



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
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Abstract of the Call for Application for Study grant for Final Dissertation Abroad

Dipartimento di Scienze e Tecnologie Agro-Alimentari: Bando per l'erogazione di Borse di Studio per la preparazione della Tesi di Laurea all'Estero Scadenza il 10/03/2026 – ore 13:00

(This abstract is translated in English just for publicity purposes. For any application and/or dispute resolution and/or for any legal purpose only the Italian version must be taken into consideration)

The Head of the Department

The Head of the Agricultural and Food Science Department, Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna offers scholarships to support a period of study abroad, related to research for the final dissertation. The call is open to applicants with a research theme of international relevance, motivated by the thesis supervisor. The visiting period abroad has to be particularly relevant for the gathering of information necessary for the preparation of the final dissertation or for the research paper.

Art.1 Admission Requirements

Beneficiaries are students enrolled in the second-, third-degree and classes listed below and "fuori corso" students (late completion student) (*):

Bachelor's degree:

- Marketing and Economics of the Agro-Industrial System
- Animal Production
- Land and Agro Forestry Sciences
- Agricultural Technology
- Sciences and Technologies for Green and Landscape

Beneficiaries are students enrolled in the first- and second-degree classes listed below and "fuori corso" student (late completion student) (*):

Master's degree:

- Plant and Agricultural Biotechnology
- International Horticultural Science
- Planning and Management of Agro-territorial, Forest and Landscape
- Agricultural Science and Technologies
- Precise and Sustainable Agriculture

(*): "Fuori corso"/Late completion students refers to students who are one year beyond the regular duration of their degree programme. Students who have been enrolled beyond the regular duration for more than one year are not eligible to apply.

Art.2 Aims of the project

The contribution aims at promoting research for the preparation of the final dissertation. Destinations that are **not** part of the DISTAL Erasmus+ agreements and also **non-EU** destinations will also be considered.

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Below the link with the experiences of previous winners and the link to the active Erasmus+ agreements, which are useful for choosing a destination:

- <https://distal.unibo.it/en/teaching/international-mobility-programme/thesis-abroad/participants-experiences>
- <https://almarm.unibo.it/almarm/outgoing/offerteDiScambio.htm?execution=e1s1> (filter by "Dipartimento di Scienze e Tecnologie Agro-Alimentari")

Will be encouraged projects developed starting from the sector agreements "Accordi di Settore" in place at the Agricultural and Food Science Department – DISTAL (upon **authorization** of the UNIBO coordinator). The agreements shown below are only **an indication**, it is possible to present a thesis project for **other locations not listed below**:

University	Country	DISTAL Referent	Foreign Referent
Agricultural University of Tirana	Albania	Tullia Gallina Toschi	Agricultural University of Tirana
Universidad Nacional de Río Negro	Argentina	Moreno Toselli	María Paula Awe Luca
Universidade Federal de Pelotas	Brazil	Adamo Domenico Rombolà	Valmor Joao Bianchi
UDENSC Santa Catarina the College of Agriculture Science and Veterinary of Santa Catarina State University	Brazil	Adamo Domenico Rombolà	Prof. Leo Rufato
Federal University of Santa Maria	Brazil	Moreno Toselli	Prof. Mariano da Rocha Filho
Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine University of BUEA,	Cameroon	Alessandra Catsellini	Djomo Choumbou Raoul Fani
UFRO Faculty of Agropecuary Sciences and Environment, Universidad de la Frontera	Chile	Adamo Domenico Rombolà	Dr. Alejandra Ribera Fonseca
The Environment and Plant Protection Institute Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences	China Haikou, Hainan	Diana Di Gioia- Claudio Marzadori	Qinfel Li
Facoltà di Ingegneria, Corporacion Universitaria Minuto de Dios UNIMINUTO	Colombia	Pietro Rocculi	Santamaria Galindo
Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica	Costa Rica	Matteo Vittuari	Laura Brenes Peraltra
Universidad de Oriente	Cuba	Francesco Orsini	Dr. Margatita Zaldiva Arena
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the Salale University	Ethiopia	Stevo Lavrnjic	Tolossa Dadi
Chiba University Graduate School of Horticulture	Japan	Moreno Toselli	Takanori Saiko

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Wako University	Japan	Massimo Canali	Naoki Morishita
Universidad Nacional de Agricultura de Honduras	Honduras	Prosdocimi Gianquinto	Ector Antonio Diaz de Antunez
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agricultural Technology	Kenya	Francesco Orsini	Annah Indeche
Ecole Nationale d'Agriculture de Meknes	Meknes (Morocco)	Aldo Bertazzoli	Taoufiq Benziane
Instituto tecnologico de Pabellon de Arteaga	Mexico	Francesco Orsini	Dr. José Ernesto Olvera González
Department of Acquaculture and Fisheries Management University of Ibadan	Nigeria	Francesco Orsini	Oyediran Olusegun Oyebola
Escuela Profesional de Ingebnieria de Industrias Alimentarias Universidad Nacional de Frontera	Peru	Marco dalla Rosa	Wilson Manuel Castro Silupu
Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña (UNPHU)	Dominican Republic	Matteo Vittuari	Miguel Ramón Fiallo Calderón
Ministry of Agriculture of the Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	Matteo Vittuari	Sofía Ortiz
University of Seychelles	Seychelles (Mahe)	Paola Mattarelli	Nuette Gordon
Organizzazione Internazionale Italo Latino Americana IILA	South America	Giorgio Prosdocimi Gianquinto	Antonella Cavallari
Department of Soil Sciences and Plant Nutrition Faculty of Agriculture Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University	Turkey	Moreno Toselli	Prof. Korkmaz Bellitürk
University of Georgia	USA	Moreno Toselli	Martin Kagel
Michigan State University	USA	Attilio Toscano	Wei Liao

Art.3 Scholarship amount

The scholarships, in limited numbers, are intended as **partial** financial assistance for the expenses related to the stay of studies abroad, especially in cases where the life costs are particularly high.

The University Board of Directors decided to set a minimum threshold of 1,000.00 euros and a maximum of € 3,100.00, net of the charges borne by the Entity.

The amount of the scholarships will be determined by a Commission. The amounts of the individual scholarships may vary according to the destination and the duration of the stay abroad (which cannot exceed **SIX** months and cannot be less than **TWO** months). The winners will be notified to their institutional mail. The scholarships will be assigned upon the start of the mobility upon uploading the "Certificate of stay" duly completed and signed in the "Arrival" section and uploaded on the appropriate AlmaRM section.

The length of the study period abroad as indicated in the certificates of arrival and departure needs to correspond to what the student has indicated when submitting the application to the Call. A shorter period could imply a partial refund of the grant received; therefore, it must be immediately communicated, **before the start of the mobility**, to: distal.internazionalizzazione@unibo.it

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The scholarships may be paid on the 2023-2027 Departments of Excellence Project (*law n. 232 of 11 December 2016, art. 1, paragraphs 314-337*) financed by the MUR. Each candidate will therefore have to report in their project the consistency of the same with the reference issues relating to the Departments of Excellence Project 2023-2027. As reported in Art.5 point 3 regarding the draft of the project. For information related to the 2023-2027 Departments of Excellence Project, consult the following page: <https://distal.unibo.it/en/department/awards-and-recognitions/mur-department-of-excellence-2023-2027>. The Commission will decide on the particular needs of the candidates.

Art. 4 Incompatibilities

Students may not receive, during the same period in which they receive funding for this call any other types of EU grants or grants allocated from the UniBO funds available for mobility periods abroad. The study grant is **incompatible** with other scholarships, grants and benefits from the University of Bologna for the same destination and finality during the same period. They are also not compatible with any other funding intended to remunerate activities carried out during the same period and for the same purposes.

Therefore, students awarded this scholarship may not receive, during the same period in which they receive funding for the Erasmus+ project, any other type of EU grants (including scholarships for Joint Master's Degrees – pursuant to Erasmus Mundus Action 1, or any other EU funds) or grants allocated from the UNIBO funds available for mobility periods abroad. Double funding is not permitted. The Commission will evaluate any special cases or exceptional needs.

Art.5 Documents required

All participants have to upload the documents listed below or the application shall be invalid:

- 1) **Curriculum Vitae dated and signed**
- 2) **Annex A Allegato A - Domanda di partecipazione** attached in the official call. (Remember: you will be able to start the mobility any dates from April, 10th 2026 to October, 10th 2026, with the duration of minimum two month and maximum six months)
- 3) **Copy of a valid ID - Passport** (must be attached to Annex A - Allegato A)
- 4) **Annex B Allegato B - Tabella riassuntiva** attached in the official call.
- 5) **Self-certification** including the **ISEE** amount income; the last ISEE presented for the current in the academic year enrolment (must be attached to Annex B - Allegato B).
- 6) **Draft of the project**, stating in detail the kind of research that will be carried out abroad. The project must explicitly indicate how the degree thesis will contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field of the following topic "*Sustainable and resilient agriculture through the link between water, food, energy, in the perspective of the circular economy*"
- 7) **Annex C Supervisor approval Allegato C - Dichiarazione del Relatore** attached in the official call. The UniBO thesis Supervisor's declaration and its approval of the project, along with the consent from the foreign university and/or institution confirming their agreement to host the candidate during their stay.
- 8) For students **enrolled in Master's degree programmes** who obtained their Bachelor's degree at a different university, it is **mandatory** to submit a **substitute declaration of certification** pursuant to art. 46 of D.P.R. 445/2000, including the list of exams taken, the average grade, the number of credits earned, or an equivalent statement indicating

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the **final degree grade expressed on a scale of 110**. If the final grade is expressed using a different grading scale, an additional document providing the grade conversion is required. The document may be uploaded under the section “Other Declarations” – “*Altre dichiarazioni*”

- 9) **Additional declarations** or documents useful for the evaluation of the application.

IMPORTANT: To streamline the evaluation process for applications, all files attached to the application must be uniquely named. Applicants are required to retain the original file name and add their last name, as shown below:

- *Last Name* – CV
- *Last Name* – Annex A e ID
- *Last Name* – Annex B and ISEE
- *Last Name* – Annex C Supervisor and foreign institution approval
- *Last Name* – Thesis Project
- *Last Name* – Substitute Exams Declaration or Final degree grade
- *Last Name* – Additional Declarations

Art.6 Application procedure

All candidates have to apply by the on-line application “StudentiOnline” SOL:

- access the address <https://studenti.unibo.it>, using your university credentials
- click on the "Calls" button
- select the call for application " *Dipartimento di Scienze e Tecnologie Agro-Alimentari: Bando per l'erogazione di Borse di Studio per la preparazione della Tesi di Laurea all'Estero Scadenza il 10/03/2026 – ore 13:00*";
- upload all documents (art. 5).

Please keep in mind that it will be possible to upload the attachments by clicking on the request from the "**Request in progress**" box in StudentiOnline.

The candidate has to verify the correct receipt of the email. **The office disclaims any responsibility in case of misplaced delivery.**

To receive support in using the Studenti Online service, you can submit a request by accessing the following link <https://sportelli.unibo.it/pages/home?redirect=%2Fhd-studenti>, or call +39 051 2080301, available from Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. To receive assistance during the creation of institutional credentials (@studio.unibo.it) or in case of difficulties in their use, you can send an email to credenziali.studio@unibo.it or call +39 051 2080301.

Deadline: March, 10th 2026 – 1:00 p.m. (Rome time)

When the student will be notifying the winning of the Call, it can be asked to present their travel documents (round trip) before or at the beginning of the mobility period.

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Art. 7 Evaluation criteria

The evaluation of projects and curricula will be carried out by a specially appointed Commission, which will assign the scholarships based on the formulated ranking. The number of scholarships to be awarded will be determined by the Commission during the evaluation process, based also on the number of applications received. The Commission establishes that, in case of ranking shifts, the succeeding student may be awarded an amount based on the remaining available funds.

Merit scores, for a maximum of 100 points, will be assigned by the Committee as follows:

- A maximum of 70 points for the Thesis Project, divided into:
 - up to 30 points for the relevance of the project
 - up to 40 points for the structure of the project
- A maximum of 30 points for the evaluation of the Career (score obtained by normalizing the weighted average of grades, considering the number of credits and grades listed in the career as of the closing date of the call)

Art.8 Winners Fulfilment

The winners have to start their research abroad within 6 months from the award of the scholarship. The beneficiary must begin their study activity at the host institution abroad within **6 months** from the date of the grant award. If the activity does not start within this period and no extension has been formally approved, the grant will be revoked.

When the student is notified of winning the call, they could be required to present their travel documents (round trip) before or at the start of the mobility period.

The winners are also required to check with the **administrative office** of the host institution, prior to departure, for any mobility restrictions and any additional documentation that may be required. Should the host institution make any specific requests, the winner must immediately inform the relevant offices (distal.internazionalizzazione@unibo.it) and in every instance **prior to departure**.

If you are a student with a **visa**, ensure that it is valid for mobility both within and outside the European Union, depending on your exchange destination. Activate the necessary procedures promptly to ensure the **visa's validity before the departure**. Visa validity is not a mandatory requirement for applying to the Call, but it will be necessary before the actual start of the mobility. The University of Bologna will not be liable in the event of failure to obtain the Visa.

The credits obtained during the experience abroad will be recognized as **"81355 PREPARAZIONE PROVA FINALE ALL'ESTERO"** (81355 Preparation for the Final Examination Abroad) as foreseen in your study plan. The activity must be included by the student in their study plan **before the end** of the mobility period.

The recognition of credits will take place upon completion and the upload on AlmaRM of the final report (Allegato D – Relazione finale) that it will be sent to the winners by email.

Art.9 Privacy

As for D.Lgs. 30.6.2003 n. 196 and for GDPR UE n. 2016/679, all personal details will be kept at the Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, located in Bologna, Via Zamboni n. 33, 40126 Bologna. – and used exclusively for the compliance related to this call.

Art. 10 Publication

This call is published on the website <http://www.bandì.unibo.it/> as well as on the websites of each DISTAL Degree program. The person in charge of the procedure is Dr. Pierluigi Puccetti pierluigi.puccetti@unibo.it For further detail: distal.internazionalizzazione@unibo.it

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