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MODENA E REGGIO EMILIA

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR PALESTINIAN STUDENTS RESIDING IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

IUPALS Italian Universities for Palestinian Students

Art.1 - Subject

The University of Modena and Reggio Emilia is participating in the project “IUPALS – Italian Universities for Palestinian Students”, coordinated by the Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI) and promoted in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR), and the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem. The primary aim of the initiative is to enable students residing in the Palestinian Territories to pursue university studies in Italy starting from the academic year 2025/2026, by supporting them with dedicated scholarships, financial benefits, and services throughout a full cycle of university education. The project also seeks to strengthen cooperation between Italian universities, Palestinian educational institutions, and other stakeholders operating locally—both in Italy and in the Palestinian Territories—to promote international cooperation and cultural integration.

Art. 2 - Recipients and access requirements

In order to take part in the selection process, under penalty of exclusion, applicants must:

1. Hold Palestinian citizenship;
2. Be residents of the Palestinian Territories;
3. Hold, or be about to obtain, a secondary school diploma (for those applying to a bachelor’s degree or a single-cycle master’s degree programme) or a university degree (for those applying to a master’s degree programme), valid for admission to the Italian university system;
4. Be admitted to the standard selection procedures.

OR

4.bis apply to one or more of the University's English- and Italian-language open access degree programmes and be eligible for admission in the extraordinary selection that will be announced only for courses for which selections have already been closed.

The curricular requirements can be found on the pages of each degree programme published at <https://www.unimore.it/en/education/degree-programmes>

Failure to meet one or more of the above requirements will automatically result in ineligibility for participation in the selection process for the scholarship award.

5. Have achieved at least a B2 level of proficiency in either Italian or English, depending on the language of instruction of the chosen degree programme.
6. Not be enrolled in another degree program at any other Italian university.
7. Not have previously obtained a degree at the same academic level from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia or any other Italian university.

Art. 3 - Scholarship application procedure

Students must:

1. apply for the scholarship by filling in the attached form;

2. register for the Italian language course by the deadline indicated in the specific [online registration form](#) provided in the course announcement);
3. follow and successfully complete the Italian course provided within the project. The courses will start in June 2025 and continue until October 2025. Attendance of at least 70% of the classes is required in order to receive the certificate of participation. The lessons will be divided into 24 hours per month of synchronous activities and 24 hours per month of asynchronous activities.
4. enrol in an academic degree programme among those offered by the university to which the scholarship application was submitted, following the national procedures for the entry, residence, and enrolment of international students. Pre-enrolment must be managed exclusively via the University platform, 'International Students' section. University - The 10-steps-path to Study in Italy: <https://www.universitaly.it/first-steps>
5. apply for a study visa at the Italian Consulate General Offices in Jerusalem within the timeframe defined by current procedures <https://consgerusalemme.esteri.it/en>

Art. 4 - How to apply

The application must be submitted **no later than 1 September 2025**, exclusively using the application form attached to this call, which forms an integral part of it.

The following documents must be attached to the application:

1. A copy of an identity document (passport), or an official translation in English or Italian;
2. A copy of the secondary school diploma (for those applying to a bachelor's or single-cycle master's degree) or a university degree (for those applying to a master's degree) obtained outside of Italy, valid for admission to the Italian university system;
3. Transcripts from the last two years of study for students who have obtained a secondary school diploma, or transcript of grades for students who have obtained a first-cycle degree;
4. Any official translation into English or Italian of the above documents, if they were not originally issued in English or Italian;
5. Proof of language proficiency required for admission to the chosen programme. For programmes delivered in the Italian language only, proof of attendance and subsequent completion of the Italian language course delivered as part of the project;
6. Any additional documentation useful for certifying the applicant's status or previous studies;
7. Motivation letter.

In case of difficulties in providing the necessary documentation for the application, applicants may contact the International Welcome Desk at internationalwelcome-desk@unimore.it.

All required attachments are mandatory, under penalty of exclusion from the selection process. Applications submitted by any other means will not be accepted.

For further information, please contact the Student Services Directorate at servizi.studenti@unimore.it

The merit ranking will be published on the university's online noticeboard at <https://titulus-unimore.cineca.it/albo/>.

Art. 5 - Amount, Payment Methods, and Additional Benefits

The scholarship is worth €10,500.00 per year and will be provided by the Regional Agency for the Right to Higher Education (ER.GO), paid in instalments as determined by the regulations outlined in the university's grant benefits call (in instalments), with deductions for costs related to health insurance, accommodation, and partial coverage of living expenses. ER.GO contributes further to the catering service.

The scholarship payment is subject to the actual enrolment in the chosen programme and the fulfilment of the following merit requirements:

- First year: Actual admission and enrolment in the chosen programme;
- Subsequent years: Earning the required number of university credits (CFU) by the date of publication of the scholarship benefits call for the university studies rights.

The scholarship entitles the recipient to the following benefits:

- Full exemption from paying the university fee;
- Health coverage;
- Accommodation;
- Partial coverage of living expenses.

In addition, each beneficiary will have access to the following services provided by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia:

- Italian language course during the academic programme;
- Tutoring service;
- Administrative support service;
- Psychological support service.

Tuition Fees: The student benefiting from the "IUPALS – Italian Universities for Palestinian Students" scholarship will pay the stamp duty, regional tax, and insurance coverage based on the amounts determined for each academic year by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia's benefits and student contribution notice.

Art. 6 – Selection Procedure and Award Criteria

Applications must be submitted via email to servizi.studenti@unimore.it by 1 September 2025. Applicants may apply for a maximum of three degree programmes. The application fee is not required for the submission of the application. Applications will initially be assessed by the Programme Coordinator of the chosen degree programme, as indicated by the student during the application process. In the second instance, the applications will be reviewed by the Delegate for Teaching. The scholarship will be awarded to the most deserving applicants, based on the quality and results of their previous academic career, language proficiency, motivation, and risk status. In case of equal scores, preference will be given to female applicants and younger applicants. The Delegate for Teaching reserves the right to invite applicants for an interview should further clarification of the submitted documentation be deemed necessary. The results of the scholarship allocation will be published on the University noticeboard from 30 September 2025.

Art. 7 - Award criteria

The scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- a) Academic record – up to 40 points. The grade of the qualification granting access to the chosen degree programme at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia will be assessed and converted according to the Italian grading system.
- b) Motivational letter – up to 60 points.

Applicants must explain their motivation for undertaking the selected academic path, with reference to their educational background and future professional goals. Eligibility requires a minimum overall score of 60 out of 100.

The selected candidate must confirm acceptance or formally decline the scholarship within 7 days of the publication of the ranking list by sending an email to the Student Services Office at: servizi.studenti@unimore.it.

Failure to accept within this deadline will automatically be considered a WITHDRAWAL from the scholarship.

The scholarship award will only be deemed final once enrolment in the chosen degree programme has been duly completed.

Art. 8 - Incompatibility

The "IUPALS - Italian Universities for Palestinian Students" scholarship for the academic year 2025/2026 is incompatible with any other scholarship, public or private, received for the same academic year.

Art. 9 - Head of administrative procedure

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person in charge of the administrative procedure referred to in this call is Giuseppe Gatti - University of Modena and Reggio Emilia- email: servizi.studenti@unimore.it

Art. 10 - Processing of personal data

Information on the processing of personal data provided with the application is published at <https://www.unimore.it/it/privacy>