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Call for applications for Scholarships for international students enrolling in English-taught Degree programmes at the University of Padua (A.Y. 2023/2024)

Internationalisation is one of the key objectives underlying the activities of the University of Padua. Accordingly, a specific programme of scholarships has been established in order to boost and support the academic career of international students not residing in Italy and holding a non-Italian citizenship and a foreign entry qualification. This Call for applications covers two kinds of scholarships:

- **53 Padua International Excellence Scholarships** of € 8,000.00 (gross for the recipient), awarded to the most talented student of each degree programme¹ completely held in English;
- **50 scholarships** for international students provided by the single Departments of the University of Padua. The amount and duration of each scholarship are detailed in the sections below.

ART.1 - Padua International Excellence Scholarship

As decided by the Board of Administration at its meeting on 24 of January 2023, the University of Padua will be offering up to 53 scholarships to highly talented prospective international students wishing to enrol in a degree programme completely taught in English. The scholarship programme is highly selective: only the candidates with the highest achievements in their field of study and the best school/academic records may be successful. Selected students may be asked to act as *Ambassadors* and represent the University at a number of events.

The *Padua International Excellence Scholarship* includes an allowance of € 8,000.00 (gross for the recipient) and a tuition fee-waiver per academic year. The only amount to be paid by scholarship recipients each academic year is an administrative 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 *Padua International Excellence Scholarship* has a maximum duration of:

- 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 in the same degree programme 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 promptly notifying the Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office (international.admission@unipd.it) of any incompatibility with other scholarships.

ART.2 - Scholarships offered by Departments of the University of Padua

The following Departments offer scholarships to international students wishing to enrol in one of the English-taught degree programmes below. Each scholarship's amounts, duration, and requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility and for scholarship renewal, where applicable, are given in the sections below.

Departmental scholarships do not include tuition fee-waivers; however, they are compatible with the 100 fee-waivers granted to talented prospective international students enrolling in an English-taught degree programme. For more information, please visit: <https://www.unipd.it/en/fee-waivers>.

¹ The Bachelor's degree in Techniques and Methods in Psychological Science, delivered on-line, is not included. In addition to English-taught degree programmes, study tracks entirely delivered in English are also considered.

Reimbursement of travel, insurance, accommodation or other expenses is not included and will not be covered by the University of Padua. 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.

2.1 Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering (DICEA)

- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Environmental engineering](#)
- 5 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Mathematical Engineering](#)

The amount of each scholarship is set at € **5,000.00** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 15/12/2022 (minutes no. 34/2022).

Each scholarship is granted for one academic year and paid in two instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24).

2.2 Department of Cultural Heritage: Archaeology and History of Art, Cinema and Music

- 1 scholarship for the English-taught study track in [Applied sciences to cultural heritage materials and sites](#) of the Master's degree in Scienze archeologiche

The amount of the scholarship is set at € **7,000.00** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 25/01/2023 (minutes no. 1/2023).

The scholarship is granted for one academic year and paid in two instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24).

2.3 Department of Developmental Psychology and Socialisation (DPSS)

- 2 scholarships for the English-taught study track in [Developmental and Educational Psychology](#) of the Master's degree in Psicologia dello Sviluppo e dell'Educazione.

The amount of each scholarship is set at € **6,500.00** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 19/12/2022 (minutes no. 271/2022).

Each scholarship is granted for one academic year and paid in two instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24).

2.4 Department of Geosciences

- 1 scholarships for the Bachelor's degree in [Earth and Climate Dynamics](#)
- 1 scholarship for the English-taught study track in [Earth Dynamics](#) of the Master's degree in Geologia ambientale e dinamica della terra;
- 1 scholarship for the Master's degree in [Geophysics for Natural Risks and Resources](#)

The amount of each scholarship is set at € **6,000.00** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 15/12/2022 and relevant minutes.

Each scholarship is granted for two academic years for Master's degree students and for three academic years for the Bachelor's degree in Earth and Climate Dynamics. The scholarship is paid in two instalments for each academic year: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24); the third upon obtaining at least 40 ECTS credits by the end of September 2024 (summer and extra examination sessions – A.Y. 2023/24). For the Bachelor's degree in *Earth and Climate Dynamics*, the scholarship will be granted for the third year upon obtaining at least 90 ECTS credits by the end of September 2025 (summer and extra examination sessions – A.Y. 2024/25) and 120 ECTS credits by the end of March 2026 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2025/26).

2.5 Department of Industrial Engineering (DII)

- 2 scholarships for the Master's degrees in [Chemical and Process Engineering](#);
- 2 scholarships for the Master's degrees in [Energy Engineering](#);
- 2 scholarships for the Master's degrees in [Materials Engineering](#).

The amount of each scholarship is set at **€ 7,500.00** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 14/12/2022 and relevant minutes.

Each scholarship is granted for **one academic year** and paid in two instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second instalment upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24).

2.6 Department of Information Engineering (DEI)

- 2 scholarships for the Master's degrees in [ICT for Internet and Multimedia](#);
- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Computer Engineering](#);
- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Control Systems Engineering](#);
- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Electronic Engineering](#);
- 1 scholarship for the English-taught study track in [Information Engineering](#) of the Bachelor's degree in *Ingegneria dell'Automazione e dei Sistemi*.

The amount of each scholarship is set at **€ 6,000.00** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 15/12/2022 and relevant minutes.

Each scholarship is granted for **one academic year** and paid in two instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24).

2.7 Department of Land, environment, agriculture and forestry (TeSAF)

- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Forest Science](#);

The amount of each scholarship is set at **€ 6,000.00** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 15/12/2022 and relevant minutes.

Each scholarship is granted for **one academic year** and paid in two instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24).

2.8 Department of Mathematics 'Tullio Levi-Civita' (DM)

- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Cybersecurity](#);
- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Data Science](#);
- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Computational Finance](#);
- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Computer Science](#);
- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Mathematics](#).

The amount of each scholarship is set at **€ 6,000.00** (gross for the recipient) per academic year, as per decision of the Department Board of 14/12/2022 (minutes no. 14/2022).

Each scholarship is granted for **two academic years** and paid in two annual instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second instalment upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24). In order to receive the two second-year instalments students are required to gain at least: 40 ECTS credits by the end of September 2024 (summer and extra examination sessions – A.Y. 2023/24); 60 ECTS credits by the end of March 2025 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2024/25).

2.9 Department of Medicine (DIMED)

- 1 scholarship for the Single-cycle degree in [Medicine and Surgery](#);

The amount of the scholarship is set at **€ 6,000.00** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 20/12/2022. (minutes no. 11/2022).

The scholarship is granted for **one academic year** and paid in two instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24).

3.0 Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology (FISPPA)

- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Clinical, social and intercultural psychology](#)

The amount of each scholarship is set at **€ 6,000.00** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 15/12/2022. (minutes no. 5/2022).

Each scholarship is granted for **one academic year** and paid in three instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second and the third upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24) and at least 36 ECTS credits by the end of July 2024 (summer examination session – A.Y. 2023/24).

3.1 Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies (SPGI)

- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [Human Rights and Multi-level Governance](#);
- 2 scholarships for the Master's degree in [European and Global Studies](#).

The amount of each scholarship is set at **€ 5,760.37** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 19/09/2022 (minutes no. 09/2022).

Each scholarship is granted for **one academic year** and paid in two instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second upon obtaining at least 27 ECTS credits by June 2024 (summer examination session – A.Y. 2023/24).

3.2 Department of Linguistic and Literary Studies (DISLL)

- 1 scholarship for the English-taught study track in [Communication Strategies](#) of the Master's degree in *Strategie della comunicazione*;
- 1 scholarship for the English-taught study track in [English Studies](#) of the Master's degree in *Lingue e letterature europee e americane*
- 1 scholarship for the Bachelor's degree in [Italian and Renaissance studies](#).

The amount of each scholarship is set at **€ 6,000.00** (gross for the recipient), as per decision of the Department Board of 23/01/2023.

Each scholarship is granted for **one academic year** and paid in two instalments: the first one upon completion of enrolment procedures and arrival in Italy; the second upon obtaining at least 12 ECTS credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24).

ART. 3 - Admission requirements and selection

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

1. 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) allowing admission to the Italian University system;
2. not have Italian citizenship (except for dual citizenship including Italian);
3. not already reside in Italy. For the purpose of this Call for applications the following are considered to be residing in Italy:
 - applicants with non-EU citizenship and a valid residence permit allowing enrolment at an Italian university with no need to apply for a new student visa to the relevant Embassy, as per Italian Legislative Decree No. 286 of 25/07/1998;
 - EU citizens and equated who have resided on a continuous basis in Italy for longer than 9 months. Citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the Republic of San Marino and Switzerland are treated as EU citizens.
4. apply for one or more English-taught degree programmes of the University of Padua according to the procedures and within the deadlines set. Please note that you can apply for up to three degree programmes.

The applicants who fail to meet one or more of these requirements are not eligible for selection for scholarships. All the students fulfilling the above-mentioned requirements 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.

ART. 4 – Selection procedure and awarding criteria

The Academic Committee of each degree programme shortlists eligible applicants and awards the most deserving candidates the scholarships, based on academic excellence in their field of study, quality, and records from their prior learning. In case of equal score, the youngest candidate will be given priority.

Scholarships are mainly reserved for candidates applying for the first application period; they may be awarded to eligible candidates of the second application period on an exceptional basis.

Scholarships selection results will be published at www.unipd.it/en/assessment-results:

- from **10 March 2023** in the case of unlimited access degree programmes (1st application period: 2 November 2022– 2 February 2023);
- from **12 April 2023** in the case of limited access degree programmes (1st application period: 7 January 2023– 7 March 2023);
- from **09 July 2023** in the case of unlimited access degree programmes for which no scholarships were awarded in the first application period. (2nd application period: 2 March 2023 – 2 May 2023);
- following publication of **IMAT test results** in the case of the Single-cycle degree in *Medicine and Surgery*.

ART. 5 – 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 both the admission and the scholarship offer received and pay the admission fee by the deadline given;
- not benefit from other scholarships or grants;
- fulfil the admission requirements (e.g. obtaining the entry qualification) 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);
- complete enrolment in the chosen degree programme, which will be finalised following checks on the authenticity of the required documents and on fulfilment of all the requirements for enrolment eligibility.

If scholarship recipients fail to meet any of these requirements, they must notify the *Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office* of it by emailing international.admission@unipd.it, and they will not be granted the scholarship.

Should scholarship recipients not accept the admission offer and the benefit granted or not fulfil any of the criteria above, scholarships may be awarded to the next eligible candidates meeting the requirements by the degree programme Academic Committees, within and not later than 30 June 2023.²

ART – 6 Payment methods and requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility A.Y. 2023/24

Padua International Excellence Scholarships will be paid via bank transfer in two instalments of € 4,000.00 (gross for the recipient) per academic year. Students will be credited with the first instalment of the A.Y. 2023/24 **upon arrival in Padua by the 15th of December 2023** at the latest and only after:

1. completing 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.

Scholarship recipients who are going to arrive in Padua after the **15th of December 2023** will not receive the first instalment of the A.Y. 2023/24. They will be credited only with the second instalment of the A.Y. 2023/24, upon gaining at least **12 ECTS** credits by the end of March 2024 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2023/24) and upon arrival in Padua by the **28th of February 2024** at the latest.

Exceptions to the arrival date may apply only for students coming from countries where a travel ban is in place at the beginning of the academic year.

² Such deadline does not apply to the Single-cycle degree in *Medicine and Surgery*, since the scholarships will be awarded following publication of IMAT test results.

In case of enrolment with recognition of prior learning, the credits earned during previous university career cannot be considered for fulfilling the requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility.

Each Department will notify the students of the specific payment methods of relevant departmental scholarships upon their arrival in Italy. The aforementioned conditions for the payment of the first instalment also apply to departmental scholarships. The requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility and be granted the next instalments of the A.Y. 2023/24 are set out in the relevant sections of **article 2**.

ART. 7 – Scholarship renewal: payment methods and requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility

All the beneficiaries will receive the Padua International Excellence scholarship for the second year (A.Y. 2024/25) provided they meet the following merit requirements:

- 40 ECTS credits by the end of September 2024 (summer and extra examination sessions – A.Y. 2023/24) to be granted the first instalment;
- 60 ECTS credits by the end of March 2025 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2024/25) to be granted the second instalment.

Bachelor's degree and Single-cycle degree students will receive the Padua International Excellence scholarship for the third year (A.Y. 2025/26) provided they meet the following merit requirements:

- 90 ECTS credits by the end of September 2025 (summer and extra examination sessions – A.Y. 2024/25) to be granted the first instalment;
- 120 ECTS credits by the end of March 2026 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2025/26) to be granted the second instalment.

In case of enrolment with recognition of prior learning, the credits earned during previous university career cannot be considered for fulfilling the requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility for the second and the third year (where applicable).

The merit requirements for departmental scholarships renewal (A.Y. 2024/25), where applicable, are set out in the relevant sections of **article 2**.

ART. 8 – Revocation of scholarship

If the aforementioned merit requirements are not met within the deadline, the payment of the scholarships will 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 2024;
2. students transfer to another University or withdraw from studies.

In these two cases, students shall pay back the amount of the *Padua International Excellence* scholarship already received. Each Department will notify the students of specific revocation conditions of relevant departmental scholarships.

Specific duly reasoned situations can undergo examination by the Commissione per il Diritto allo Studio (*Committee for the right to education*) of the University of Padua.

ART. 9 - Information on the processing of personal data

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. 10 – Dispute resolution

This call for applications 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. 11 – Final Provisions

The person responsible for the procedure is Dr Mattia Gusella, Head of the Global Engagement Office.
For further information please email international.admission@unipd.it

The Rector
Prof.ssa Daniela Mapelli
digitally signed as per Italian legislative decree no. 82/2005

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