



**UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI
DI BERGAMO**

Area Didattica
e Servizi agli studenti

Settore Relazioni Internazionali

CALL for APPLICATIONS "IUPALS (Italian University for Palestine)" (Academic year 2025/2026)

ART. 1 - Subject, amount and duration

In order to support the inclusion of Palestinian students in the University Italian contest, the **IU-PALS (Italian University for Palestine) initiative**, coordinated by **CRUI (Conference of Italian University Rectors)**, offers a specific scholarship programme.

Within this framework, the University of Bergamo offers no. **1 scholarship to Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories** who wish to pursue a graduate (Master's) degree program in Italy.

The benefit of the scholarship is granted for the achievement of one of our Master's degrees:

<https://en.unibg.it/study/degrees/graduate>

Students will not be allowed to enroll to the limited access programs:

- Clinical Psychology

The benefits include:

- A scholarship of 20.000,00 Euro gross **(including all charges for the beneficiary)** for 2 years (10.000,00 Euro gross); the study grant is awarded for two academic years only and amounts to a total of € 20,000 (€ 10,000 year) including all charges for the beneficiary's account. It is not possible to quantify the net amount; candidates must consider at least a 23% IRPEF tax. These percentages are indicative and valid only for 2025 year.
- A daily meal in Unibg student canteen (lunch, 5 days/week)
- Annual bus service subscription for University of Bergamo students (for the 2025-2026 a.y.)
- Pre-enrollment fee and tuition fee exemption (only the regional fee of 156,00 Euro will have to be paid)
- Full support from the International Desk staff and by teaching staff in charge of the project.
- Italian Course organized by the Language Center of the University of Bergamo
- Psychological support and tutoring
- Assistance with residence permit and access to services

The scholarship will cover the costs of the following expenses, typically borne by students themselves:

- Accommodation
- Health insurance coverage

Please note that accommodation and health insurance expenses are intended to be covered by the funding provided as a scholarship, so they will be borne by the students themselves.

The University will support the scholarship beneficiary in order to find the best solution through its Accommodation Service.

ART. 2 - Incompatibility

These study grants cannot supplement study grants/prizes issued by the University of Bergamo, the Regional Board for the Right to Higher Studies (Students' Aid Service), the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), and CRUI grants for beneficiaries of international protection, or issued within the Erasmus Mundus program.

ART. 3 - Admission requirements

Application is open exclusively to candidates who are in possession of all of the following requirements:



1. have Palestinian citizenship and reside in the Palestinian Territories
2. be in possession of a valid qualification for enrolment in a Master's degree in Italy
3. not to be enrolled in another Italian university for the academic year 2024/2025 or 2025/2026 (transfers from other Italian universities are not admissible);
4. have adequate knowledge of the English language (minimum B2 level).
A language certificate is preferred, but in its absence, proficiency will be assessed during the selection interview.
5. be at least 18 years old at the moment of the application.

Candidates must also meet the specific admission requirements to the selected course of study, which can be found by accessing the page: <https://en.unibg.it/study/degrees>.

ART. 4 - Applications: terms and procedures

Applications must be submitted from the publication date of the call to **31st May 2025 at 10.00 am (CET)**.

Applications must be uploaded through the google form <https://forms.gle/Ke49dSTVEpXUKKgR7>

Please note:

The application is only valid if the student attaches all the required documents, namely:

1. copy of passport or other valid identification document;
2. documentation certifying the qualification required for admission to the chosen degree program, and in particular Bachelor's degree for access to a master's degree course;
3. certificate of the exams taken with grades (Transcript of records);
4. an updated version of the candidate's Curriculum Vitae;
5. a motivational letter from the candidate;
6. English minimum B2 level certificate (if in possession)
7. certificate of comparability issued by CIMEA or Declaration of Value (if in possession)

The entry qualification documents are accepted in the following languages:
English/Italian.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted and documents will not be returned.

The University reserves the right to request any other document deemed necessary for a more complete evaluation of the application.

In the event that of vacancy, the University of Bergamo reserves the right to assess candidates who have applied to other partner universities and have not been assigned under the project, if in time to complete the application process.

ART. 5 - Candidates' selections

All requests will be evaluated by a University Committee.

The evaluation of the applications received will be carried on the basis of the following criteria:

- quality of the candidate's curriculum vitae and relative previous studies;
- relevance of the qualifications presented to the selected degree course;
- English level
- motivational letter presented by the candidate.

In order to define the ranking, the University reserves the right to use an interview to ascertain the skills of the candidate, to be carried out online.



The communication of the interview, with the relative procedures, will be sent to the e-mail address indicated during registration.

In the event of a tie, the scoring will be done according to the following criteria (in order of preference):

- the age of the candidates (a preference will be accorded to the younger candidate);
- the order of arrival of the applications (a preference will be accorded to the first application submitted).

ART. 6 – Acceptance, withdrawal and failure to confirm

Successful applicants will be notified by e-mail. They are then required to confirm their acceptance of the grant within the next ten days contacting the International Office (international.students@unibg.it), answering to the email and fixing an appointment in order to complete their enrollment.

Acceptance must be full and without reserve, at the conditions stated in the call for applications. In this statement, successful candidates must also confirm, under their own full responsibility, that they do not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility stated in article 2 of this call for applications.

In case of withdrawal of the scholarship or lack of acceptance communication by the deadline the scholarship will be transferred to another eligible candidate.

ART. 7 – Payment of the scholarship

The study grant will be paid in 8 installments:

- November 2025 (if candidate arrives by October 10th)
- February 2026
- May 2026
- August 2026
- November 2026
- February 2027
- May 2027
- August 2027

Payment of the grant is made by bank transfer to the pre-paid BANCA INTESA electronic card, which is issued to students free of charge upon enrollment.

In case of inactive badge, on alternative IBAN of a current account opened in Italy or in another country of the European Union or of a prepaid card.

ART. 8 – Access to the scholarship and renewal requirements

Art. 8.1 Access to the scholarship

Winners will receive detailed information on how to access to the benefits by e-mail.

Art. 8.2 Renewal requirements

First year: by August 10, 2026: **30 CFU/credits**.

Second year: by August 10, 2027: **60 CFU/credits**.

ART. 9 – Information notice concerning data processing

The personal data provided by the applicants will be processed in compliance with the principles and provisions of the Italian Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 (Data Protection Act) and e EU Regulation 2016/679, in any case exclusively for the purposes of this call for applications.



The data will be processed using both electronic and paper methods. The provision of the requested data is compulsory for the purposes of application processing; University of Bergamo could communicate the data only to other Public Administrations.

The Data Protection Responsible is the lawyer Mrs. Michele Gorga, e-mail: dpo@unibg.it

The Data Processor for the purpose of exercising your rights is the Chancellor (prof. Sergio Cavalieri).

ART. 10 - Language

This call is made only in English for a better understanding of the contents.

ART. 11 - Transitional and finale measures

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truth of the information provided. Without prejudice to the penal sanctions laid down in article 76 of Italian Decree of the President of the Republic no. 445/2000, in the event of fraudulent information being discovered as a result of such verification, the applicant will forfeit the right to the study grant.

ART. 12 - Reports of violations that harm the public interest or the integrity of the university

In accordance with the provisions of Legislative Decree No. 24/2023 (concerning the protection of individuals who report violations of European Union law and national legal provisions), candidates participating in this selection procedure may report to the University's Anti-Corruption and Transparency Officer (RPCT) any behaviours that harm the public interest or the integrity of the Administration. Those making reports are guaranteed the protective measures outlined in Chapter III of Legislative Decree No. 24/2023. Additionally, whistleblowers are guaranteed special protection of their personal identity, provided that the reports are submitted through the dedicated channels set up by the Administration, namely the specific online platform accessible at the following web address:

<https://unibg.whistleblowing.it/>

or, alternatively, via the voicemail service available at the following phone number: 035 2052 160.

Further information is available on the University's official website, in the Transparent Administration section, at the following link: <https://trasparenza.unibg.it/amministrazione-trasparente/altri-contenuti/prevenzione-corrruzione>

For information, please contact

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Office hours:

- Monday from 9.30 am to 12.30 am, from 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm
- Thursday from 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm

THE RECTOR
(Prof. Sergio Cavalieri)

Digitally signed according to the art. 24 of Legislative Decree 82/2005

Deadline for applications: 31st May 2025 - h. 10.00 am (CET)

Bergamo, as per protocol register