

UNISALENTO4TALENTS PROGRAMME

CALL FOR 25 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

(ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023)

Art. 1 OBJECT

The *Unisalento4Talents* Programme is an initiative developed within the framework of the University of Salento's internationalisation policies and aimed at increasing the number of international students. The call for applications is therefore aimed at all international students who enrol in the 2022/2023 academic year as full-time students on two-year Master's degree courses at the University of Salento.

In the context of this Call, by International Student is meant any EU student (excluding any Italian citizen) and non-EU student residing abroad who has obtained a qualification valid for access to his/her chosen Master's degree course in an institution outside the Italian system.

Simultaneous enrolment at more than one Italian or foreign university, or at university and equivalent institution, or on different courses at the same university is prohibited.

In the context of this Call, enrolment means only the first year of enrolment in the first year of a Master's degree course. Enrolment in years subsequent to the first or transitions and transfers is not considered enrolment.

With the *Unisalento4Talents* Call 2022, **25 scholarships will be awarded to international students** who intend to enrol on the following **Master's degree courses taught in English**:

Scholarships with accommodation in a residence in the proximity of the Ecotekne Campus:

LM-6 *Coastal and Marine Biology and Ecology*

LM-27 *Communication Engineering and Electronic Technologies*

LM-31 *Management Engineering*

LM-43 *Digital Humanities*

LM-53 *Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology*

Scholarships with accommodation at the ISBEM- Ex Convento dei Cappuccino di Mesagne (in the proximity of the of the relevant Department)

LM-20 *Aerospace Engineering*

Art. 2

BENEFITS

Selected students will be entitled to the following benefits:

- Exemption from university fees and charges (* The regional government of Puglia may require that successful candidates pay the regional ADISU tax and the relevant stamp duty);

- Free single or double room accommodation from the beginning of the first semester of the academic year 2022/2023;
- Free Italian language course at the Centro Linguistico di Ateneo (University Language Centre);
- Assistance from the staff of the UniSalento Welcome Office in dealing with administrative procedures and with the integration of the student into university life.

Art. 3

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Call is only open to applicants who meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be either an EU citizen (excluding Italian citizens) or a non-EU national resident outside Italy.
2. The applicant must have already obtained a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Master's degree course (e.g. three-year Bachelor's degree) or will be in possession of such a qualification at the time of enrolment.
3. The applicant must have obtained a qualification in an Institute of Higher Education accredited by the Ministry of Education of the country that issued the qualification, and which, in that same country, allows access to a Master's degree course.
4. The applicant must have obtained an average of marks/grades, at Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification that allows access to a Master's degree course, of at least 24/30. For the conversion of the marks average from the foreign system to the Italian system, the ministerial formula in Attachment 2 of the present call will be used;
5. The applicant must be in possession of the specific requirements of the chosen Master's degree course (see Art. 9);
6. The applicant must have a competence in the English language of at least B2 level. This competence can be attested by an English Language certificate at B2 level or above of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (<https://europa.eu/europass/it/common-european-frameworkreference>). An applicant who has attended a degree course where English was the language of instruction may present a document from their university confirming that English was the language of instruction on that course. Such a document will be valid as a proof of adequate linguistic competence.

Possession of an Italian language certificate is not compulsory but will be taken into account in the selection process.

7. The applicant must not be currently enrolled, or have not ever previously been enrolled, on a degree course at the University of Salento or at any other Italian university, and they must not already have obtained an Italian degree.
8. The applicant must be aware of all the requirements set out in the "Procedures for the entry, stay, enrolment of international students and the relative recognition of qualifications, for higher education courses in Italy" published annually by the MUR on the site "Studiare in Italia" in the "Foreign students" section (<https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>) and in particular the provisions containing parts concerning the entry visa to Italy for study purposes with particular reference to the requirements for obtaining it, including **the proof that they have at their disposal the necessary financial resources to support themselves during their stay** (https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/2021/Circolare_2021_2022_parte4.pdf);

Art. 4

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must not have been born before 1 January 1997.

Art. 5

SELECTION CRITERIA AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION

Art. 5.1 Selection criteria

A maximum of **twenty-five (25) applicants** will be selected on the basis of merit. The scholarships will be distributed as follows:

- 4 scholarships to the 4 highest ranked applicants for the Master's Degree in **LM-6 Costal and Marine Biology and Ecology**;
- 4 scholarships to the 4 highest ranked applicants for the Master's Degree in **LM-20 Aerospace Engineering**;
- 4 scholarships to the 4 highest ranked applicants for the Master's Degree in **LM-27 Communication Engineering and Electronic Technologies**;
- 4 scholarships to the 4 highest ranked applicants for the Master's Degree in **LM-31 Management Engineering**;
- 4 scholarships to the 4 highest ranked applicants for the Master's Degree in **LM-43 Digital Humanities**;
- 4 scholarships to the 4 highest ranked applicants for the Master's Degree in **LM-53 Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology**;
- 1 extra scholarship for the fifth highest ranked applicant for the Master's Degree where there are the most highly ranked applicants.

The evaluation will be carried out by a commission of experts appointed by Rector's Decree.

Each applicant may apply for only one course.

Art. 5.2 Application documents

Applicants must submit the following documents.

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

1. Final list of all examinations passed with the relative marks/grades and the final mark (Bachelor Degree);
2. Students who have completed their studies but have not yet obtained their degree certificate – or received the final transcript of all previous examinations – must also submit an official document from their university certifying that they have completed their course programme (Bachelor's Degree) and that they are awaiting their degree certificate;
3. Document attesting to the achievement of the qualification (e.g. Bachelor's Degree certificate) required for admission to the Master's degree course;
4. Motivational letter (**maximum 500 words**);
5. Letter of reference from a member of academic staff who supervised the applicant during his/her Bachelor's degree;
6. Curriculum vitae - drawn up according to the format in Attachment 1;
7. Valid passport or any other official identification document (e.g. National Identity Card);

8. Any other document required for admission to the chosen degree course (see Art. 9).

All documents must be in either Italian or English.

In the case of any translated documents, a copy of the original must also be provided.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. It is not possible to send additional documents by email after the applicant form has been submitted.

NON-COMPULSORY DOCUMENTS

9. Certificate of Italian language. This is not compulsory, but if sent, points may be awarded for it;

10. Applicants are strongly recommended to record a short CV video of no more than 1 minute, (e.g. using their mobile phone) in order to introduce themselves and their motivations. Some examples of CV videos can be found using the Google search engine.

Art. 6

PROCEDURE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF APPLICATIONS

Applicants must submit their applications no later than 20 May 2022. This notice will be published, together with the Attachments, on the UniSalento website at the following link:

<https://international.unisalento.it/admission/scholarships-grants/unisalento4talents>.

Students interested in applying for a grant for the *Unisalento4Talents Call 2022* should apply online at the following link: <https://www.unisalento.it/web/guest/modulionline>

Only correctly completed applications will be accepted. Applicants should add the following documents:

- certificate issued by the university where they did their Bachelor's degree listing the exams that they have taken (e.g. transcript of records). Applicants with a degree for access to the chosen Master's degree course must also provide a copy of the degree diploma or certificate issued by the university attesting that the said degree or qualification allows access to a Master's degree course in that country;
- Curriculum Vitae written in English;
- copy of a valid passport or any other official identification document (e.g. National Identity Card);
- Evidence of English language of at least B2 level (CEFR) coming in one of the following forms; a certificate issued by an internationally recognized certifying body; a certificate issued by the relevant body in the country of origin of the applicant; a document from the applicant's university confirming that English was the language of instruction; or a self-declaration made by the applicant of their level of competence in English;
- any other document required for admission to the chosen degree course (see Art. 9);
- Letter of motivation (**maximum 500 words**);
- Letter of reference from a member of the academic staff who supervised the applicant during his/her Bachelor's degree;
- Any other documentation (Art. 5.2 c.c. 10 and 11).

Applicants are also free to produce any other language certificates or certifications.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

In the event of multiple applications from the same applicant, only the last regularly received application will be considered as validly submitted.

**Art. 7
DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship will cover a period of study of 12 months starting from **1 September 2022** and renewable for other 12 months from **1 September 2023**. The scholarship will end on the **31 August 2024**.

**Art. 8
RENEWALS**

In order to obtain a renewal of the grant, the student must obtain at least **30 university credits (ECTS) by 10 August 2023**. If the study plan for the first year of the degree course on which the student is enrolled provides for less than 60 credits, the renewal requirement will be calculated on the basis of half of the credits required for the first year.

The student must graduate by the last available session for those enrolled in his/her year of student intake, i.e. **April 2025**.

**Art. 9
LIST OF MASTER'S DEGREE COURSES
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SALENTO PARTICIPATING IN THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

By clicking on the name of the course, you can access all the information on the course including the study plans and the specific admission requirements:

- **Coastal and Marine Biology and Ecology**

<https://international.unisalento.it/studying/international-degree-programmes/-/dettaglio/corso/LM51/coastal-and-marine-biology-and-ecology>

- **Management Engineering**

<https://international.unisalento.it/studying/international-degree-programmes/-/dettaglio/corso/LM54/management-engineering>

- **Communication Engineering and Electronic Technologies**

<https://international.unisalento.it/studying/international-degree-programmes/-/dettaglio/corso/LM65/communication-engineering-and-electronic-technologies>

- **Aerospace Engineering**

<https://international.unisalento.it/studying/international-degree-programmes/-/dettaglio/corso/LM52/aerospace-engineering>

- **Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology**

<https://international.unisalento.it/studying/international-degree-programmes/-/dettaglio/corso/LM56/materials-engineering-and-nanotechnology>

- **Digital Humanities**

<https://international.unisalento.it/studying/international-degree-programmes/-/dettaglio/corso/LM70/digital-humanities>

Art. 10

EVALUATION CRITERIA, CONSTITUTION AND APPROVAL OF THE RANKING LIST

The Evaluation Committees will be appointed by the by Rectoral Decree. The Committees will carry out the selection process taking into account the following criteria:

- Curriculum and motivation **max 20 points**
- Final average of all exams passed or final grade for the Bachelor's degree **max 40 points**

All applicants who meet the minimum requirements **will be interviewed by the Selection Committee**. The interview will assess the applicant's technical skills, educational background, command of English and any other qualifications submitted. The maximum number of points awarded **will be 40 out of a total of 100**.

Interviews will be conducted **online**. Applicants will be notified of the date and time of the interview by e-mail and the date and time will be also published on the university website (<http://www.unisalento.it/>) on the page dedicated to the initiative. During the interview, applicants will be asked to show their passport or any other official identification document (e.g. National Identity Card).

The Commission will draw up 6 (six) different merit list which will be approved by Rectoral Decree. In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the applicant with the lowest age.

The ranking will be published on the institutional website of the University of Salento under "Albo online" and "Bandi e Concorsi".

- All candidates are admitted to the selection process subject to conditions. The person in charge of the procedure may at any time exclude candidates from the selection procedure on the grounds that they do not meet the requirements. If the reasons for exclusion are ascertained after the selection procedure has been completed, the person in charge of the procedure will disqualify candidates from any right arising from their having initially taken part in the selection procedure; candidates whose statements in the application form or statements made pursuant to Presidential Decree 445/2000 are found to be false will also be disqualified.

Art. 11

MEDICAL INSURANCE

The University will provide insurance coverage against accidents and civil liability.

Beneficiaries must take out a health insurance policy to cover any expenses that may be incurred by illness or accident.

In the event that the current epidemiological conditions persist, COVID self-certification must be submitted.

Art. 12 INCOMPATIBILITY

The *Unisalento4Talents Call 2022* scholarship is incompatible with:

- any other type of merit-based or income-based scholarship or award promoted by the University of Salento in favour of international students;
- the scholarships provided by the *Invest Your Talent in Italy* programme of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) or those provided by Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI) for students with international protection.
- scholarships aimed at international students and promoted by foreign governments or institutions on the basis of agreements with the University of Salento;
- scholarships refugee students offered within the project University Corridors for Refugee (UNICORE 4.0) for the academic year 2022-2023.

Art. 13 RENUNCIATION

Students who abandon their studies will automatically lose all the benefits referred to in Article 2 of the present Call.

Art. 14 ACCEPTANCE

Winners will receive notification of the award of the scholarship at the e-mail address that they provide on the application form. Within and **no later than 10 days** from the date of the communication of the award of the scholarship, the recipient must send an e-mail to amministrazione.centrale@cert-unile.it with a declaration of acceptance of the scholarship under the conditions of the call for applications, under penalty of forfeiture.

Art. 15 SCROLLING OF THE RANKING LIST

Successful applicants who, after having initially accepted the scholarship, find that they cannot complete the enrolment on the chosen degree course, due to personal impediments, must send their rejection of the offer by e-mail to amministrazione.centrale@cert-unile.it, within and **no later than 30 days** after having sent their formal acceptance.

In case of renunciation by any of the winners, the applicants below them on the list will be moved up accordingly.

Art. 16 INFORMATION ON DATA PROCESSING

Personal data will be processed in accordance with Regulation 45/2001 of the European Parliament and the Council of Europe for the protection of individuals, with respect to the processing of personal data by EU institutions and bodies and the free movement of such data, in accordance with Regulation 2016/679 (so-called GDPR) on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data and in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/03 (and successive modifications and integrations).

Art. 17
PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE

The person responsible for the application procedure is Ennio Guidato.
Any information may be requested exclusively at the following email: welcome.office@unisalento.it

THE RECTOR

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