

THE DIRECTOR

HAVING REGARD to the request of Prof. Dondini, as coordinator of International Horticultural Science IMAHS in collaboration with Prof. Orsini, regarding the approval for a call for scholarships for students who will participate in the UrbanFarm Challenge 2024 financed by the budget of the international course IMAHS for a total amount not exceeding 11.000 euros;

HAVING REGARD to the resolution of the Board of the Course of LM 8883 – International Horticultural Science IMAHS of October 13th 2023 that authorized the budget to educational visits, approving also the visit to Stockholm organised by Prof. Francesco Orsini, which foresees a contribution to the students who want to deepen knowledge in the field of Smart Horticulture and Urban Farming;

HAVING REGARD to the Board of the Department of Agriculture and Food Sciences and Technologies – DISTAL in the session of February 7th 2024, which approves the issuance of the aforementioned call for scholarships;

VERIFIED the availability of funds of the International Horticultural Science IMAHS which, among other things, can be aimed at scholarships for students regularly enrolled in courses of the Department;

EMANATES

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

EXPIRY DATE: 11/03/2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Art. 1 – Object and purpose

The Master's Degree in International Horticultural Science (8883) – LM 69, jointly offered by Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna (UNIBO) and Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (UNIBZ), provides scholarships for deserving students regularly enrolled to the above mentioned degree programme in the A.Y. 2023/2024 wishing to deepen their knowledge in the field of Smart Horticulture and Urban Farming courses. The scholarship has to be intended as a partial contribution to the expenses.

Art. 2 – Requirements for participation in the call

In order to apply for the call, students must:

- a) be regularly enrolled for 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 for the International student challenge "UrbanFarm2024"

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

Art. 3 – Procedures and deadlines for submitting applications

The applications must be submitted through the "Online Students" portal by the deadline of 16/05/2023 at 1 pm.

In order to apply, students need to:

- Log in with their institutional credentials on **Studenti Online** (www.studenti.unibo.it);
- Click on the "Calls" section;
- Select the call "CALL FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESERVING STUDENTS FOR THE DEEPENING OF ISSUES RELATED TO SMART HORTICULTURE AND URBAN FARMING 2024":
- Upload Annex A of this call correctly completed

Art. 4 - Criteria for the formulation of the ranking

The ranking will be formulated on the basis of the total number of credits (ECTS – ECTS) acquired during the first semester of 2023/2024 (max. 30 credits) and the average of the marks (max. 30/30). An additional point will be given for each grade equal to 30 laude. Moreover, the appropriateness of an abstract about the contents of the course will be evaluated.

Based on those criteria, the Commission will assign the score as follows:

- Max. 10 points for the number of credits obtained compared to the number of credits obtainable at the end of the first semester;
- Max 30 points for the weighted average of the votes, adding one point for each vote equal to 30 with honors;
- Max 60 points for the abstract (<u>max. 500 words</u>) 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.

With the same score, the student with the highest weighted average has the preference. 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.

The candidates that will have a score of **51/100** or more will be considered eligible to receive the scholarship.

The Commission is composed by following members:

- Prof. Luca Dondini
- Prof. Francesco Orsini
- Dr. Giuseppina Pennisi

For more information about this call and about the International Challenge 2024, students can contact Prof. Francesco Orsini f.crsini@unibo.it

Art. 5 – Incompatibility

The scholarship is incompatible with similar fundings provided by the Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna, if they concern the same period of time and the same purpose.

Art. 6 – Publication of rankings and acceptance of scholarships

The results of the selection will be published among the documents of the call that will available on Online Students, on the bandi.unibo.it page and on the page of the Study Programme.

The winners will be informed by the DISTAL Educational Service (Servizi per la Didattica) by e-mail (to their institutional address @studio.unibo.it) and will have **10 days to accept the scholarship**; otherwise, they will be considered tacitly renouncers and the ranking we be scrolled. To accept the scholarship, student must attach to the email the forms with the personal and fiscal data for payment. The forms will be sent to the winners via e-mail along with the communication of the results.

N.B. 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, accordingly 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 March 2024.

It is intended that the eligible students, after the trip to Stockholm, will have to prove that they took part to the activities of the International Challenge "Urban Farm 2024" and to have presented the required results according to the procedures established by the challenge. In the case in which the student awarded with the scholarship will not take part to the activities of "UrbanFarm 2024" according to the established procedures, the Administrative Office will proceed to take back the entire amount of the scholarship.

Art. 8 – Personal data

The personal data provided with the applications for participation in the Call will be processed in compliance with the right 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 – University of 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 Agro-Food Sciences and Technologies.

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 (so-called RUP) is Dr. Pierluigi Puccetti.

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