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Call for applications for the Master's degree in:

BIOLOGY FOR TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH AND PRECISION MEDICINE

Degree class LM-6 R

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Art. 1 – Available places

The University of Verona hereby announces a public selection for admissions to the first year of the Master's Degree programme in *Biology for Translational Research and Precision Medicine* for a.y. 2025/2026, for **five non-EU students** holding a foreign academic degree and residing in a non-EU country.

One of the five places shall be reserved for a candidate who is the holder of the UNICORE 7 Scholarship for Refugee Students. If the scholarship holder does not choose the Master's Degree in *Biology for Translational Research and Precision Medicine* as their programme, the place shall be assigned to candidates from the present selection.

Places not taken up by candidates referred to in the previous paragraphs shall be assigned to EU and non-EU candidates legally residing in Italy.

Art. 2 – Admissions requirements

1. Candidates must meet the following requirements in order to take part in the selection process:

- a Bachelor's degree or higher in biological disciplines (biotechnology, biochemistry, molecular biology, biology) or chemical, biophysical and bioinformatics disciplines;
- b. credit-weighted average (CGPA or equivalent) higher than 81%;
- c. certified knowledge of the English language, corresponding to level B2 (CEFR), or previous qualification awarded in the English language¹.

2. A qualification is considered suitable if its *curriculum* meets the curricular requirements and preparation required for admission to the Programme.

The suitability of the degree will be ascertained by the Selection Committee through an analysis of the candidate's academic *curriculum*.

Students who are about to graduate may also apply, as long as they complete their degree by 30 June 2025.

Art. 3 – How to apply

Applications for this Call must be made by completing the [online application form](#) as from **9.00 a.m. (Italian time, GMT+1) on 17.02.2025** and by **3.00 p.m. (Italian time, GMT+1) on 17.03.2025** attaching the following documents:

- a scanned copy of your passport (please only send the pages relating to your personal information);
- b. copy of your **three-year university degree certificate**², or a certificate of enrolment which states the expected completion date;

¹ A list of the language certification equivalence tables is available at:
<https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati333669.pdf>

² When holding a two-year Bachelor's degree, please also include your Master's degree.



- c. academic transcript (in English) for the completed degree and for any postgraduate studies completed. This should include a list of all the modules/exams taken (**transcript of records or diploma supplement**) and, if possible, details of the ECTS credits gained, the weighted average, and reference range for minimum and maximum marks;
- d. CV with study and work experience included, written in English (max. 2 pages);
- e. cover letter (where requested);
- f. certificate of English language competence, or other language certificates³. **Please note: language certificates must have been obtained by the candidate at the time of applying;**
- g. other specific qualifications or documents relevant to the application (optional).

At the end of the application process, the system will issue a receipt confirming the submission of the application containing a sequential number based on the chronological order of submission.

Any technical problems related to filling out the application online should be **immediately** notified by sending an email to admissions@ateneo.univr.it.

Art. 4 – Selection procedure and ranking list

The Selection Committee of the Master's degree programme will evaluate the applications received, taking into account only those that meet the minimum admission requirements.

N.	Selection criteria	Points
1	<i>Curriculum studiorum</i> and relevance of academic training (Bachelor's degree and Master's, if any) and extra-academic activities (internships, summer schools, work activities, etc.) in relation to the Programme's goals.	0 - 40
2	Grade point average (the scale used by the foreign university is normalised to a scale of 0 to 10) - <i>CGPA</i> or equivalent	0 - 10
3	Online interview	0 - 50
Maximum final score		100

Only the first 20 candidates with the highest score in criteria 1 and 2 will be admitted to the interview. Candidates with lower scores will be automatically excluded from the selection.

Candidates who are absent from the interview will also be excluded from selection.

The list of candidates admitted to the interview will be published in the [International students section](#) and in the 'How to enrol' section of the Programme's webpage and notified by email at least 3 days before the oral examination.

The ranking list is drawn up on the basis of the interview score plus the score awarded for the *curriculum studiorum* and grade point average.

³ For candidates from Iran or Afghanistan, 'Duolingo' language certificates are also accepted.



Where two or more candidates have an equal score, priority will be given to the younger candidate⁴.

The final ranking list will be published in the relevant [section](#) on the University's website **by 16 June 2025**, taking effect immediately.

Art. 5 – Confirming acceptance

All eligible candidates **will need to apply for a study visa at the local Italian Embassy or Consulate** and **pre-enrol via the [University website](#)** within 15 days of the ranking list's publication to confirm their intention to enrol in the Master's degree programme.

For further information, please go to: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>

Candidates will also need to submit the official translation and legalisation of the diploma and the *Declaration of value* issued by the relevant Italian Embassy or Consulate.

Candidates failing to submit a study visa application will be considered as **withdrawing** students and will lose their place in the ranking list.

Places that become vacant due to withdrawal will be assigned to candidates in order of ranking.

Information about any subsequent selection rounds and how to apply will be published in the relevant [section](#) on the University's website and in the 'How to enrol' section of the Programme's webpage.

Unsuccessful candidates are required to follow the publication of subsequent selection rounds, if any.

Art. 6 – Enrolment

Successful candidates must enrol **by 16 October 2025**, or else they will not be admitted to the Programme.

The deadlines and procedures for enrolment in the Master's degree in *Biology for Translational Research and Precision Medicine* will be announced following the publication of the ranking list.

Art. 7 – Study grants

For the academic year 2025/2025, **2 study grants** shall be made available for the deserving students referred to in Art. 1, enrolled in the Master's degree in *Biology for Translational Research and Precision Medicine*.

Each study grant, lasting one year, includes payment of an accommodation space at the ESU university residences, exemption from payment of student fees⁵ and a free daily meal at the ESU university canteen. Study grants are incompatible with any other scholarship and/or financial benefit

⁴ Law No. 127/97, Art. 3(7), as amended by Law No. 191/98, Art.2(9).

⁵ Please note: **students will still be required to pay the regional tax and stamp duty**. As an indication, please note that for the a.y. 2024/25 the annual amount was €202.



provided by the University, the Italian government or Italian public bodies and organisations, including scholarships offered by the Italian regions for regional study rights.

The beneficiaries of the study grant will benefit from the support provided by the **International Welcome Desk (IWD)**, offered by the University of Verona, for the services of residence permit application, bank account, tax code and health insurance.

It is understood that the beneficiaries of the study grant who will have to enter Italy from non-EU countries **must have personal funds for subsistence of a minimum of €500 per month (i.e. €6,000 per year), which is necessary to obtain a visa.**

Candidates who have renounced, in the 2024/2025 academic year, a similar study grant (see *Call for applications* Rep. 1352/2024 prot. No. 68065 of 7.02.2024) will not be eligible.

Study grants will be awarded to the first two candidates in the admission ranking list.

The study grant recipient(s) **must confirm their acceptance of the study grant within seven (7) days from the date of publication of the ranking list**, in accordance with the following procedures, or else they will be considered as withdrawing candidates.

Specifically, the following shall be considered as withdrawing candidates:

- those who do not communicate their acceptance within the indicated deadline;
- those who have not obtained their visa and completed their enrolment **by 30.09.2025**.

Study grants subsequently made available due to withdrawal (for non-acceptance / failure to obtain a Visa / failure to enrol by 30.09.2025) of one or more candidates, will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the order of the ranking.

Art. 8 – Processing of personal data

Personal data provided by those who apply 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/it/privacy.

Art. 9 – Appointment of Selection Committee members

The Selection Committee shall be composed of the following members:

- Prof. Daniele Dell’Orco;
- Prof. Elena Zenaro;
- Dr. Valerio Marino.



Art. 10 – Appointment of administrative procedure officer and access to information

Pursuant to Article 4 of Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990 and Law no. 15 of 21 February 2005, the Procedure Officer is Dr. Paola Tognolo, the Head of the Enrolment and Postgraduate Study Office - UO Immatricolazioni e Post Laurea, Direzione Offerta formativa, Servizi e Segreterie Studenti, Chostro S. Francesco, Via S. Francesco, 22 – 37129 Verona.

Candidates are entitled to exercise their right of access to the records of the selection procedure in accordance with Law no. 241/90, following the instructions and using the forms available at the following link: <https://www.univr.it/it/altri-contenuti-accesso-civico>.

Art. 11 – Final provisions

Any amendments or additions to the present *Call* will be announced by means of publication on the University of Verona website (<http://www.univr.it>).

In the event that false or misleading declarations are found in the documents submitted by the candidate, without prejudice to the sanctions provided for by the Italian Criminal Code and the special laws on the subject, the candidate shall automatically lose their right to enrolment. The University Administration will arrange for the recovery of any benefits granted and will not proceed with any reimbursement of fees paid. Finally, a false declaration may result in a claim for damages by the parties concerned.

Information about Master's degree programmes, procedures to follow based on the candidate's citizenship, application deadlines and procedures, and publication of ranking lists, can be requested to the University's International Office (admissions@ateneo.univr.it).

The Rector
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