



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM | DEPARTMENT
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Call for 2 merit-based scholarships of € 4608 for students enrolled in the first year of the Master's Degree in Economics and Econometrics – LM(EC)² for the academic year 2023-2024, devoted to the partial coverage of the expenses for participation to the Berkeley Economics Semester Abroad Program – BESAP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4th September 2024, 12 p.m.

(Summary in English)

1. OBJECT AND DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

In order to increase the professional and academic profile of students regularly attending the Master's Degree in Economics and Econometrics- LM(EC)², the administration announces a call for 2 merit-based scholarships of € 4608 (gross of taxes) for students enrolled in the first year of such Degree programme for the academic year 2023-2024, devoted to the partial coverage of the expenses for participation in the **Berkeley** Economics Semester Abroad Program – BESAP, during the spring term of the Academic Year 2024-2025.

2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to apply, the following requirements must be met:

- a) Being enrolled in the first year of LM(EC)² for the first time in the A.Y. 2023-2024.
- b) Having obtained one of the following certificates of English language knowledge: TOEFL (Internet Based, minimum score: 90) or IELTS (Minimum score: 7.0).
- c) Having passed (and have on your records) at the deadline of the present Call, the following LM(EC)² first-year exams: Quantitative Methods for Economic Analysis (I.C.), Microeconomics (I.C.), Econometrics (I.C.), Macroeconomics (I.C.). Moreover, the average grade of these exams, considered altogether, must be equal or above 26/30.

The above requirements must be met within the application deadline.

Candidates that do not fulfil the English knowledge requirement described in b) above, can be conditionally admitted but they will have to provide their TOEFL or IELTS certificate with the required score no later than the 16th of October 2024.

3. AMOUNT AND SETTLEMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The gross amount of each scholarship is € 4608 and it includes all social security charges and taxes to which the recipient is subject by law. The grant does not entitle to any treatment in social security schemes. The whole grant will be paid by bank transfer before the student's departure, after he/she has handed in the required documents.

4. APPLICATIONS

In order to apply, you will have to fill in the application form (Attachment 1) and include: a copy of a valid identification document, your transcript with exams, dates and grades, and your IELTS or TOEFL (if you have

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it). The application should be addressed to the Head of the Department of Economics of the University of Bologna, and be received by the **4th September 2024, h 12 p.m. (12:00)**. The application shall be sent by email to michela.sandias@unibo.it. We kindly require that the documents as listed above are emailed combined in a single pdf document.

Applications received after the above-mentioned deadline and time, or in alternative modes, will not be taken into consideration.

In their application the candidates must indicate, under their own responsibility:

- 1) Family and first name; date and place of birth; nationality and residence address.
- 2) Having one of the requested English language certificates, or the commitment to obtain and submit it by email (with the scores described above at point 1, letter b) within 16th October 2024.

The University of Bologna can check whether the declared information correspond to the truth. In case of false declarations, the winners will lose their right to receive the grant and will be subject to sanctions according to art. 76 DPR 445/2000.

5. EVALUATION

The Selection Committee will be composed by three members. The scholarships will be awarded to the first two students in a ranking that will be based on the average of the grades obtained in the exams of the four integrated courses (overall average grade not below 26/30): Quantitative Methods for Economic Analysis (I.C.), Microeconomics (I.C.), Econometrics (I.C.), Macroeconomics (I.C.). In case of equal score, the scholarship will be awarded to the younger candidate.

Students that - at the date of the deadline of this call - do not possess a TOEFL or IELTS certificate with the required score described above at point 1, letter b), must send it by email to Michela Sandias (michela.sandias@unibo.it), within 16th October 2024 (the Selection Committee has the power to decide not to award the scholarship to candidates who do not meet this requirement).

The ranking established by the Committee will be formally approved by the Head of the Department of Economics and published on the website: <https://bandi.unibo.it/> starting from 11th September 2024.

6. ACCEPTING THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship winners will be contacted by email at their institutional address (firstname.lastname@studio.unibo.it) and will have to confirm the acceptance of the scholarship within 5 days from the notification date, writing an email to michela.sandias@unibo.it. The scholarship winner will have to inform Michela Sandias of any change occurring with respect to what she/he has declared in her/his application. Payment of the scholarship is conditional to actual enrolment in the BESAP programme of which proof will be the receipt of payment of the BESAP tuition fees. Such receipt will need to be sent to michela.sandias@unibo.it.

7. COMMITMENTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The scholarship winners will have to attend at least 4 courses during the BESAP spring semester, corresponding 12+ units in the USA system.

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8. INCOMPATIBILITY

The scholarships cannot be cumulated with other grants aimed at covering the expenses of the same period.

9. RENOUNCING THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship winners can withdraw by writing an email, preferably not beyond the 16th of October 2024, to the attention of the Head of the Department of Economics to michela.sandias@unibo.it. In this instance, the Committee can decide to award the scholarship to the next eligible candidate, following the established ranking.

10. PERSONAL DATA

Personal data will be treated in compliance with D.Lgs n. 196/2003, the data controller being Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, located in Bologna, Via Zamboni n. 33.

The Head of Department
Prof. Carlotta Berti Ceroni