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## Selection notice to award scholarships for international students *at risk* 2026/27

This selection notice builds on the initiatives promoted by the University since 2021 to support students at risk, launched following the dramatic evolution of the international context and in particular the crisis in Afghanistan and Ukraine. These initiatives merged in 2023 into a framework programme to support at-risk students from all over the world, going beyond the focus on single countries and broadening the definition of 'risk' to include also those situations or statuses not defined only by the possession of refugee or similar recognition.

This call for applications is therefore aimed at students resident anywhere in the world, who find themselves in situations of risk and vulnerability and wishing to pursue their studies at the University of Padua.

### **ART.1 - Students at risk**

As decided by the Board of Administration in its meeting on 24 February 2026, the University of Padua offers up to **13 scholarships** to international students *at risk* wishing to enrol on a Bachelor's degree, Single-cycle Master's degree or Master's degree programmes at the University of Padua in English or Italian.

The scholarship consists of an allowance of € 12,000.00 (gross for the recipient<sup>1</sup>) and includes a tuition fee-waiver per academic year.

Upon beneficiary's request, the Global Engagement Office can also purchase the travel tickets to reach Italy on their behalf. The ticket will be purchased according to criteria of effectiveness, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness.

Winners will also benefit from:

- accommodation at suitable facilities, including affiliated residences, properly identified by the International Relations Division. The winner must cover the accommodation costs and pay them according to the procedures indicated by the host.
- a dedicated buddy service providing direct support from a senior student before their arrival in Padua and thereafter during the first months of study;
- Up to three free-of-charge Italian language courses at the University Language Centre;
- 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.

Scholarship recipients are in any case required to pay the admission fee, corresponding to the regional tax for the right to education and the revenue stamp. The amount is not refundable.

Any expenses incurred by the candidate, other than those mentioned above, are not included in the grant and must be borne directly by the candidate. By way of example (not exhaustive), all the following expenses will be paid directly by the applicant: food, local transport, health insurance, study materials, etc.

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

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](#).

*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

Students residing in Italy or abroad with a valid residence permit for asylum or similar acquired in their country of residence, even if different from their birth country/citizenship, and/or who find themselves in situations defined as '*at risk*' according to Annex 1 to this notice, may participate in the selection.

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

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

Moreover they must:

- hold a non-Italian upper secondary school certificate (to access Bachelor's or Single-cycle Master's 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. 2026/27 at the University of Padua according to the procedures and deadlines established by the degree programme<sup>2</sup>

or

- be already eligible for enrollment and accepted the admission offer to the A.Y. 2026/27.

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](mailto: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](#) available at <https://www.unipd.it/en/students-at-risk>, **from 23 March until 11 May 2026 (11.59 pm - Italian time)**.

Applicants must upload the following documents concerning their status according to art. 2 in PDF format and thus, alternatively:

- Residence permit for asylum seeking ("*richiesta asilo*") or, where not available, copy of the asylum request to the competent Italian Territorial Committee;  
or

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

- Residence permit for asylum / humanitarian protection / subsidiary protection / special protection / temporary protection (EU Decision 2022/382) obtained in Italy, or, where not available, copy of refugee status recognition by the competent Italian Territorial Committee;  
*or*
- Residence permit or any other document proving the refugee status / temporary protection in foreign third countries other than that of citizenship/birth;  
*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 published at <https://www.unipd.it/en/students-at-risk> starting **from 8 June 2026**.

Any unallocated scholarships may be assigned for students admitted to degree programmes taught in Italian and/or English whose application procedures open after 2 May 2026. Applications must be submitted through the online form available on the webpage <https://www.unipd.it/students-at-risk>, which will be open from **1 to 15 October 2026 (11.59 pm - italian time)**, exclusively for candidates admitted to the above-mentioned degree programmes and only in the event that scholarships remain unallocated and no eligible candidates are available in the ranking list and/or among the reserve candidates.

#### **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, upon verification of the authenticity of the documentation produced and the existence of all the elements necessary for enrollment.

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. 2026/27**

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.

Students shall be credited with the first instalment of € 5,000.00 of the A.Y. 2026/27 upon arrival in Italy and only after:

1. finalisation of the enrolment at the University of Padua;
2. opening of 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 of the Declaration of acceptance, whereby students accept the scholarship terms and conditions and confirm that there is no incompatibility within the meaning of article 1 of this Call.

The following installments of the a.y. 2026/27 consisting of € 3,500.00 each, will be credited as follows:

- second instalment: registration of at least **8 ECTS credits** by 31 March 2027 (winter examination session);
- third instalment: registration of at least **20 ECTS credits** by 31 July 2027 (summer examination session).

In case of enrollment with credit 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.

#### **ART. 6 - Scholarship renewal and requirements to maintain the scholarship eligibility A.Y. 2027/28 and 2028/29**

The Students at risk scholarship will be renewed for one (1) academic year for students enrolled in a Master's degree programme, for two (2) academic years for students enrolled in a Bachelor's degree programme, or for five (5) academic years for students enrolled in a Single-cycle Master'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:

<b>A.Y. / Installment</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Min credits/ECTS required</b>	<b>Deadline of credits/ECTS registration</b>
2027/28 - 1	€ 5,000.00	30	30 September 2027 (fall examination session)
2027/28 - 2	€ 3,500.00	48	31 March 2028 (winter examination session)
2027/28 - 3	€ 3,500.00	60	31 July 2028 (summer examination session)

Only for Bachelor's degree students - a.y. 2028/29:

<b>A.Y. / Installment</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Min credits/ECTS required</b>	<b>Deadline of credits/ECTS registration</b>
2028/29 - 1	€ 5,000.00	80	30 September 2028 (fall examination session)
2028/29 - 2	€ 3,500.00	96	31 March 2029 (winter examination session)
2028/29 - 3	€ 3,500.00	110	31 July 2029 (summer examination session)

Only for Single-cycle Master's degree students - subsequent a.y.:

<b>A.Y. / Installment</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Min credits/ECTS required</b>	<b>Deadline of credits/ECTS registration</b>
2029/30 - 1	€ 5,000.00	135	30 September 2029 (fall examination session)
2029/30 - 2	€ 3,500.00	154	31 March 2030 (winter examination session)
2029/30 - 3	€ 3,500.00	174	31 July 2030 (summer examination session)

2030/31 - 1	€ 5,000.00	190	30 September 2030 (fall examination session)
2030/31 - 2	€ 3,500.00	210	31 March 2031 (winter examination session)
2030/31 - 3	€ 3,500.00	228	31 July 2031 (summer examination session)

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 2027;
2. students transfer to another University or withdraw from studies.

In both circumstances, students shall pay back the amount of the scholarship already received (including the cost sustained for the travel ticket, where applicable).

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.

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