



‘STUDENTS AT RISK’ GRANTS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS¹

Deadline: 1 December 2025 at 1 p.m. CEST

THE RECTOR

HAVING REGARD TO the Statute of the University of Verona, issued by Rector's Decree no. 5336 of 13 May 2024 - which came into force on 7 June 2024;

HAVING REGARD TO the Regulations for the establishment and awarding of study awards and grants, approved by resolution of the Academic Senate on 25 June 1986;

HAVING REGARD TO Art. 26 of Legislative Decree no. 251 of 19 November 2007 (Right to education for persons who benefit from international protection), which establishes for minors the right to access education in the manner established for Italian citizens, and for adults the right to access the general education system within the limits and in the manner established for legally residing foreigners;

HAVING REGARD TO the resolution of the 21 January 2020 meeting of the Academic Senate approving the university's participation in the *Manifesto on an Inclusive University* (MUI), a network of Italian universities of international standing under the aegis of UNHCR (UN High Commissioner for Refugees), whose primary goal is to facilitate refugees' access to higher education and promote their social integration and involvement in the Italian University life;

HAVING REGARD TO the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan of the University of Verona, which includes, within the sphere of intervention T. 9 ‘Cooperation for international development’, supporting hosting projects aimed at enhancing and spreading a culture of academic cooperation, as a space for knowledge of global and local issues, promoting values that can be realistically pursued, inspiring critical reflection and good practices;

HAVING REGARD TO the University Operational Plan 2024, which includes action T.9.1.7: ‘initiatives for cooperation and protection of academic freedom of scholars at risk within the SAR - Scholars at Risk-Italy network’, within the framework of International Development Cooperation (strategic objective T.9.1 - promoting university cooperation for development and the role of the University of Verona);

HAVING REGARD TO the resolutions of the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors of 28 May 2024 concerning the publication of an initial *Call for applications* for the provision of financial support in favour of university students holding protection status or considered "at risk";

HAVING REGARD TO the *Call for applications* for the allocation of financial support in favour of “Students at Risk” issued by Rectoral Decree no. 6213 of 03/06/2024, for a total amount of €30,000, including deductions and statutory charges;

¹ **Please note:** this is a translation of the original document “Bando di concorso per l’attribuzione di un sostegno economico a favore di Students at risk” in Italian. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the Italian text shall prevail.

HAVING REGARD TO the remaining amount of €20,000, following the completion of the allocation procedures under the aforementioned *Call for applications*, as acknowledged by the Academic Senate during its meeting held on 29 July 2025;

HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

ART. 1 – PURPOSE

A second *Call for applications* is hereby announced for the provision of financial support (grants) to university students in need of protection or 'at risk' (see art. 2) enrolled at the University of Verona, in order to carry out a concrete action to support vulnerable people and foster a culture of welcome and peace.

The maximum amount of financial support is **€5,000 per person**, subject to the deductions and charges required by law, and shall contribute to covering the following types of expenses for the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 academic years (see Article 5):

- accommodation expenses (rent and/or utilities);
- SSN registration or other health insurance policy;
- transport expenses (public transport passes and tickets) for:
 - a) journeys made from the applicant's place of residence/domicile to the University where they have enrolled;
 - b) return travel from the applicant's country of origin to Verona, or to their place of residence/domicile;
- purchase of educational materials;
- meals at ESU canteens or affiliated food services.

The total budget allocated for this *Call for applications* is **€20,000**, subject to the deductions and charges required by law.

The grant holder will also be **exempt from paying student fees for the academic years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026**.

ART. 2 – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To apply under this Call, applicants **must** meet the following requirements:

1. **be regularly enrolled** for the academic year 2025/2026 in one of the following courses at the University of Verona:

- a) Bachelor's degree (three years);
- b) Master's Degree;
- c) Single-cycle/Combined Bachelor+Master's degree;
- d) PhD programme;

as:

o **first-year students**, enrolled for the first time at an Italian university. They must hold a foreign qualification and an entry visa issued for the academic year 2025/2026;

o **non-first-year students** (i.e. **students from the second year onwards**) **enrolled at the University of Verona** starting from the 2023/2024 or 2024/2025 academic year. They must hold a foreign qualification;

2. be up-to-date with the payment of student fees for the 2025/2026 academic year and, for students in their second year onwards only, of student fees for previous years, i.e. to have paid all the instalments after the first one (if due) by the deadline of this Call;

3. be a national of a non-EU country;

4. fall into one of the following categories:

- a) applicant holding a residence permit for special protection or international protection issued by the Italian authorities or by an EU Member State;
- b) applicant who has been granted refugee status in a third country that has adopted the Geneva Convention;
- c) applicant in possession of a document proving their risk status, such as a certification issued by Scholars at Risk (SAR-status) or other recognised international organisations operating in the sector such as Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) and Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA).
- d) applicant from a country involved in armed conflict in the 12 months prior to the publication of this Call (only for first-year students referred to in point 1).

5. Applicants must also meet the following merit requirements:

o **first-year students** enrolled for the academic year 2025/2026 in a:

- a) **PhD programme**: they must have been granted admission to the programme, in accordance with the procedures set out in the relevant teaching regulations;
- b) **Bachelor's, Master's or Single-cycle/Combined Bachelor+Master's** degree: they must be regularly enrolled;

o **non-first-year students** enrolled for the academic year 2025/2026 in a:

- a) **PhD programme**: they must have successfully completed the relevant training and research activities (this must be duly certified by the academic tutor);
- b) **Bachelor's, Master's or Single-cycle/Combined Bachelor+Master's** degree: they must have achieved the following merit requirements:

Year	Minimum CFU/ECTS required	Deadline
2	25 CFU	30/09/2025
3	50 CFU	30/09/2025

ART. 3 – HOW TO APPLY

The application to take part in the competition, to be drawn on plain paper according to the template published online, is to be addressed to the Magnificent Rector, and must be sent to the University of Verona, **by 1.00 p.m. on Monday 1 December 2025** by e-mail – strictly from the student's institutional mailbox (e.g. name.surname@studenti.univr.it) – to the following address: ufficio.protocollo@pec.univr.it

The application must be accompanied by:

- in the case of **first-year students**: a copy of the visa for study issued by the relevant Italian Embassy or Consulate;
- in the case of **non-first-year students**: any document or certification proving the applicant's status as referred to in Article 2(4).

In the application, the applicant, being aware of the criminal sanctions with regard to false or misleading statements (pursuant to Art. 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000), must declare their name and surname, place of birth, citizenship, tax ID no., domicile and address for the purposes of the Call, and that they are fully aware of all the rules set out in the Call for applications.

The University accepts no responsibility for the loss of communications due to inaccurate information provided by the applicant, nor for the lack of or late communication of changes in the contact details given in the application, nor for any telematic errors not attributable to the University itself.

When applying for financial support, interested students may also request a computer device (PC or MacBook Air) on loan free of charge. This must be returned if any of the following circumstances occur:

- termination of the student's career (obtaining a degree, withdrawal from studies, transfer, etc.);

- enrolment in the second year as a '*fuori corso*' student;
- non-renewal of one's enrolment for subsequent academic years.

ART. 4 – CRITERIA FOR AWARDING THE DEGREE

Applicants meeting the entry requirements (see Art. 2) will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

n.	CRITERIA	SCORE
1	First-year students:	
1.a	Enrolment for a.y. 2025/2026	1 points
2	Second-year students:	
2.a	who have been awarded 25 CFU	0 points
2.b	who have been awarded more than 25 CFU	1 point
3	Second-year students:	
3.a	who have been awarded 50 CFU	0 points
3.b	who have been awarded more than 50 CFU	1 point
4.a	First-year PhD students	1 point
4.b	Second-year PhD students holding a certificate issued by their academic tutor confirming the passing of the end-of-year exam and the successful completion of their training and research activities	2 points
5	Students with accompanying minor children	3 points

With reference to criteria no. 5, it is specified that applications from students with accompanying minors must be submitted together with a copy of the identity document of the minors in question and of the relevant entry/departure permit to Italy.

Where two or more applicants have an equal score, priority will be given to the younger applicant.

ART. 5 – AWARDING OF THE GRANT AND ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The grant will be awarded with the final decision of the Selection Committee, which shall be appointed by the Rector.

The amount of the grant shall be paid directly by the University in the form of reimbursement of expenses, upon presentation of the relevant **payment receipts**, until the allocated sums are exhausted.

Eligible expenses must have been incurred in:

- the **2024/2025** academic year, i.e. between 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2025; or in
- the **2025/2026** academic year, i.e. between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2026;

and exclusively for the following **reasons**:

- accommodation expenses (rent and/or utilities);
- SSN registration or other health insurance policy;
- transport expenses (public transport passes and tickets) for:
 - a) journeys made from the applicant's place of residence/domicile to the University where they have enrolled;
 - b) return travel from the applicant's country of origin to Verona, or to their place of residence/domicile;

- purchase of educational materials;
- meals at ESU canteens or affiliated food services.

Expenses must be supported by documentation (invoice, nominative fiscal receipt or other payment instrument that allows traceability) proving the reason for the expenses being made, the reference month, the amount and the fact that the expenses were made by the student in question.

This documentation must be attached according to the procedures that will be indicated in the decree of publication of the ranking list of those awarded financial support.

Expenses for the categories specified in this article will not be reimbursed if they have already been covered by a contribution from another public or private administration or entity.

Grant-holders will receive reimbursement of the student fees paid for the 2024/2025 academic year (with the exclusion of regional tax and stamp duty); for the 2025/2026 academic year they will be exempt from paying the second and third instalments (if due) and will receive reimbursement of the first instalment 2025/2026 (with the exclusion of regional tax and stamp duty).

Please note that the **financial support** intended to cover each of the following expenses:

- a) accommodation expenses (rent and/or utilities);
- b) SSN registration or other health insurance policy;
- c) transport expenses (public transport passes and tickets) for journeys made from the applicant's place of residence/domicile to the University where they have enrolled;
- d) purchase of educational materials;
- e) meals at ESU canteens or affiliated food services;

cannot be combined with other contributions or reimbursements granted for the same academic year and the same type of expense.

For those who are in receipt of any contributions or reimbursements for one or more of the expenses referred to in the previous paragraph for the same academic year, the maximum amount of financial support that can be awarded, limited to types of expenses not covered by other grants and/or reimbursements, is **€2,500**, including any deductions and charges required by law.

ART. 6 – PUBLICATION OF THE RANKING LIST

The list of students eligible for financial support will be published at the following link: <https://www.univr.it/it/concorsi> > Studenti e Laureati > Misure a sostegno degli studenti.

ART. 7 - PAYMENT OF THE GRANT

In order to enable the payment procedures for the grants, students are required to enter in the online system ESSE3 the bank details of a bank account for which they are holders or co-holders (bank accounts in the name of third parties shall not be accepted). Please log into <https://univr.esse3.cineca.it/Start.do> using your login details, then click 'Home – anagrafica' and select 'dati rimborso', then click 'modifica dati di rimborso' and enter the required fields by following the instructions. Please note that failing to enter your IBAN bank details in your personal area in ESSE3 will result in your payment be suspended.

ART. 8 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

The University of Verona is the Data Controller of personal data of those who apply under this Call, in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679; 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/it/privacy.

ART. 9 – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OFFICER

Pursuant to Article 4 of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990 (*New rules on administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents*) and subsequent amendments and additions, the Procedure Officer is the Head of the Scholarships and Grants Office (U.O. Diritto allo Studio - Direzione Offerta Formativa, Servizi e Segreterie Studenti).

In accordance with the procedures established by Law no. 241/90 and subsequent amendments and additions, applicants may exercise their right of access to the documents of the selection procedures by submitting to the University's Public Relations Office, Via dell'Artigliere, 8 - 37129 Verona, the relevant form available at: <https://www.univr.it/it/altri-contenuti-accesso-civico>

ART. 10 – FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

This Call for applications, with the template of the application form, is available on the University website as follows: *Home Page – Concorsi – Studenti e Laureati – Misure a sostegno degli studenti*.

For further information for **students**, please contact Dr. Marika Ganci from the office U.O. Diritto allo Studio – tel. 045/8028475, e-mail: ufficio.dirittostudio@ateneo.univr.it .

For further information for **PhD students**, please contact Dr. Anna De Salvo from the office U.O. Dottorati e Assegni di ricerca – tel. 045/8028074, e-mail international.cooperation@ateneo.univr.it .

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