ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA | STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL TALENTS @UNIBO

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENROLLING IN

SECOND CYCLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

AT ALMA MATER STUDIORUM – UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

IN THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

DEADLINE: 30 MAY 2025

Our University has been working for a long time to raise awareness of and to address gender stereotypes. In this context, it has been decided to give greater linguistic visibility to gender differences. For the sake of simplicity, the masculine form is used in this document. However, it is meant to refer inclusively to all persons who work within the community.

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ART. 1 – Aim, scope and duration

In order to encourage international students to enrol in its degree programmes, the University of Bologna has funded **30 study grants worth €6.500 per academic year each**.

Each study grant is awarded for 2 academic years.

Successful applicants will also be offered a **full tuition fee waiver**. Successful applicants will be required to pay €157,04 (regional taxes, stamp duty and insurance premium. Amounts subject to change).

The study grants are intended for international students who matriculate in the 2025-26 academic year in a Second cycle degree programme at the University of Bologna.

International students are all students whose qualifications for admission to the chosen Second cycle degree programme were obtained at an institution outside of the Italian education system, regardless of their citizenship. 'Matriculation' is understood to mean the first enrolment in the first year of a degree programme. Enrolling in years after the first one, changing from one degree programme to another or transferring from one university to another is not considered as 'matriculation' (Articles 4, 5, 23, 31 of the Student Regulations, Rector's Decree 1989/2024).

The study grant may not be awarded to students enrolling in multiple or joint degree programmes for which tuition fees have to be paid to a partner university, other than the University of Bologna.

ART. 2 – Participation requirements

In order to be eligible for participation, you must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Hold a qualification valid for admission to your chosen Second cycle degree programme, awarded by an institution outside of the Italian education system. Qualifications issued by institutions of the Republic of San Marino do not satisfy this condition. Your citizenship is irrelevant;
2. Not to be a student of a First, Single or Second cycle degree programme at the University of Bologna. Please note that those who, for whatever reason, have a student career in a First, Single or Second cycle degree programme ended after the A.Y. 2023-24 are regarded as students. Withdrawals from studies must be submitted before the publication of this call;
3. Meet the following financial requirements:

   ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) between €16.000 and €35.000, or equivalent economic situation for those who cannot apply for an ISEE certificate.

   If you don't have an ISEE certificate because your family has income and/or assets outside Italy, you must submit the documents required for ISEE calculation. See Art. 6 for further information.
4. Not to have applied for and received an Unibo Action 2 study grant in the past;
5. Be less than 30 years old at the deadline for submitting applications.

ART. 3 – Incompatibility

The study grant may not be combined with:

1. Study grants/prizes awarded by the University of Bologna for the same purpose (including UNICORE study grants, study grants awarded by Departments and degree programmes, and Unibo for Refugees prizes);
2. Study grants awarded under the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD);
3. Study grants awarded by the Regional Authority for the Right to Higher Education (ER.GO), the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), Collegio Superiore in Bologna, or CRUI for beneficiaries of international or temporary protection;
4. Study grants awarded under international cooperation projects in which the University of Bologna is a partner;
5. Study grants awarded by foreign governmental bodies or institutions, on the basis of agreements with the University of Bologna, aimed at facilitating the enrolment of international students in the University of Bologna.

The study grant is compatible with other forms of study support funded by ER.GO (housing services, etc.).

ART. 4 – Award criteria

The study grants are awarded on the basis of GRE (General Test) test. All sections are used. The test must be taken after **30 May 2020**, under penalty of exclusion.

The minimum scores required are:

Verbal Reasoning + Quantitative Reasoning = 290

Analytical Writing = 3.0

Applicants who scored less than the minimum score required will not be eligible.

Each section is given equal weight. The final score is formed by the sum of the three sections.

ART. 5 – How to apply: deadlines and methods

To apply for the study grant, you must:

1. submit your application **between 17 January 2025 at 12:00 CET and 30 May 2025 at 12:00 CEST**, strictly through Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it).
    a. Register on studenti.unibo.it. If you don't have a Unibo username and password (institutional credentials) or SPID (digital identity to access the Italian Public Administration's services) or CIE (Italian electronic identity card):

- Visit studenti.unibo.it and go to the "Register" section. If you are an international student without an Italian tax ID number (*Codice Fiscale*), go to the "International students registration" section;
- Fill in all the mandatory fields and follow the instructions to create your Unibo username and password. Please note: the personal details of individuals registering on the site must correspond exactly to those indicated in their passport or identity card;
- After the first access, you will have to replace the PUK code with a personal password. It is important to remember your Unibo username and password for the entire duration of your career, as you will need them every time you access your personal profile on studenti.unibo.it;

b. Visit studenti.unibo.it and click on "Calls";

c. Select the call "Call for applications International Talents @Unibo, a.y. 2025-26". You will only be able to continue with the online application process if you are in possession of the requirements specified in Art. 2, points 2 and 5 of this call.

d. Check your contact details;

e. Enter the required details;

f. Upload the required documents in pdf format.

- Copy of a valid passport. If you are an EU citizen, you may attach a copy of a valid identity document;
- Copy of your unofficial GRE score report.

2. **send your official GRE score report through ETS**. The official score must be received by the University of Bologna no later than **30 May 2025** under penalty of nullity. Official scores received after this deadline will not be considered. The recipient code of the University of Bologna to send your official score report is **7850.**

3. **submit your ISEE 2025 certificate** for higher education subsidies, **or other financial requirements documents in accordance with Art. 6.**

If you need help or guidance in completing your online application, you can call the Studenti Online Help Desk at the following number: +39 0512080301, Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5 p.m., or send an email to the following address: help.studentionline@unibo.it.

Please note: in the online procedure for submitting the application, information relating to the application itself is visible (e.g. "Application submitted") which exclusively concerns the technical aspects of the procedure itself. No indication of this type allows the application to be considered complete/eligible/valid for the purposes of this competition. All applications will be verified, in accordance with the provisions of this call for applications, by the competent offices after the deadline has expired and the results of these checks will be made public as required by the art. 7.

Your application will only be valid if you follow the procedure above. Applications on paper, by fax or email will not be accepted.

ART. 6 – How to submit financial status documents: deadlines and methods

In addition to the application pursuant to Art. 5, **between 22 January 2025 and 30 May 2025 at 12:00 CEST**, you must submit the documents regarding your family's economic situation.

If your family has income and/or assets only outside Italy

Visit www.unibo.it/ITaScholarshipsFinancialStatus and read the detailed instructions on how to submit the documents to certify your family's economic situation.

Visit ER.GO (www.er-go.it) and access the "Online services" section using your University credentials.

Fill in the "Personal data" and "Economic data" sections.

The documents you submit will also be valid for calculation of the tuition fee payable on enrolment in the 2025-26 academic year. If you have citizenship in a particularly poor or developing country or in a non-EU and non-OECD country, read the instructions below.

If your family has income and/or assets only in Italy

Visit www.unibo.it/ITaScholarshipsFinancialStatus and read the detailed instructions on how to submit the documents to certify your family's economic situation.

Visit ER.GO (www.er-go.it) and access the "Online services" section using your SPID credentials.

Fill in the "Personal data" and "Economic data" sections.

In the "Economic data" section, enter the Single Declaration in Lieu (DSU) protocol number assigned by INPS, which is necessary to obtain your ISEE 2025 certificate. The ISEE 2025 certificate you submit for the purposes of this call will also be valid for calculation of the tuition fee payable on enrolment in the 2025-26 academic year.

If your family has income and/or assets in Italy and abroad

Visit www.unibo.it/ITaScholarshipsFinancialStatus and read the detailed instructions on how to submit the documents to certify your family's economic situation.

Visit ER.GO (www.er-go.it) and access the "Online services" section using your SPID credentials, if you are resident in Italy, or your University credentials.

Fill in the "Personal data" and "Economic data" sections.

You must enter:

the ISEE 2025 for income and assets in Italy

documentation relating to income and assets abroad,

following the instructions above.

Students from particularly poor and developing countries – non-EU and non-OECD countries (measure subject to approval by the University Academic Bodies)

If your family has income and/or assets only outside Italy and you have citizenship in a particularly poor and developing country (see list www.unibo.it/PaesiParticolarmentePoveri) or in a non-EU and non-OECD country (see list www.unibo.it/PaesiNonOcse), you can pay a reduced fixed fee without having to submit the documents to certify your family's economic situation. You can still submit your financial requirements documents by following the instructions on the University Website, at www.unibo.it/ITaScholarshipsFinancialStatus, only to apply for this call.

Visit ER.GO (www.er-go.it) and access the "Online services" section using your University credentials.

In the "Personal data" section, tick the box "I accept the fixed rate fee (flat tax)" that will pop up before accessing the "Economic data" section.

PLEASE NOTE: All financial requirements documents will be checked thoroughly by ER.GO. If the outcome is negative, you will lose your benefits.

ART. 7 – Creation and approval of the ranking lists, preference in case of a tie

Applicants will be ranked in decreasing order of score. In case of a tie, preference will be given to the younger applicant.

The ranking list is approved by decree of the Head of Division.

The ranking list is published on www.studenti.unibo.it.

ART. 8 – Acceptance

If you are awarded a study grant, you will be notified by email.

In order to confirm your unreserved acceptance of the study grant, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this call for applications, you must send an email to internationaldesk@unibo.it no later than 10 days from receiving notification that you have been awarded the study grant. In your email, you must also:

- Confirm, under your own responsibility, that the conditions of incompatibility established in Art. 3 of this call for applications do not apply;
- Undertake to notify any changes to the information provided, which may occur during the year.

Please note: for all winners, payment of the scholarship is subject to actual admission and enrolment in the chosen degree programme or in another Second cycle degree programme of the University of Bologna (candidates are therefore required to pay the first instalment of university fees before obtaining payment of the first instalment of the scholarship) and possession of the maintenance requirements set out in the art. 9.

For those who enrol in two degree programmes simultaneously, pursuant to Law 33/2022, the degree programme for which they obtain the scholarship must be the one indicated as priority for the Right to Education benefits.

ART. 9 – Payment methods and maintenance requirements

Study grants will be paid in 6 instalments. Payment procedures will take place in October (or upon completion of the student's matriculation, whichever is later), March and July of each academic year, and they will last 60 days.

To receive the payment of the instalments, you have to meet the following requirements:

Instalment:	**Amount (gross of any fees to be paid by the recipient):**	**Requirement:**
1	2.500 €	• Be admitted to and complete matriculation in A.Y. 2025/26 in your chosen degree programme, or another Second cycle degree programme, in accordance with the regulations and deadlines in force, including the enrolment rules established by the Memorandum issued by the Italian Ministry for Universities and Research concerning international students' entry and enrolment in higher education courses.

		• Fill in and deliver the forms provided to you by the International Desk.
2	2.000 €	earn **10** CFU (university credits) before **15 February 2026**
3	2.000 €	earn **30** CFU (university credits) before **15 July 2026**
4	2.500 €	• meet the requirement for payment of the third installment before **15 July 2026** • regularly enrol for A.Y. 2026-27 in the second year of a Second Cycle Degree programme (iscrizione "in corso"), by the deadline for payments without penalty
5	2.000 €	earn **60** CFU (university credits) before **15 February 2027**
6	2.000 €	earn **80** CFU (university credits) before **15 July 2027** or **graduate within the last graduation session of A.Y. 2026/27**

If you are unable to meet the requirements for payment of previous instalments by the set deadline, but you meet the requirement for payment of a subsequent instalment by the set deadline, you will also be paid the previous instalments.

The credits accrued during the 2025/26 and 2026/27 academic years must be earned at the University of Bologna (Article 16 of the University Teaching Regulations) or at another university, within a mobility programme in which the University of Bologna participates. Payment procedures will only start after completion of the credit recognition process.

In case of matriculation in a shortened programme, any credits recognised from your previous academic careers will be deemed valid for the purposes of this call for applications.

In the event of enrolment with recognition of credits (shortened degree programme) that implies direct enrolment in the second year of the programme in the A.Y. 2025/26, you will only be able to receive instalments 4, 5 and 6; you must acquire credits for instalment 5 by 15/02/2026 and credits for instalment 6 by 15/07/2026, or graduate by the last session of A.Y. 2025/26.

Unrecognised credits earned from single course units, credits from Italian language courses offered by the University Language Centre (CLA) or any other credits which are not calculated for the purpose of obtaining your qualification will not be taken into account.

Study grants will be paid via bank transfer to an Italian bank account or prepaid card with IBAN of which you are the holder or a joint holder.

ART. 10 – Withdrawal

Applicants may withdraw by sending an email to internationaldesk@unibo.it.

In case of withdrawals received by 31 July 2025, the study grants will be awarded to the next suitable applicant in the ranking list.

ART. 11 – Enquiries and penalties

The University will check the veracity of all self-certifications and documents provided by students to participate in this call.

The checks on the ISEE certificates submitted by students whose immediate family has income and/or assets in Italy will be carried out by ER.GO on behalf of the University. The checks will address those ISEE certificates that contain non-conformities and/or omissions identified directly by the Italian Revenue Agency and/or by INPS, as well as – on a sample basis – the self-declarations in the DSU. For this purpose, ER.GO may request that the persons concerned provide suitable documentation to prove that the information in the DSU is complete and true. Also based on these checks, ER.GO will send the Italian Revenue Agency the lists of individuals to be subjected to audits by the Italian Tax Police, in order to verify the income and assets declared.

The checks on the self-certifications and documents relating to the financial status of students who declare foreign income and/or assets will be carried out by ER.GO on behalf of the University.

If the checks reveal that false or incomplete self-certifications or documents have been submitted, without prejudice to the penalties provided for under Article 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000, you will immediately lose your benefits. Any amount already received will have to be returned.

ART. 12 – Privacy policy statement

The data collected will be processed in accordance with the Privacy policy statement for participants in the University's competitive selection procedures, available at www.unibo.it/privacy.

This privacy policy statement is provided in accordance with Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

Competent Organisational Unit

For information, please contact the International Desk of Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna, Via Filippo Re 4, 40126 Bologna

Email: internationaldesk@unibo.it

For opening times and access: https://www.unibo.it/en/international/contacts-for-international-students

Read the general information for international students at the University of Bologna and carry out the necessary procedures for enrolment.

www.unibo.it/admissions

Also read carefully the information on the assessment of qualifications obtained outside Italy and contact the International Desk in case of doubts.

www.unibo.it/ForeignQualificationSecondCycleEnrolments

Language

The English version of this call is provided for information purposes only. Only the Italian version will be valid for implementation, dispute resolution and all other legal purposes.

Bologna, 17 January 2025

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