

**Selection notice to award scholarships for Palestinian students residing in the
Palestinian Territories
A.Y. 2025/26**

This Call for selection implements the decision taken by the University Board of Directors to offer university scholarships with the cooperation of CRUI (Italian Conference of Academic Rectors), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Universities and Research and the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem, and in collaboration with partners for the promotion of scholarships for Palestinian students living in the Palestinian Territories, in line with the commitment taken by the Academic Senate.

ART.1 – Overview and benefits included

As decided by the Board of Administration in its meeting on 16 September 2025, the University of Palermo decides to offer four (4) scholarships for the academic year 2025/2026 in favor of Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories, who wish to attend a Bachelor's, Master's degree or a Single-Cycle Master's programme offered by the university in Italian or English. The scholarship consists of an allowance of € 10,000.00 (gross for the recipient) and includes:

- a tuition fee-waiver per academic year;
- accommodation at suitable facilities, including affiliated residences;

Beneficiary students are in any case required to pay the admission fee, consisting of the regional tax for the right to education (€140) and the revenue stamp (€16). This amount is non-refundable.

Any expenses incurred by the candidate, other than those mentioned above, are not to be considered as included in the grant and must be paid directly by the candidate.

Students will also be offered:

- free of charge Italian language courses at the University Language Centre;
- psychological support through the dedicated service for international students;
- support throughout the full period of studies and orientation to the services offered by the university through dedicated staff.

Scholarships run for one year, subject to renewal as described in Article 6 below.

Once the above-mentioned period has elapsed, except in the event of renewal as referred to in Article 6, students will be required to pay the tuition fees due until graduation, according to the call for applications for tuition fees and fee waivers.

The scholarships cannot be combined with any other grant awarded by other public institutions. Candidates selected for more than one scholarship must choose which one to accept. Candidates are responsible for notifying the International Relations Office (iro@unipa.it) of any incompatibility with other scholarships.

ART. 2 – Admission requirements

To be eligible for selection, under penalty of exclusion, applicants must:

- hold Palestinian citizenship;
- reside in the Palestinian Territories;
- hold, or are in the process of obtaining, a secondary school diploma (for students enrolling in a Bachelor's degree or Single-cycle Master's degree) or a Bachelor's degree diploma (for students enrolling in a Master's degree) obtained in Palestinian higher secondary schools and/or higher education institutions, and valid for access to the Italian university system;

- apply, within 30 days of arrival in Italy, to one or more unlimited-access degree programmes taught in English or Italian offered by the University, whose Call for applications have already closed, and get admission.

Applicants who fail to meet one or more of these requirements are not eligible for selection of this scholarship.

ART. 3 – Selection procedure and awarding criteria

Applicants must send their application via certified email to pec@cert.unipa.it by October 7, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

In consideration of the war conditions, the state of risk and the communications difficulties, in order to facilitate the students requests, the applications can be presented also by institutions, organizations, NGOs, associations or societies who are committed in projects or no profit initiatives to support students from Palestinian Territories so that they can come to Italy and continue their university studies here.

Candidates should provide the following documents (illustrative list):

1. copy of an identity document written in English (passport) or officially translated in English or Italian;
2. secondary school diploma (for those wishing to enroll in a Bachelor's or a Single-cycle Master's degree) or Bachelor's degree diploma (for those wishing to enroll in a Master's degree) obtained outside of Italy and valid for access to the Italian university system;
3. last two year of school records for students who have obtained a secondary school diploma
Or
4. transcript of grades for students who obtained a Bachelor's degree;
5. official translation in English or Italian of the above-mentioned documents;
6. proof of knowledge of the language required for enrolment to the chosen degree programme;
7. any additional document useful to certify their status or studies carried out.

Applicants with incomplete or partial documentation required for the application can contact the International Relations Office via email: iro@unipa.it. The possible absence of documents from points 3 to 7 does not constitute grounds for exclusion of the application. However, the completeness of the documentation will be considered a preferential requirement in the selection process.

Applications will be primarily assessed by the University Committee designated during the application phase.

Scholarships shall be awarded to the most deserving candidates based on the quality and records of their prior education, their language competence, motivation and "at risk" status.

In the event of equal merit, the younger candidate shall be given priority.

The Committee might schedule an interview with an applicant, if deemed necessary to examine their documents.

The results of the selection and the awarding of the scholarships will be available at <https://www.unipa.it/mobilita/en/new-students/scholarship-for-international-students/> starting from 13/10/2025.

Potential candidates will be required to undergo any additional selection process that the University of Palermo will deem appropriate in order to verify the specific entry requirements.

In such case, results of reallocations will be available after admission to the chosen degree programme or publication of the ranking lists.

ART. 4 – Acceptance

Candidates admitted and selected for a scholarship will receive a specific scholarship agreement from the International Relation Office with the procedures and deadlines for accepting it.

To receive the scholarship, selected candidates must:

- accept the admission and/or scholarship offer received and pay the admission fee (consisting of the regional tax for the right to education of €140 and the revenue stamp of €16) by the deadline given;
- not benefit from other scholarships or grants;
- fulfil the admission requirements (e.g. obtaining the entry qualification and/or the language certificate) within the deadline given in the admission offer and finalize the enrolment procedure for the chosen degree programme;
- meet the requirements and conditions for an Italian student visa (D enrolment);
- finalize the enrolment to the degree programme, which will be completed after verification of the authenticity of the documentations provided and the fulfilment of all elements relevant to enrolment.

Should selected candidates not accept the scholarship, or not fulfil one of the criteria above, the Committee may award scholarships to the next eligible candidates meeting the requirements.

ART. 5 - Payment methods and requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility A.Y. 2025/26

The scholarship shall be paid via bank transfer in 3 instalments for a total amount of € 10,000.00 (gross for the recipient) per academic year and includes the benefits indicated in art. 1.

Students shall be credited with the first instalment of € 5,000.00 of the A.Y. 2025/26 upon arrival in Italy and only after:

1. completing the enrolment at the University of Palermo;
2. opening a bank account (including an online bank account or a prepaid card with an IBAN) at any Italian bank or any other bank in the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) of which the student is the holder;
3. signing the Grant Agreement, through which students undertake to accept the scholarship terms and conditions and confirm that no incompatibility arises within the meaning of article 1 of this call for applications.

The second instalment of € 2,500.00 of the A.Y. 2025/26 will be credited upon registering exams for at least 8 ECTS credits by 31 March 2026 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2025/26).

The third instalment of € 2,500.00 of the A.Y. 2025/26 will be credited upon registering exams for at least 20 ECTS credits by 31 July 2026 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2025/26).

In case of enrollment with recognition of prior learning, the credits earned during previous university education do not count for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility.

ART. 6 - Scholarship renewal and requirements to maintain the scholarship eligibility A.Y. 2026/27 and 2027/28

The University reserves the right to renew the scholarship for one (1) academic year for students enrolled in a Master's degree programme, or for two (2) academic years for students enrolled in a Bachelor's degree programme.

The total amount for each year of renewal will be determined separately and paid in three installments on the basis of the fulfilment of the following merit requirements:

- First instalment of A.Y. 2026/27: at least 30 ECTS credits by 30th September 2026;
- Second instalment of A.Y. 2026/27: at least 48 ECTS credits by 31st March;
- Third instalment of A.Y. 2026/27: at least 60 ECTS credits by 31st July;

Only for Bachelor's degree students:

- First instalment of A.Y. 2027/28: at least 80 ECTS credits by 30th September 2027;
- Second instalment of A.Y. 2027/28: at least 96 ECTS credits by 31st March;
- Third instalment of A.Y. 2027/28: at least 110 ECTS credits by 31st July 2028.

Specific duly reasoned situations where the aforementioned merit requirement threshold is not reached, shall undergo examination by the designated University Committee appointed for the selection and award procedure of the scholarship in question.

ART. 7 – Revocation of the scholarship

If the aforementioned merit requirements are not met within the deadline, the payment of the scholarship shall be stopped.

The University of Palermo is entitled to revoke scholarships when:

1. students transfer to another University or withdraw from studies and in any case of loss of student status at the University of Palermo.

In case of revocation, students shall pay back the amount of the scholarship already received in proportion to the period of attendance of the course of study.

Specific duly reasoned situations, shall undergo examination by the designated University Committee.

ART. 8 - Processing of personal data statement

Personal data shall be processed in compliance with the principles and provisions of EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation) and for the sole purposes of competition procedure.

The Administration reserves the right to check the truthfulness of the admission and incompatibility requirements. Without prejudice to the criminal sanctions provided for in art. 76 of Italian Presidential Decree DPR no. 445/2000, should checks prove statements to be false, the scholarship recipient shall lose the benefit eligibility.

ART. 9 – Dispute resolution



This call for selection is translated into English for informational purposes only. Should any disputes arise and for all legal purposes, only the Italian version shall be considered valid.

ART. 10 – Final Provisions

The person responsible for the procedure is Valeria Floriano, Director of the International Relation Office.

For further information please email: iro@unipa.it

The Rector
f.to Prof. Massimo Midiri



Annex 1

APPLICATION TEMPLATE

Scholarships for Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories Università degli Studi di Palermo
Academic Year 2025- 2026

Name	
Surname	
Gender	
Nationality	
Number of passport	
Expiration date	
Current study level	
Area of studies	
University in the Home country	
Selected study course at the University of Palermo	

I am attaching

Copy of passport	
Passport photo	
CV	
Letter of motivation	
Copy of Bachelor's degree (if already completed)	
Copy of Transcript of records from previous academic studies	
Certificate of registration for 2024/2025 academic year	
Official language from your institution.	

I hereby consent to the processing of the data I provided. I declare my agreement with the data protection regulations GDPR (EU Regulation 2016/679).

Date _____

Name and signature