



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI
PARTHENOPE



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

IUPALS – Italian Universities for Palestinian Students

Award of n.1 Scholarship and Associated Support Services for Palestinian Students Academic Year 2025–2026

Premise

The Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI) coordinates a scholarship Programme launched in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of University and Research, and the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem, aimed at students of Palestinian nationality residing in the Palestinian Territories.

The initiative seeks to enable these students to undertake academic studies at Italian universities through the award of scholarships and the provision of preparatory and integration services. A total of 97 scholarships will be awarded across 35 participating universities. Local partners include the Terra Sancta Schools and the Giovanni Paolo II Foundation.

Each participating university will offer a preparatory course in Italian language and culture, in accordance with a coordinated programme model, to facilitate the students' integration and academic success.

Article 1 – Objectives and Partners of the Initiative

The general objectives of the IUPALS programme are as follows:

- To support Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories in pursuing undergraduate and graduate studies at Italian universities, through the award of dedicated scholarships enabling their enrolment in Bachelor's, Master's, or Single-Cycle Master's degree programmes;
- To strengthen institutional cooperation between Italian universities and Palestinian academic institutions, as well as other relevant stakeholders, both in Italy and in the Palestinian Territories, with a view to promoting internationalisation, academic collaboration, and intercultural dialogue.

Art. 2 – Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the present call for applications, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Hold Palestinian nationality;



- Be resident in the Palestinian Territories, as demonstrated by possession of a valid Palestinian passport;
- Have completed primary and secondary education equivalent to the Italian high school diploma and recognised as valid for access to the Italian university system;
- Satisfy the admission requirements for the degree programmes offered by the University of Naples “Parthenope”, as detailed on the respective course pages accessible via the following portal: *Parthenope Orienta | University Orientation, Tutoring and Placement Portal* <https://orienta.uniparthenope.it/>
- Comply with the requirements set forth in the relevant Ministerial Circular titled *“Procedures for the entry, residence, enrolment of international students, and the recognition of academic qualifications for higher education programmes in Italy – Academic Year 2025–2026”*;
- Complete the pre-enrolment process via the University platform (<https://www.universitaly.it> → *International Students* → *Pre-Enrol Now*) by uploading all required documentation for the selection process, including:
 - High school diploma (for applicants to Bachelor’s programmes),
 - Bachelor’s degree diploma (for applicants to Master’s or Single-Cycle programmes),
 - Transcript of Records,
 - Curriculum Vitae,
 - Motivation Letter;
- Obtain a student visa for study purposes issued by the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem, in accordance with the applicable ministerial and university procedures and deadlines;
- Have never previously been enrolled in a degree programme at the University of Naples “Parthenope” or any other Italian university;
- Provide evidence of language proficiency:
 - Level B1 in Italian for degree programmes taught in Italian;
 - Level B1 in English for degree programmes taught in English. Alternatively, applicants may submit a signed declaration of linguistic competence in the relevant language.

Failure to meet any one of the aforementioned requirements shall result in automatic exclusion from the selection process.



Art. 3 – Benefits Granted to Scholarship Recipients

3.1 – Number, Value, and Duration of Scholarships

The University of Naples “Parthenope” shall award one (1) scholarship, with a gross annual value of €12,000.

The duration of the scholarship corresponds to the legal duration of the chosen degree programme, as follows:

- 3 years for Bachelor’s Degree Programmes (First Cycle);
- 2 years for Master’s Degree Programmes (Second Cycle);
- 5 years for Single-Cycle Master’s Degree Programmes.

The scholarship is available only for programmes without restricted access (i.e., not subject to admission quotas or entrance exams).

Continuation of the scholarship in subsequent academic years shall be conditional upon fulfilment of merit-based criteria, as follows:

- Year I: Completion of enrolment and formal admission to the selected programme;
- Year II: Acquisition of a minimum of 30 ECTS credits by 31 December 2026;
- Year III (if applicable): Acquisition of a minimum of 80 ECTS credits by 31 December 2027;
- For Single-Cycle programmes: Acquisition of at least 80 ECTS credits is required for each year beyond the third.

3.2 – Support Services

Recipients of IUPALS scholarships shall be entitled to the following services:

- Full exemption from university tuition and fees for the legal duration of the enrolled degree programme (3, 2, or 5 years as applicable);
- Access to a free Italian language course delivered by the University Language Centre (CLA);
- Academic advising and support;
- Administrative assistance for the residence permit application process;
- Accommodation at the University’s student residence;
- Support in managing bureaucratic procedures and access to both academic and non-academic services;
- Health insurance coverage for the full duration of the study programme;
- Reimbursement of the cost of an annual subscription to urban public transport.



3.3 – Mandatory Expenses to Be Covered by the Student

A portion of the scholarship amount must be allocated by the student to cover the following mandatory costs:

- Monthly accommodation fee: approximately €250;
- University-related administrative costs (insurance, stamp duty, ADISURC contributions): approximately €160 per year;
- Residence permit application and renewal: approximately €120 per year.

Article 4 – Incompatibility

The IUPALS scholarship is **incompatible** with the following financial benefits and support schemes:

- Merit-based scholarships for international students awarded by the University of Naples “Parthenope”;
- MAECI scholarships, granted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation;
- CRUI scholarships intended for individuals holding international protection status;
- Scholarships granted by foreign governments or institutions for the purpose of studying in Italy;
- ADISURC scholarships (Regional Agency for the Right to University Education in Campania);
- Any other scholarship or financial aid that may be deemed incompatible with participation in the IUPALS programme.

Article 5 – Application Procedures and Deadlines

Candidates may submit an application to only one of the universities participating in the IUPALS programme, including the University of Naples “Parthenope”. Failure to comply with this provision will result in exclusion from the selection process.

Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Article 2 must complete the online application form available on the University's official portal: <https://international.uniparthenope.it/tuition-fees-and-scholarships/> (section: *IUPALS Call for Applications*).

Applications submitted by other means, or that are incomplete or incorrect, will not be accepted.



Each applicant must also upload a PDF copy of the pre-enrolment confirmation from the University platform:

<https://www.universitaly.it> → *International Students* → *Pre-Enrol Now*.

Mandatory Documents to Be Uploaded on Universitaly

1. A valid **identity document** (passport);
2. A copy of the **secondary school diploma** (for applicants to Bachelor's programmes), valid for access to the Italian higher education system;
3. A copy of the **Bachelor's degree diploma** (for applicants to Master's or Single-Cycle Master's programmes), valid for access to the Italian university system;
4. A **Transcript of Records**, if applicable;
5. **Official translations** into Italian or English of the above documents, where not originally issued in either of those languages;
6. Proof of **language proficiency** in the language of instruction of the chosen programme (certificate or signed self-declaration in Italian or English);
7. **Curriculum Studiorum** (academic curriculum or CV);
8. A **Motivation Letter**.

Optional Documents

- **Letter of recommendation;**
- Any other documents considered relevant for the purposes of the selection process.

Documents will be accepted in Italian, English, French, or Spanish. For documents issued in other languages, a certified translation must be provided along with the original.

Applicants are also required to register for the Italian language course by the deadline indicated in the dedicated online registration form (details available in the course announcement).

5.2 – Application Period

Applications must be submitted during the following period:
From 22 May 2025 to 18 June 2025, no later than 2:00 PM (CET).

Article 6 – Selection and Award Process

The selection process will consist of two phases:

1. Evaluation of qualifications;



2. Online interview.

6.1 – Evaluation of Qualifications

A Selection Committee, appointed by Rectoral Decree, shall verify the eligibility of applicants and assess the documentation submitted, based on the following criteria:

- Academic qualifications (Curriculum Studiorum): up to 40 points
The final grade of the qualification granting access to the selected degree programme will be evaluated and converted to the Italian grading scale.
- Motivation letter: up to 10 points
The letter must clearly articulate the candidate's motivation for pursuing the selected academic path, in relation to their educational background and future professional goals.

A candidate shall be deemed eligible for the second phase only if a minimum total score of 30 points is achieved.

6.2 – Online Interview

Candidates who qualify for the second phase will be assessed through an online interview, based on:

- Their academic background (Curriculum Studiorum);
- Their language skills, in either Italian or English, depending on the language of instruction of the chosen degree programme.

The interview will carry a maximum score of 30 points.

1 Interviews will be held remotely between 7 July and 18 July 2025.

Candidates will be notified of the date and time of their interview via email. They must present the passport uploaded during the application phase at the time of the interview.

6.3 – Ranking and Scholarship Award

The Selection Committee will prepare a provisional ranking list, based on the combined scores from the two phases.

In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the younger applicant.

The ranking will be published at the following link:
<https://international.uniparthenope.it/tuition-fees-and-scholarships/>

6.4 – Acceptance



The selected candidate will receive formal notification of the award via email. They must confirm acceptance by replying via email to: scholarships.international@uniparthenope.it no later than 29 July 2025.

By accepting the scholarship, the candidate formally declares compliance with all eligibility requirements and conditions set out in this call and confirms the absence of any incompatibilities (as outlined in Article 4).

Failure to respond within the stated deadline will result in forfeiture of the award, which will then be offered to the next eligible candidate on the list.

The selected student must complete enrolment procedures at the Internationalisation and Language Communication Services Office within the following deadlines:

- Bachelor's Degree Courses or Single Cycle Courses: 31st October 2025;
- Master Degree Courses: 28th February 2026;
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Deadlines reported above may vary; visit the website <https://international.uniparthenope.it/news/> to stay up to date.

Article 7 – Payment and Maintenance of the Scholarship

7.1 – Scholarship Disbursement Procedures

Scholarship payments shall be made:

- Only after the student has successfully completed the enrolment process for the chosen programme for the first semester of the academic year 2025/2026, and is formally recognized as a full-time student;
- Only after the student's arrival on Italian territory.

Disbursement is subject to verification of the student's eligibility and submission of all required documentation.

Should the enrolment not be finalized, the scholarship shall be automatically revoked.

Payments will be made on a semi-annual basis, beginning in October 2025, and will continue throughout the legal duration of the study programme, subject to continued fulfilment of merit requirements.

Recipients will be required to open a bank account in Italy for the purpose of receiving scholarship funds.

7.2 – Withdrawal

In the event that a recipient wishes to withdraw from the scholarship after accepting it, they must notify the University in writing via email to: scholarships.international@uniparthenope.it



This will enable the University to assign the scholarship to the next eligible candidate on the ranking list.

Should a recipient withdraw from the study programme at any point during their studies, they shall automatically forfeit all benefits associated with the scholarship.

Article 8 – Personal Data Processing

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR) and Italian Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, as amended, the University of Naples “Parthenope” – as Data Controller – shall process candidates’ personal data exclusively for institutional purposes and in accordance with legal obligations related to transparency and administrative procedures.

By completing, submitting, and transmitting the required documentation to participate in this selection process, applicants consent to the processing of their personal data and assume the status of “data subject” in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 1 of the GDPR.

The full privacy policy is available at the following address:
<https://www.uniparthenope.it/Portale-Ateneo/privacy>
(section: *Informativa studenti*).

Article 9 – Responsible Officer for the Administrative Procedure

Pursuant to Article 5 of Law No. 241/1990, the person responsible for the administrative procedure relating to this call is:

Dr. Marialaura Eliani University of Naples “Parthenope”, e-mail:
scholarships.international@uniparthenope.it

Article 10 – Legal Validity and Dispute Resolution

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In the event of discrepancies or legal disputes, only the Italian version of the document shall be deemed legally valid and binding for all purposes.

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