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Call for Applications PNRR/TNE mobility grants for study at the Università degli Studi di Palermo Academic year 2025- 2026

The Rector

Having regard to the Cooperation Agreement signed between Università degli Studi di Palermo and the WAGON2AFRICA consortium, which formalizes the collaboration among the participating universities in achieving the project's objectives, including the mobility actions outlined in specific addenda attached to the above-mentioned Cooperation Agreement.

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The Call for Application « PNRR/TNE mobility grants for study » at the Università degli Studi di Palermo in the Academic year 2025/2026

Art. 1 – Scope of the project

This mobility opportunity is part of the **WAGON2AFRICA Project** (WATER enerGy fOOD Nexus 2 Africa), a **TNE** (Transnational Education) initiative funded under the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (**PNRR**).

The main objective of the project is the development of a network of Italian and African universities to enhance cooperation and share best practices, with a focus on the WaterEnergy-Food Nexus. To reach this goal, and foster an exchange of knowledge, skills and teaching methods on the topic, the project will set up three main actions: 1) the international mobility of students, 2) of professors and staff, and 3) advanced skills training for capacity building.

Through this mobility program, participants will have the opportunity to engage in high-quality academic experiences, strengthen international partnerships, and contribute to the development of key thematic areas such as *[insert the topic of the WP this mobility action refers to]*.

Art. 2 – Mobility grants and Eligibility

This programme includes currently 21 scholarships. Eligible participants are students enrolled at the following universities:

- Malawi: Malawi University of Science and Technology;
- Mozambique: Universidade Eduardo Mondlane;
- Rwanda: Rwanda Polytechnic;
- Zambia: University of Zambia;
- Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University, University of Zimbabwe Business School;
- Kenya: Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Strathmore University;
- Somalia: University of Hargeisa, Somali National University;
- Tanzania: Ruaha Catholic University;
- Ethiopia: Addis Ababa University

The present call is addressed to:



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- first-cycle undergraduate students who wish to enroll in a Master's degree at Università degli Studi di Palermo.
- undergraduates of Master's degree who intend to enroll in a second Master's degree course at Università degli Studi di Palermo.

Select students can enroll in the following study courses:

Master Degree Course	Department
Migration, rights, integration	Law
Cooperation, development, migrations - Cooperazione, sviluppo e migrazioni	Humanities
International Relations	Political Science and International Relations
Economic and Financial Analysis - Scienze economiche e finanziarie	Economics and Statistical Sciences
Tourism Systems and Hospitality Management	Economics and Statistical Sciences
Statistics and Data Science	Economics and Statistical Sciences
Entrepreneurship and Management - Scienze economico-aziendali	Economics and Statistical Sciences
Electronics Engineering	Engineering
Management Engineering	Engineering
Automation and Systems Engineering	Engineering
Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence	Mathematics and Computer Science
Spatial Planning	Architecture
Mediterranean Food Science and Technology	Agricultural, Food and Forestry Sciences
Environmental Science and Technologies	Earth and Marine Sciences

Art. 3 – Financial contribution

To facilitate the international mobility and the enrollment of students at UniPa in accordance with the provisions specified in the call for applications, a financial contribution is provided to the selected students, however, it is not intended to cover the full costs.

The student receives financial support from PNRR/TNE funds, which includes:

- a base amount for individual support for the enrollment at UniPa of 5,750,00 Euros
- Travel financial contribution for a maximum amount of 1.200,00 euros.

The scholarship amount is calculated on an annual basis but disbursed monthly for the first six months. Should the student withdraw before completing the six-month period, they will be required to return the corresponding portion of the scholarship received.

Students awarded PNRR/TNE mobility funding cannot receive any other type of financial support for the same period in which they benefit from the funding under this call.



Art. 4 – Selection criteria

The selection criteria for students are as follows:

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Students are selected according to their academic excellence:

- Grades throughout the academic years;
- Averages of specific modules selected by the committee;
- Linguistic capabilities;
- Other academic criteria selected by the committee

Required documents:

- CV (maximum 2 pages);
- Copy of Passport;
- Letter of motivation;
- Transcript of records of previous academic studies;
- Copy of the diploma;
- Certificate of registration for 2024/2025 academic year;

Art. 6 – Dates and deadlines

Applicants are hereby informed of the following key deadlines for participation in the programme:

1. **Deadline for Submission of Application under this Call:**
Applications must be submitted no later than June 13th 2025. Submissions received after this date will not be considered. All required documentation must be included at the time of submission.
2. **Pre-enrollment Procedure on the Università degli Studi di Palermo Portal**
Pre-enrollment procedures on the University of Palermo portal must be completed and finalized by June 30th 2025.
3. **Submission of Pre-enrollment Application on University Portal**
The pre-enrollment application on the University portal must be completed and submitted no later than July 15th 2025. This step is essential for the subsequent visa application process and must reflect accurate and verified information as required by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR).

Failure to meet any of the above deadlines or to provide the necessary documentation may result in the exclusion of the applicant from the selection process or delays in administrative and visa-related procedures.

Art. 7 – Application procedures

Application procedures:

Applications must be sent via email to the following address: iro.tne@unipa.it. Applications that are not complete according to the requirements outlined in Article 4 of this call will be automatically excluded

Art. 8 – Announcement of selection results

The University of Palermo will notify only the successful candidates of the selection outcome.

N.B:

- To be considered applications have to be submitted on time and supported with the necessary documents.
- Applications will be evaluated according to students' academic files and the interview.

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- A good knowledge of English is required for all students.
- Selected students for WAGON2AFRICA grant are not allowed to receive any other funds or work for the same period of study.

Art. 9 – Obligations of Selected Candidates

For the application to this call, it is mandatory to submit the following:

- a valid passport
- a passport photo
- a copy of your Bachelor's Degree
- a copy of the Transcript of Records
- an official Language Certification (B2 level or higher) or a Medium of Instruction certificate from your institution. Duolingo test is not allowed
- your CV

To complete the enrollment process, the following documents must be submitted:

- your University degree in original and its Italian or English legalized translation
- The Declaration of Value (DoV) issued by the relevant Italian consular section or a Statement of Comparability and Verification from CIMEA or a Diploma Supplement
- The Academic Transcript of Records issued by your university, stating all the courses and grades and its Italian or English legalized translation.

The students selected as winners of this call will receive an invitation letter and are required to apply for a visa at the Italian Embassy in their country of residence within 30 days from the receipt of the invitation letter.

In the event of selection, the scholarship offer must be formally accepted by the applicant within 15 days from the date of notification. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of the scholarship.

For information contact: iro.tne@unipa.it.

The link to the tutorial for registering on the UNIPA portal: <https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/new-students/new-students---enrolment/enrolment-procedures-for-extra-eu-foreign-students/>

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