



**UNIVERSITÀ
di VERONA**

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IUPALS- Italian Universities for Palestinian Students

Project CRUI: Scholarships for Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories

**CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR 1 SCHOLARSHIP FOR PALESTINIAN STUDENTS RESIDING
IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES ADMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE
PROGRAMS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VERONA**

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ART.1 Purposes, conditions and terms

The primary purpose of project IUPALS- Italian Universities for Palestinian students- coordinated by the Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI) is to support Palestinian students residing in Palestinian Territories to pursue their studies at Italian universities, by benefiting from dedicated scholarships to attend university programs and to strengthen the cooperation among Italian universities, Palestinian institutions for education and other local actors (in Italy and Palestinian Territories) to promote internationalization and inclusion.

It is a joint project between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of University and Research, and the General Consulate of Italy in Jerusalem. The local partners are the Schools of the Holy Land and the Giovanni Paolo II Foundation.

This *Call* is open to Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories, interested in attending one of the Master's degree programs listed in Article 3.

Benefits will be assigned for the academic years 2025-26 and 2026-27. Merit requirements for maintenance and renewal of the scholarship are specified in Art. 6.

1.1 During the degree program, the scholarship holder will benefit from the following:

- A scholarship amounting to **€14.000** per year of study, gross of taxes required by law, to be paid by both the University and the scholarship holder. The grant will be paid in two instalments, and it is subject to merit requirements. At the time of their enrolment, the scholarship holder will be provided with further information. The scholarship will cover the accommodation at one student residence of the ESU (Regional Agency of the Right to Higher



Education), the canteen card to access the food service at the Verona university canteens and the enrollment in the National Health Service;

- An annual intensive Italian course provided by CLA - Centro Linguistico di Ateneo;
- Exemption from academic fees;
- Laptop on loan for use;
- Counselling and psychological support;
- Dedicated tutoring, provided by the collaboration of a student taking part in the project Manifesto Università Inclusiva. A tutor will support the scholarship holder upon arrival and throughout the academic career.

ART.2 Incompatibility

The IUPALS scholarship cannot be combined with:

- study grants/prizes for international students awarded by the University of Verona based on merit or financial requirements;
- study grants awarded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI grants for those who have qualified for international protection.

ART. 3 - International Master's Degree programs available and admission requirements

3.1 Applicants can choose to apply for one or more of the following International Master's Degree programs of the University of Verona:

Artificial Intelligence

Biology for Translational Research and Precision Medicine

Computer Engineering for Intelligent Systems

Data Science

Economics and Data Analysis

Languages, Literatures and Digital Culture

Linguistics

Mathematics

Medical Bioinformatics

Molecular and Medical Biotechnology

3.2 This call is exclusively open to applicants who meet the following requirements:



1. To be Palestinians who are residing in the Palestinian Territories (condition verified by the General Consulate of Italy in Jerusalem);
2. To possess a bachelor's degree or a higher degree valid for admission to the Master's degree programs chosen among the degrees listed in article 3 and any other requirements specifically requested for the selected Master's degree programs (Annex 1);
3. To be never enrolled in a degree program at the University of Verona, or any of the Partner Universities;
4. To have attended an academic study program taught in English or have an official certificate of proficiency in the English language as specified in Annex 1 "Admission Requirements" for each Master's International Degree Program.

ART. 4 - Selection criteria and application documents

4.1 Candidates are selected based on merit requirements.

After the assessment of mandatory requirements outlined in the call for applications, evaluation of applicants will be carried out by the Master's degree program coordinators (Step 1). The first 7 applicants in the list of eligible applicants, ranked in descending order of score (see Art. 5), will take part in an online interview with a Selection Committee (Step 2), appointed by a decree of the Rector of the University of Verona.

4.2 Applicants will need to submit the following documents:

1. Valid identification document;
2. Certificate proving that the applicant holds the qualification required for admission to the Master's Degree program;
3. A *Transcript of Records* including the passed exams and the corresponding marks;
4. English language proficiency certificate as required by the chosen Master's Degree program, unless attended an academic study program taught in English (Annex 1);
5. Any other document which may be considered to support the application.

4.3 Applications may be submitted from the date of issue of the call to the 30th of May 2025, by 12 noon (UTC +2) at [IUPALS](mailto:iupals@ateneo.univr.it) (iupals@ateneo.univr.it), submitting all the required documents and specifying the selected Master's degree in the body of the e-mail.

Applications that are incomplete or not properly filled out will not be accepted. Students shall apply for one or more Master's degree programs offered by the University of Verona, but it is not possible



to apply to other Universities involved in the project IUPALS. Please note that this is a mandatory requirement: failure to comply with this clause will result in the immediate rejection of the application.

ART. 5 - Selection process

The selection process is divided into two steps:

- Step 1: assessment of documentation;
- Step 2: online interview.

5.1 Step 1: assessment of documentation

The Coordinators of the Master's Degree Programs will assess the documentation according to the following criteria:

- CV and relevance of the academic training (bachelor's degree and any master's degree) and extra-academic activities (internships, summer schools, work activities, etc.) with the objectives of the course of study (score: 0-25);
- Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA or equivalent) (score: 0 -15)

At the end of Step 1, a merit-based ranking list will be prepared, and only the first 7 candidates, ranked in descending order of score, will have access to Step 2.

Where two or more candidates have an equal score, priority will be given to the younger candidate. Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email.

5.2 Step 2: online interview

All candidates admitted to Step 2 must attend an interview with a Selection Committee. The interview will assess the candidate's theoretical background in the chosen Master's degree program(s), their technical and fundamental logical and argumentative skills, as well as their communication skills and English language proficiency. Interviews will take place in **June 2025** and will be held online via Zoom.

Candidates will be notified by email of the date and time of the interview. During the interview, candidates will need to show a valid identification document, the one uploaded for the online application. Interviews will be assessed on a 40 points scale.

5.3 - Final list of eligible applicants



The final list of eligible applicants based on merit is drawn up by the Selection Committee. Total point scores for each applicant are calculated by adding up the scores from Step 1 and Step 2. Candidates who score less than 50 out of 80 points will not be considered eligible. Candidates will be ranked in descending order of score. In case of an equal score, priority will be given to the younger candidate. The final list will be approved by the Rector's Decree and published on the relevant web page on the University's website www.univr.it. The selected applicant will be notified within 10 days of the date of the interview.

5.4 - Accepting the scholarship

In order to receive the scholarship, the selected applicant must accept the scholarship offer by replying to the University's e-mail within 7 days of receiving it. Failing to accept the offer by the given deadline will be considered an automatic withdrawal from the scholarship.

By accepting the scholarship, the candidate fully and unconditionally accepts the benefits offered by the Project IUPALS under the conditions established in this *Call for applications* and declares under his/her full responsibility that they do not fall under any of the conditions of incompatibility set out in Article 2.

5.5 - Before departure

Before moving to Italy, the scholarship holder will be required to attend one of the Italian courses organized in Bethlehem and Ramallah for the applicants of the IUPALS project, as well as to keep in touch with the University of Verona and follow the instructions given for their enrollment to the University system and the visa process, or they will have their scholarship revoked.

5.6 - Withdrawals and allocation of the scholarship

In case of withdrawal or if the requirements indicated in Article 5.5 are not met, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the final list.

Should the scholarship not yet be allocated, the University of Verona reserves the right to select an alternative candidate from the lists of other partner Universities. The eligible candidate must meet the specific requirements of the Master's Degree programs of the University of Verona.

ART. 6 - Scholarship and benefits renewal requirements



To be eligible for renewal of the scholarship, the scholarship holder must earn at least 20 University Credits (CFU) by the 30th of September 2026. To maintain the scholarship, the scholarship holder is required to earn at least 60 University Credits (CFU) by the 30th of September 2027.

The scholarship holder is also required to graduate by the last graduation session available of the chosen Master's degree, *i.e.* April 2028, after which the scholarship and associated benefits shall not be extended.

ART. 7 - Withdrawing from studies

If the scholarship holders withdraw from the degree program during their studies, they will automatically lose all the benefits of the scholarship and their residence permit for study.

ART. 8 - Processing of personal data

Personal data provided by those who apply for student support benefits under this *Call* are processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (hereinafter the "Regulation") and the applicable personal data protection regulations.

The processing of such data is carried out by the University of Verona as Data Controller pursuant to Articles 24 et seq. of the Regulation, for the purposes set out in the present *Call*, in the performance of its institutional functions.

An information notice for students on the purposes of the processing, data recipients and the rights of Data Subjects is available on the University's website, at the following link: www.univr.it/privacy.

Pursuant to Art. Article 76 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, the University reserves the right to check the truthfulness of any information received. If a declaration is found to be false or misleading, the applicant will lose the right to apply for this *Call* and/or any granted benefits.

Art. 9 - Final provisions

Further information about Master's degree programs, how to apply, application deadlines and the list of eligible candidates can be requested by contacting [IUPALS](mailto:iupals@ateneo.univr.it). (iupals@ateneo.univr.it)

This *Call for applications* is published in the University's Official Registry. Pursuant to and for the purposes of Law no. 241/1990 and subsequent amendments, the Procedure Officer is the Head of the Admissions Office, Teaching and Student Service Head Office, Chiostro S. Francesco, Via S. Francesco, 22 – 37129 Verona.



Annex 1 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Master's Degree in <u>Artificial Intelligence</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in Informatica, Ingegneria Informatica o in ogni altra area che preveda una forte formazione iniziale in Informatica, conseguito entro il 30 Aprile 2025. <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in Computer Science or related degrees, or in any area requiring a strong basic training in Computer Science, to be awarded by April 30th, 2025.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B2 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo impartito in lingua inglese. Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf <i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B2 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English. A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at:</i> https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf
Master's Degree in <u>Biology for Translational Research and Precision Medicine</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in discipline biologiche (biotecnologia, biochimica, biologia molecolare, biologia) o discipline chimiche, biofisiche e bioinformatiche da conseguire entro il 30 Aprile 2025. <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in Biological subjects (biotechnology, biochemistry, molecular biology, biology) or subjects like Chemistry, Biophysics or Bioinformatics, to be awarded by April 30th 2025.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B2 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo impartito in lingua inglese. Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf <i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B2 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English. A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at:</i> https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf
Master's Degree in <u>Computer Engineering for Intelligent Systems</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale conseguito entro il 30 Aprile 2025 nella classe L-8 Ingegneria dell'Informazione, o, in alternativa, il possesso di un diploma di laurea, laurea triennale di qualsiasi classe o qualsiasi altro titolo conseguito all'estero riconosciuto idoneo secondo la normativa vigente con i seguenti requisiti curriculari minimi: almeno 60 CFU conseguiti nei seguenti SSD: MAT/02, MAT/03, MAT/05, MAT/06, MAT/07, MAT/08, MAT/09, SECS-S/02, CHIM/03, CHIM/07, FIS/01, FIS/03, FIS/07, ING-INF/01, ING-INF/03, ING-INF/04, ING-INF/05,



	ING-INF/06, ING-IND/35, INF/01, di cui almeno 24 conseguiti nei seguenti SSD: ING-INF/05, INF/01 <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) to be awarded by April 30th 2025 in any area that requires a solid basic training in Engineering and Computer Science.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B2 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo impartito in lingua inglese. Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf <i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B2 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English. A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at:</i> https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf
Master's Degree in Data Science	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in Matematica, Fisica, Ingegneria, Economia, Informatica conseguito entro il 30 Aprile 2025. <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor or equivalent) in Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, Computer Science, Economics to be awarded by April 30th 2025.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B2 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo impartito in lingua inglese. Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf <i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B2 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English. A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at:</i> https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf
Master's Degree in Economics and Data Analysis	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in Scienze Economiche o altre discipline in ambito economico statistico e finanziario, ove siano stati sostenuti almeno 12 CFU nell'area Matematica e almeno 48 CFU nell'area Economico-Statistica, conseguito o da conseguire entro il 30 Aprile 2025. <i>Three year University Degree (Bachelor) in Economics or other fields related to Economics, Statistics and Finance, with at least 12 ECTS credits in the Mathematics area and at least 48 ECTS credits in the Economics-Statistics area, awarded or to be awarded within April 30th 2025.</i>
Requisiti linguistici	



Language requirements	Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B2 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo impartito in lingua inglese. Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf <i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B2 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English. A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf</i>
Master's Degree in <u>Languages, Literatures and Digital Culture</u>	
Requisiti accademici Academic requirements	<i>Titolo universitario triennale in ambito umanistico-linguistico conseguito entro il 30 Aprile 2025. I candidati devono aver già studiato come materie principali nel percorso universitario di primo livello:</i> - DUE LINGUE tra le cinque attivate dal Dipartimento di Lingue e Letterature Straniere (francese, inglese, russo, spagnolo, tedesco). NB: I madrelingua devono anche dar prova a livello curriculare di conoscenze nell'ambito della linguistica della lingua. - DUE relative LETTERATURE/CULTURE <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in the field of Humanities/Modern Languages, to be awarded within April 30th 2025. Candidates are required to have studied as main subjects in their undergraduate degree:</i> - TWO LANGUAGES among those taught at the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures (English, French, German, Russian, Spanish). Please note: Native speakers must also provide evidence in their curriculum of linguistic-related knowledge. - TWO related LITERATURES/CULTURES
Requisiti linguistici Language requirements	Conoscenza certificata a livello C1 (scala CEFR o diplomi riconosciuti) nelle due lingue scelte. Le lingue devono essere chiaramente specificate nella domanda indicando la prima e la seconda. Per chi non sceglie come prima o seconda lingua l'inglese è richiesta una competenza linguistica in inglese pari almeno al livello B2 (scala CEFR). Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf <i>Certification of language proficiency corresponding to C1 level (according to CEFR scale) in BOTH chosen languages. The two languages have to be clearly indicated by applicants in the admission form as first and second language.</i> <i>For those who do not choose English as their first or second language, a B2 level (CEFR scale) proficiency in English is required.</i> <i>A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf</i>



Master's Degree in <u>Linguistics</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in ambito umanistico o altro ambito che preveda una solida formazione di base in linguistica, conseguito entro il 30 Aprile 2025. <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in the field of Humanities or other field requiring a solid basic training in linguistics, to be awarded April 30th 2025.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B2 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo impartito in lingua inglese. Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf <i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B2 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English. A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf</i>
Master's Degree in <u>Mathematics</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale ottenuto in un paese estero extra-UE in Matematica, Fisica, Ingegneria o in ogni altra area che preveda una forte formazione iniziale in Matematica, conseguito entro il 30 Aprile 2025. <i>Three year University Degree (Bachelor) received in a non-EU foreign country in Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, or in any area requiring a strong basic training in Mathematics, to be awarded by April 30th 2025.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B2 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo impartito in lingua inglese. Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf <i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B2 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English. A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf</i>



Master's Degree in <u>Medical Bioinformatics</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in Informatica, Ingegneria Informatica o bioinformatica o in ogni altra area che preveda una forte formazione iniziale in Informatica, conseguito entro il 30 Aprile 2025. <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in Computer Science or Related, and Bioinformatics or in any area requiring a strong basic training in Computer Science, to be awarded by April 30th 2025.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B2 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo impartito in lingua inglese. Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf <i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B2 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English. A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf</i>
Master's Degree in <u>Molecular and medical biotechnology</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in discipline biologiche (biotecnologia, biochimica, biologia molecolare, biologia, microbiologia, genetica e tecnologie genomiche) o discipline chimiche, biofisiche e bioinformatiche da conseguire entro il 30 Aprile 2025. <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in Biological disciplines (biotechnology, biochemistry, molecular biology, biology, microbiology, genetics) or disciplines like Chemistry, Biophysics or Bioinformatics, to be awarded by April 30th 2025.</i>
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