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THE DIRECTOR

HAVING REGARD to the request of Prof. Spinelli, Coordinator of the Master's Degree Course in *International Horticultural Science (IMAHS)*, in collaboration with Prof. Arcas Pilz, regarding the approval for a call for scholarships for students participating in the *UrbanFarm Challenge 2026*, financed by the budget of the International Course IMAHS for a total amount not exceeding 15000 euros;

HAVING REGARD to the resolution of the Board of the Course of LM *International Horticultural Science IMAHS* of October 6th, 2025, authorizing the budget for educational visits, that approved of a visit to Barcelona organized by Prof. Arcas Pilz, foreseeing a financial contribution for students interested in deepening knowledge in Smart Horticulture and Urban Farming;

HAVING REGARD to the Board of Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences – DISTAL, in the session of January 20th, 2026, approving of the issuance of the aforementioned call for scholarships;

HAVING VERIFIED the availability of funds of the *International Horticultural Science* Course, that can be aimed at scholarships for students regularly enrolled in courses of the Department;

EMANATES

A CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESERVING STUDENTS FOR THE DEEPENING OF ISSUES RELATED TO SMART HORTICULTURE AND URBAN FARMING

EXPIRY DATE: 16/03/2026 at 23:00

Art. 1 – Object and purposes

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The Master's Degree in International Horticultural Science – IMaHS - LM 69, jointly offered by Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna (UNIBO) and Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (UNIBZ), provides scholarships for deserving students, regularly enrolled to the abovementioned Degree Programme in the a.y. 2025/2026, wishing to deepen their knowledge in the field of Smart Horticulture and Urban Farming. The scholarship is meant as a partial contribution to the expenses.

Art. 2 – Requirements

In order to apply to the call, students must:

- a) be regularly enrolled in the current academic year;
- b) have included in their Study Plan the course 96674 - INNOVATIVE AND SMART TECHNOLOGIES FOR VEGETABLE CULTIVATION (I.C.);
- c) have registered correctly to the International student challenge “UrbanFarm2026”.

These requirements must be met within the deadline of the present call (as established in Art. 3).

Art. 3 – Procedures and deadlines for submitting applications

Applications must be submitted through the “Studenti Online” portal **by the deadline of 16/03/2026 at 11 pm.**

In order to apply, students have to:

- Log in with their institutional credentials on Studenti Online ([Studenti Online](#));
- Click on the “Calls” section;
- Select the “CALL FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESERVING STUDENTS FOR THE DEEPENING OF ISSUES RELATED TO SMART HORTICULTURE AND URBAN FARMING 2026”;
- Upload Annex A of this call, correctly completed.

Art. 4 – Criteria for the formulation of ranking

Ranking will be formulated on the basis of the total number of credits (ECTS – CFU) acquired during the first semester of the 2025/2026 a.y. (max. 30 credits) and the average of marks (max.

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30/30). An additional point will be given for each grade equal to 30 *with honors*. Moreover, the appropriateness of an abstract about the contents of the course will be evaluated (Annex A).

Based on these criteria, the Commission will assign scores as follows:

- a) max 10 points for the number of credits obtained, compared to the number of credits obtainable at the end of the first semester;
- b) max 30 points for the weighted average of marks, adding one point for each vote equal to 30 *with honors*;
- c) max 60 points for the abstract (max 500 words) about the following topic:
“*Elaborate on a plant cultivation system that well fits the urban environment and can be used for social activities*” (Annex A).

In case of incomplete documentation, the application will be rejected.

In the event of a tied score, it will be given preference to the student with the highest weighted average. In case of further equal result, preference is given to the student with the highest number of credits acquired. In case of any further equal result, the date and time of the insertion of the application will be considered, giving preference to the student who entered the application first.

Only candidates obtaining a score of 51/100 or more will be considered eligible to receive the scholarship.

The Commission is composed of the following members:

- Prof. Francesco Spinelli;
- Prof. Verónica Arcas Pilz.

For more information on this call and the International Challenge 2026, students can contact Prof. Verónica Arcas Pilz at veronica.arcaspilz2@unibo.it.

Art. 5 – Incompatibility

The scholarship is incompatible with similar fundings provided by Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna, covering the same period of time and purpose of the abovementioned scholarship.

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Moreover, the scholarship cannot be awarded to students enrolled in the same Master's Degree programme who were already awarded a similar scholarship to deepen their knowledge on Smart Horticulture and Urban Farming in the past academic years.

Art. 6 – Publication of rankings and acceptance of scholarships

The results of the selection will be published among the documents of the call available on Studenti Online, on the [Bandi, gare e concorsi — Bandi](#) webpage, and on the page of the Study Programme ([International Horticultural Science - Laurea Magistrale - Bologna](#)).

Winners will also be notified by the Department administration offices (Filiera Didattica) by e-mail (to their institutional address @studio.unibo.it), and will have **to accept the scholarship within 10 days** from notification; otherwise, they will be considered tacitly renouncers and the ranking will be scrolled. To accept the scholarship, student must attach to the email the forms with personal and fiscal data for payment. The forms will be sent to the winners via e-mail along with the communication of the results.

Only communications sent from institutional addresses @studio.unibo.it will be taken into consideration.

Art. 7 – Payment of scholarships

The amount of the scholarships will be calculated on the basis of the number of the eligible students that will reach the minimum score required, in accordance with the total amount allocated for the scholarships. In any case, each scholarship cannot exceed the amount of 750,00 euros (gross amount). The scholarships will be paid within the month of April 2026.

Eligible students, after the trip to Barcelona, will have to prove that they took part to the activities of the International Challenge “UrbanFarm 2026” and that they presented the required results according to the procedures established by the challenge. In case the student awarded with the scholarship will not take part to the activities of “UrbanFarm 2026” according to the established procedures, the Administrative Office will proceed to take back the entire amount of the scholarship.

Art. 8 – Personal data

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Personal data provided in the applications for the present Call will be processed in compliance with the rights to the protection of personal data and the rights to the protection of confidentiality and personal identity, referred to in Legislative Decree 30 June 2003 n. 196 and referred to in Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – General Data Protection Regulation.

The treatment will be carried out both through computer systems and in manual form with paper means. The provision of data is mandatory and any refusal may result in exclusion from the Call. The owner of the processing of personal data is identified in the Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna with headquarters in via Zamboni n. 33, 40126 Bologna. Responsible for the exercise of the rights referred to in art. 7 of the aforementioned Decree 196/03 is the Director of the Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

Art. 9 – Methods of publication of the Call and RUP

This call is published on the University portal <https://bandi.unibo.it>.

The Sole Responsible for this Procedure (RUP) is Dr. Pierluigi Puccetti.

The Director
Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences
Prof. Giovanni DINELLI

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