Guidelines for Application

IMPORTANT: The Italian language version of this act is prevailing with regard to the exact interpretation of the rules contained within.

Introduction

This specialized courses will be in the form of a Workshop on a topic, including both lectures and tutorials offered by the local teachers and by some distinguished guest experts.

All participants will obtain a certificate of attendance and a successful accomplishment of the course is worthy 6 ECTS that can be acknowledged within the Master program.

These courses are a unique opportunity to take part in an international event, to learn a specialized topic in finance in depth, to work in contact with an important companies and to experiment professional group work in a selected multinational team.

This call aims to select students who will be allowed to take part in one of the following IP:
Advanced Topics in Artificial Intelligence in Finance (Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna)
Advanced Topics in Risk Management (University of Economics in Katowice)
Advanced Topics in Bank Risk Management (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi)
Advanced Topics in in Asset Management (University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna)

Eligibility

Students enrolled for academic year 2025/26 in the first or second year of the Master Degree in Quantitative Finance at the University of Bologna are entitled to apply to this call, in order to participate to one of the Advanced Topics.

Students who have already taken part in any of the Intensive Programmes – Advanced Topics offered by the Master's Degree Programme in Quantitative Finance in previous years will not be considered eligible.

Grants

Participation in the Intensive Programme is free of charge.
Ten grants are available for QF students who will be selected to take part in one of the Advanced Topics abroad.
The first five selected students will be awarded a scholarship to participate in an one of the Advanced Topics abroad. The amount of each grant is €200 (gross amount).

Students will receive the grant after the attendance at the Advanced Topics. Once back, they will have to send a certificate of attendance and a self - declaration stating that the student has attended the Advanced Topics **in presence** at marialuigia.loiudice@unibo.it
This scholarship is incompatible with other grants for international mobility provided by the University of Bologna during the same period.

Evaluation criteria
Candidates will be selected based on the following criteria:
- academic merit (up to 50 points);
- motivation (up to 25 points);
- English language (up 25 points).
All candidates will be acknowledged with a B2 level (no certificates are required). Certificates stating a higher level will be taken into account and will grant a higher score.
In case of equal scores, the grant will be provided to the younger candidate.

How to submit the application

Applications to take part in this competition must reach the administration office **by and no later than 12.00 on 8 January 2026,** solely via the Studenti Online app.
To use the app you need to:
1. access www.studenti.unibo.it entering your university credentials;
2. click on "Calls for applications";
3. select the call for applications you are interested in: **Unibo call for applications for the selection of students enrolled on the "Quantitative Finance" master's degree for academic year 2025-2026, to partecipate in one of the Intensive Programmes.**

To participate in the call for applications candidates must attach the following documents in pdf format:

1. Application form
2. Motivation letter (max. one page)
3. Front and back copy of a valid identification document (ID card, passport)
4. English Language certification (only if you have a higher level than a B2)

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE UPLOADED IN PDF FORMAT.

The application will be deemed valid only if the student completes the procedure shown above, complete with the requested documentation. It will not be possible to send the application to the offices in paper format or by email.

The complete application, with all requested documentation, must reach the Administration office by and no later than the deadline stated in this call for applications. The administration

office accepts no responsibility if an application fails to arrive by the stated deadline or if it is incomplete.

For assistance or guidance in completing the application online, candidates can telephone the online student Help Desk on: +39 0512099882 Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 1 pm and from 2 pm to 5 pm, or they can send an email to help.studentionline@unibo.it.
For any administrative requests please email: marialuigia.loiudice@unibo.it quoting in the subject line **Unibo call for applications for the selection of students enrolled on the "Quantitative Finance" master's degree for academic year 2025-2026, to partecipate in one of the Intensive Programmes**