

Call for applications
Department of Mathematics Scholarships
for students from the Gaza Strip
who enrol at the University of Bologna
for the 2025-26 academic year

Closing date: 14 November 2025, at 12:00 PM

ART. 1 – Purpose

The Department of Mathematics of the University of Bologna is offering **two scholarships** of **€10,000 gross each** (which includes all charges to be borne by the institution and the recipient) to **students from the Gaza Strip** in order to allow them to pursue their studies in Bologna during the 2025–26 academic year. The grants are intended for students who enrol in **individual learning activities** (single courses) within the **Bachelor's** or **Master's Degree Programmes in Mathematics** at the University of Bologna.

Each scholarship is awarded for **one academic year only**.

ART. 2 – Eligibility

To be eligible for a grant, applicants must meet **all** of the following requirements:

1. Candidates must provide documentation proving that they are enrolled in the Second year or above of a degree programme in Mathematics at a university in Gaza for the 2025-26 academic year; and they must provide documentation proving that they were enrolled in a degree programme in Mathematics at a university in Gaza in at least one of the academic years 2022-23, 2023-24, or 2024-25;

Alternatively: candidates should provide documentation proving that they are currently enrolled in the First year of a degree programme in Mathematics at a university in Gaza for the academic year 2025-26, provided that they have successfully passed at least one mathematics exam or have previously won awards or prizes in mathematics.

2. Candidates must declare their intention to enrol in at least one course offered within the Bachelor's or Master's Degree Programmes in Mathematics (codes 6649, 6061, 8010, 6730, 5827) of the University of Bologna, as listed on the following pages:
 - Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics (courses taught in Italian):
<https://corsi.unibo.it/1cycle/Mathematics/course-structure-diagram/piano/2025/6649/000/000/2025>
 - Master's Degree in Mathematics (courses taught in English):
<https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/Mathematics/course-structure-diagram/piano/2025/6730/C16/000/2025>

Courses labelled **E** or **F** cannot be chosen as single learning activities, namely:

- 26337 – English Language Test B – 2
- 96811 – Internship

- Final Examination
3. Candidates must be in possession of a certificate of English language proficiency at level B2 or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Alternatively, knowledge of English may be certified by documentation proving that the applicant has attended courses taught in English.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants can participate in this call before finalising enrolment, but they must have completed their enrolment for the 2025-26 academic year when the scholarship is awarded

ART. 3 – Preliminary checks and Schedule

All applications will be checked by the University Offices to ensure:

- That the application is complete;
- That the candidate is eligible.

The outcome of these preliminary checks will be published on the **Studenti Online** platform in the section containing the details of the application.

Schedule

Applications must be submitted between **30/10/2025 and 14/11/2025**.

The results of the call will be published on **21/11/2025**.

The scholarship **must be accepted within five days** of the results being published. Failing this, the applicant will forfeit their right to the scholarship and the next candidate in the ranking list will be contacted.

ART. 4 – Evaluation Committee and Selection Procedure

Applications will be evaluated by an **Evaluation Committee** composed of Nicola Arcozzi, Enrico Fatighenti, Alessandro Lanza (substitute member: Salvatore Federico).

The Evaluation Committee will draw up a **ranking list** based on the **total score** obtained by each candidate, from highest to lowest score.

The evaluation will be expressed on a **scale of 100 points**, with a **minimum eligibility threshold of 35/100**. Candidates whose score is below this threshold **will not be eligible**.

Should two or more candidates have the same score, the **younger candidate** will be given priority.

Evaluation criteria

1. **Priority will be given** to candidates who are enrolled in the **second year (or above)**, as opposed to being enrolled in the first year, of a degree in Mathematics at a university in Gaza.
2. The commission will also evaluate the following:
 - (2a) **University courses in Mathematics** the candidate has completed and the grades obtained: *maximum 60 points*;

- (2b) **Any awards or prizes in Mathematics** won by the candidate: *maximum 20 points*;
- (2c) **Compatibility** between the applicant's **curriculum vitae** and the **course(s)** in which the candidate is (pre-)enrolled among those offered within the Bachelor's or Master's Degree Programmes in Mathematics at the University of Bologna: *maximum 20 points*.

ART. 5 – Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted via the **Studenti Online platform** (www.studenti.unibo.it) by the deadline: **14/11/2025**.

To access the platform, applicants should:

- Register on the **Studenti Online** portal and obtain @studio.unibo.it university credentials;
- Click on the **“Bandi” (Calls)** section;
- Select the call **“Department of Mathematics - SCHOLARSHIPS IN FAVOR OF STUDENTS FROM THE GAZA STRIP”**;

Applicants should upload the following documents:

- Documentation proving they are currently enrolled in a **degree in Mathematics** at a university in Gaza for the academic year 2025-26;
 - Applicants who are enrolled in the **second year (or above)**, should also upload documentation proving they were enrolled in one of the academic years **2022-23, 2023-24, or 2024-25** (as required by Art. 2, paragraph 1);
 - Applicants who are currently enrolled in the **first year**, should upload certificates proving they have completed at least one mathematics exam or provide evidence of any **awards or prizes** they have won (as required by Art. 2, paragraph 1);
- A **declaration** listing the learning activities the applicant intends to enrol in (Art. 2, paragraph 2);
- Any other documents in support of the application (e.g., attendance certificates for university-level courses, etc.);
- **Curriculum Vitae**;
- Scan of a **valid passport**;
- **Certificate of English language proficiency** (at least B2 level) or certificates of courses attended which were taught in English (as required by Art. 2 paragraph 3).

Applications will be considered **valid only if the online submission procedure is fully completed**. Paper or email submissions will **not** be accepted.

All documents must be uploaded **in PDF format**.

PLEASE NOTE: The online application procedure displays information about the status of the application (e.g. “Application submitted”) that only concerns the technical aspects of the procedure itself. This information should not be construed as meaning that the application is complete/eligible/valid for the purposes of this call. After the deadline has expired, the validity of all applications will be checked, and the outcome of these checks will be made public on the StudentiOnline platform, as detailed in Article 8

ART. 6 – Incompatibility

The scholarship is **incompatible** with:

- Scholarships awarded by **ER.GO** for the **2025-26 academic year**;
- Benefits granted to students under the **Unibo4Refugees initiative** for the same academic year;
- Any other scholarships granted for the **same purpose**.

It is also incompatible with scholarships awarded to students in **conditions of hardship**, provided by the University of Bologna and/or ER.GO for the **2025/2026 academic year**.

ART. 7 – Payment Procedure

The scholarship will be paid out to winners of the Call in **two instalments**:

- **First instalment:**

Amount: **€6,000.00**

Payment will be made **after the student's arrival in Italy** and upon **completion of enrolment** in the selected individual learning activities for the 2025-26 academic year. The instalment will be paid **by April 2026**.

- **Second instalment (balance):**

Amount: **€4,000.00**

Payment will be made **after verification** that the student has **successfully passed at least one examination by September 30, 2026**.

Applicants are reminded that completing the enrolment process entails, among other things, the **payment of the enrolment fee** required for individual learning activities.

This payment should therefore be made **after the student's arrival in Italy**, following the procedure described in the "How to Enrol" section on the following webpage:

<https://www.unibo.it/en/study/enrolment-fees-and-other-procedures/degree-programmes/enrolling-in-single-learning-activities>

Follow the links: **"How to enrol > If you are a non-EU citizen residing abroad > Upon arrival in Italy."**

ART. 8 – Award Procedure

The outcome of the selection process will be communicated by the University Administration to all applicants **via email** sent to their institutional address **@studio.unibo.it**, according to the **schedule** set out in **Art. 3**.

ART. 9 – Personal data

Information on how the personal data provided in the application for this call is treated can be found on the University Website:

<https://www.unibo.it/en/university/privacy-policy-and-legal-notes/privacy-policy/personal-data-processing>

Person responsible for the procedure: Dr Daria Zizzola

For further information, please write to: mat.didattica@unibo.it

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