first months of study;
- free of charge Italian language courses at the University Language Centre;

¹ Amount before taxes or deductions that might be applied upon installment disbursement according to local fiscal law.

- psychological support through the dedicated service for international students at SCUP - University Centre for Clinical University Psychological Services;
- support throughout the full period of studies and orientation to the services offered by the university through dedicated staff at by the Global Engagement Office.

In addition to the above services, CRUI, in collaboration with some Italian universities part of the project, will oversee an Italian language and culture course prior to the start of the academic year in Italy, specifically organised within the IUPALS framework starting from 3 June to 30 October 2025 for a total duration of five months. These courses will be held in Bethlehem and in Ramallah, at the Schools of the Holy Land. After successful completion of the course, students will obtain a certificate describing the syllabus and the skills acquired. Students will be selected by CRUI: interested applicant will have to register for the course according to the procedures set out in a dedicated selection notice published in the CRUI website at www.cruir.it

Scholarships run for the nominal duration of the degree programme, and are 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](#).

IUPALS 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:

- hold Palestinian citizenship
- reside in the Palestinian Territories;
- hold, or are in the process of obtaining, a secondary school diploma (for students enrolling in a Bachelor's degree or Single-cycle Master's degree) or a Bachelor's degree diploma (for students enrolling in a Master's degree) obtained in Palestinian higher secondary schools and/or higher education institutions, and valid for access to the Italian university system;
- have been already admitted during the ordinary Call for applications;

OR

- apply during the extraordinary Call for application to one or more unlimited-access degree programmes taught in English or Italian offered by the University, whose Call for applications have already closed, and get admission².

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

ART. 3 – Selection procedure and awarding criteria

² Curricular requirements can be found on the pages of each degree programme published at <https://apply.unipd.it/>.

Applicants must send their application through the apply.unipd.it portal during the extraordinary Call for applications opened for unlimited access degree programmes **from 2 June and no later by 11.59 pm (Italian time zone) of 2 July 2025**. Applicants can apply to up to three degree programmes. Applicants are not required to pay an application fee.

Candidates should provide the following documents (illustrative list):

1. copy of an identity document written in English (passport) or officially translated in English or Italian;
2. secondary school diploma (for those wishing to enrol in a Bachelor's or a Single-cycle Master's degree) or Bachelor's degree diploma (for those wishing to enrol in a Master's degree) obtained outside of Italy and valid for access to the Italian university system;
3. last two year of school records for students who have obtained a secondary school diploma
or
4. transcript of grades for students who obtained a Bachelor's degree;
5. official translation in English or Italian of the above-mentioned documents unless already officially issued in English or Italian;
6. proof of knowledge of the language required for enrolment to the chosen degree programme. For Italian-taught programmes, proof of attendance and subsequent completion of the Italian language course delivered within the project framework (art. 1) will be considered sufficient for enrollment to the programme;
7. any additional document useful to certify their status or studies carried out.

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

Applications will be primarily assessed by the Academic Committee designated for each degree programme chosen during the application phase.

On a second instance, the University Committee designated with Rectoral Decree Rep n. 1546/2025, reg. n. 65849 of 34 April 2025, shall assess applications for the purposes of awarding the *IUPALS* scholarships 2025/26. Scholarships shall be awarded to the most deserving candidates based on 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 available at www.unipd.it/en/iupals starting **from 21 July 2025** for unlimited-access degree programmes.

Any unallocated scholarship (in case of withdrawals or failure to accept) might be assigned to students admitted during the additional ordinary Call for applications for international students (e.g. degree programmes with access limited on a national basis).

The University of Padua further reserves the right to call eligible candidates from other rankings issued by the partner Universities of the *IUPALS* project. Potential candidates will be required to undergo any additional selection process that the University of Padua will deem appropriate in order to verify the specific entry requirements.

In such case, results of reallocations will be available after admission to the chosen degree programme or publication of the ranking lists.

ART. 4 – Acceptance

Candidates admitted and 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 receive 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 (consisting of the regional tax for the right to education of €189 and the revenue stamp of €16) by the deadline given;
- not benefit from other scholarships or grants;
- fulfil the admission requirements (e.g. obtaining the entry qualification and/or the language certificate) within the deadline given in the admission offer and finalise the enrolment procedure for the chosen degree programme;
- meet the requirements and conditions for an Italian student visa (D enrolment);
- finalise the enrolment to the degree programme, which will be completed after verification of the authenticity of the documentations provided and the fulfilment of all elements relevant to enrolment.

Should selected students be unable to meet any of the above conditions, they are required to inform the *Admissions and Welcome Unit* of the *Global Engagement Office* at the following address: unipd.rescuefund@unipd.it

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.

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

The scholarship shall be paid via bank transfer in 3 equal instalments for a total amount of € 12,000.00 (gross for the recipient) per academic year and includes the benefits indicated in art. 1.

Students shall be credited with the first instalment of € 5,000.00 of the A.Y. 2025/26 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.

The second instalment of € 3,500.00 of the A.Y. 2025/26 will be credited upon registering exams for at least **8 ECTS credits** by 31 March 2026 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2025/26)

The third instalment of € 3,500.00 of the A.Y. 2025/26 will be credited upon registering exams for at least **20 ECTS credits** by 31 July 2026 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2025/26)

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. 2026/27 and 2027/28

The scholarship will be renewed 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 total amount of the scholarship renewal(s) consists of € 12,000.00 (gross for the recipient) per academic year and will be paid in three installments on the basis of the fulfilment of the following merit requirements:

- First instalment of A.Y. 2026/27 of € 5,000.00: at least 30 ECTS credits by 30th September 2026 (fall examination session - A.Y. 2025/26);
- Second instalment of A.Y. 2026/27 of € 3,500.00: at least 48 ECTS credits by 31st March 2027 (winter examination session - A.Y. 2026/27);
- Third instalment of A.Y. 2026/27 of € 3,500.00: at least 60 ECTS credits by 31st July 2027 (summer examination session - A.Y. 2026/27);

Only for Bachelor's degree students:

- First instalment of A.Y. 2027/28 of € 5,000.00: at least 80 ECTS credits by 30th September 2027 (fall examination session - A.Y. 2026/27);
- Second instalment of A.Y. 2027/28 of € 3,500.00: at least 96 ECTS credits by 31st March 2028 (winter examination session - A.Y. 2027/28);
- Third instalment of A.Y. 2027/28 of € 3,500.00: at least 110 ECTS credits by 31st July 2028 (summer examination session - A.Y. 2027/28);

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 the 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 2026;
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
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