CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 3 (THREE) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE FIRST-YEAR OF THE SECOND CYCLE DEGREE "ASTROPHYSICS AND

COSMOLOGY" (CODE 5828)

ALMA MATER STUDIORUM UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

A. Y. 2022-2023

DEADLINE: 29TH SEPTEMBER 2022 - 12pm (CET)

ART. 1 - Subject, amount and duration

With the purpose of encouraging international students to enroll in the Second cycle degree/Two-year

master in "Astrophysics and Cosmology" (code 5828), the University of Bologna has funded 3 scholarships

worth € 1,000.00 each (gross of all charges). The benefits are intended for international students

registering at the University of Bologna in the Second cycle degree "Astrophysics and Cosmology", for the

A.Y. 2022-23. Enrolment is understood to mean the first registration in the first year of the degree

programme; enrolling in years following the first year, as well as changing from one degree programme

to another or transferring from one university to another, is not considered 'registering' in the first year

(art. 4, 13, 14 of the Student Regulations, D.R. 464/2013).

Each study grant is awarded for one academic year only.

ART. 2 – Incompatibility

These scholarships are not cumulative with study grants issued by the University of Bologna for the same

purpose (including the study grants Unibo Action 2 and Unibo for Refugees), with study grants issued by

the Regional Board for the Right to Higher Studies (ER.GO), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and

International Cooperation (MAECI), the Collegio Superiore in Bologna, with CRUI grants for beneficiaries

of international protection (considering the budget for meals). These scholarship, on the other hand, can

be combined with other forms of economic support funded by ER.GO such as fee exemption, housing

services, meal vouchers, etc.

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ART. 3 - Admission requirements

Application is open exclusively to candidates who:

1) possess qualifications valid for admission to the Second cycle degree "Astrophysics and Cosmology"; qualifications must be issued by an institution outside the Italian education system. Qualifications issued by institutions of the Republic of San Marino do not satisfy the required conditions.

Further details about the admission requirements for the Two-year master in "Astrophysics and Cosmology" are reported here: https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/Astrophysics/how-to-enrol;

2) has already been *admitted* to the first year of the Second cycle degree "Astrophysics and Cosmology" for the academic year 2022/23 within the deadline of this call. Candidates are considered '*admitted*' only after a positive evaluation by the Admission Board, as reported at this page https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/Astrophysics/how-to-enrol;

3) are not 27 years old on the expiry date of the call.

ART. 4 - Award criteria

The Evaluation Committee will assess the applications and formulates a ranking based on the sum of the scores obtained by the candidates about their academic curriculum and curriculum vitae. For each candidate, a total of 30 points are available, divided as follows:

- Academic career (average exam marks), maximum score: 25.
- Curriculum vitae (learning and working experiences, ...), maximum score: 5.

In case of equal points of merit, the candidates with the best academic curriculum will have priority in the ranking. In the event of a further tie, the younger candidate precedes.

ART. 5 - Application submission: terms and methods

The online application shall be submitted within September 29th, 2022 - 12pm (CET), exclusively on the web platform "StudentiOnline" (www.studenti.unibo.it).

In order to apply, the candidate shall:

- log in to studenti.unibo.it, entering your Unibo username and password;
- click on button "Calls";
- select the call for applications "Second cycle degree/Two-year master in "Astrophysics and Cosmology" – Scholarships for international students A.Y. 2022/2023";

- enter all required details and check carefully their contact information;
- upload all required documents :
 - 1. Application form (Annex A) fully filled-out, dated and signed;
 - 2. Curriculum Vitae in English (European format), dated and signed, in the .pdf format;
 - 3. Copy of the Bachelor's degree certificate and Transcript of Records with marks.
 - 4. A copy of a currently valid passport. EU citizens can attach copy of their identity document. Citizens of non-European Union states who are legally resident in Italy or authorized to stay in Italy must comply with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 3 of Presidential Decree 445/2000.

Important Notice!

All documents presented by applicants must be in English or Italian.

The application will be deemed valid only if the student completes the above procedure correctly. Applications cannot be submitted on paper, by fax or by e-mail.

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truth of the information provided. Without prejudice to the penal sanctions of article 76 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, in the event of fraudulent information being discovered as a result of such verification the applicant will forfeit the right to the scholarship.

ART. 6 – Final ranking and acceptance of the scholarship

The final merit ranking is drawn up by the Evaluation committee and approved by decree by the Director of the Physics and Astronomy Department "Augusto Righi".

The winners will be notified the assignment of the scholarship via institutional e-mail (name.surname@studio.unibo.it), along with the administrative obligations which are necessary so to pay the grants. Applicants who will be deemed eligible but not winners will receive information on the final ranking.

In order to confirm acceptance of the study grants, assignees must send an e-mail to clarissa.consaga@unibo.it no later than 10 days from the award notification sending date, under penalty of loss of the grant. In this statement, they must expressly confirm, under their own full responsibility, that they do not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in article 2 of this call for applications. They shall also notify the University of Bologna of any changes to the declared information which may arise during the year.

ART. 7 – Payment methods

The payment of the scholarship is subject to actual enrollment in the first year of Second cycle degree "Astrophysics and Cosmology" for the A.Y. 2022/23. To receive the study grant, winners must give written confirmation by e-mail to clarissa.consaga@unibo.it of the completion of their registration procedures: online payment of the 1st installment, delivery of the required documentation to the student administration office and official activation of their university career. International students, in order to be enrolled, must comply with the provisions and deadlines in force, including the regulations laid down by the Circular Letter of the Ministry of Education, University and Research, concerning the access of foreign students to Italian university degree programmes. Further details at: https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/enrolling-in-a-second-cycle-degree-programme-foreign-qualification

The scholarship will be paid within 60 days of verification of the enrollment in the A.Y. 2022/23. Payment of the study grants is made by bank transfer to the Italian bank account or prepaid credit card with Italian IBAN registered or co-registered to the student-beneficiary.

ART. 8 - Withdrawal

Applicants may withdraw by sending an e-mail to clarissa.consaga@unibo.it

In case of withdrawals received by 31 January 2023 the grants will be allocated to the next suitable candidates in the final merit ranking. Transfer to a different degree programme for the academic year 2022/2023, is equivalent to withdrawal and the candidate will be required to reimburse the full amount. Winners that will withdraw will be required to return any sums already received, except for the proven existence of serious and justified reasons.

ART. 9 – Information notice concerning data processing

The personal data provided shall be processed in compliance with the principles and provisions of Italian Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 (Data Protection Act) and in any case exclusively for the purposes of this call for applications. The provision of the requested data is compulsory for the purposes of processing your application. Information on the processing of any personal data supplied with applications for participation is published on the university portal at:

https://www.unibo.it/en/university/privacy-policy-and-legal-notes/privacy-policy/personal-data-processing

The procedure manager is: Dott.ssa Maria Giovanna Piazza.

For information, please contact the Administration Office at the Department of Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi": clarissa.consaga@unibo.it.

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