



**UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI
DI BERGAMO**

Area Formazione e
Servizi agli Studenti

Settore Relazioni Internazionali
Servizio Welcome Office

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: "PALESTINE STUDENT GRANTS" (Academic year 2026/2027)

ART. 1 – Subject, amount and duration

To support the inclusion of Palestinian students in the Italian university system, the University of Bergamo offers two scholarships to Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories who wish to pursue a graduate (Master's) degree programme in Italy.

The scholarship may be used to pursue one of the University's Master's degree programmes:

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

Students may not enrol in the following limited-admission programme:

- Clinical Psychology

The benefits include:

- A scholarship totalling €20,000 gross for two academic years (€10,000 gross per year), including all charges borne by the beneficiary. The net amount cannot be determined in advance; candidates should allow for IRPEF income tax of at least 23%. This percentage is indicative and applies only to 2026.
- One meal per day at the University of Bergamo student canteen (lunch, five days a week)
- An annual public transport pass for University of Bergamo students (for the 2026/2027 academic year)
- Exemption from the pre-enrolment fee and tuition fees (only the regional fee of €146.00 must be paid)
- Full support from the International Desk staff and the academic staff responsible for the project
- An Italian language course organised by the University of Bergamo Language Centre
- Psychological support and tutoring
- Assistance with obtaining a residence permit and accessing services
- Health insurance coverage for 2026, 2027 and 2028

The scholarship is intended to cover the following expenses, which are normally borne directly by students:

- Accommodation
- Meals not provided directly by the University

Please note that accommodation and meal expenses are intended to be covered by the scholarship and must therefore be paid by the students themselves.

The University will assist scholarship recipients in finding the most suitable accommodation through its Accommodation Service.

ART. 2 – Incompatibility

These scholarships may not be combined with scholarships or prizes awarded by the University of Bergamo, the Regional Board for the Right to Higher Education (Student Support Service), the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), CRUI scholarships for beneficiaries of international protection, or grants awarded under the Erasmus Mundus programme.

ART. 3 – Admission requirements

Applications are open exclusively to candidates who meet all of the following requirements:

1. hold Palestinian citizenship and reside in the Palestinian Territories;
2. hold a valid qualification for admission to a Master's degree programme in Italy;



3. not be enrolled at another Italian university in the 2024/2025 or 2025/2026 academic year (transfers from other Italian universities are not permitted);
4. have an adequate command of English (minimum B2 level); preferably hold a language certificate; if no certificate is available, proficiency will be assessed during the selection interview;
5. be at least 18 years old at the time of application.

Candidates must also meet the specific admission requirements for the selected degree programme, available at: <https://en.unibg.it/study/courses/graduate>

ART. 4 – Applications: deadlines and procedures

Applications must be submitted between the publication date of this call and **14 September 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** (CET).

Applications must be submitted using the Google Form available at <https://forms.gle/fBje9NHkzdBzN9nX8>

Please note:

An application is valid only if the applicant submits all the required documents, namely:

1. a copy of the applicant's passport or another valid identity document;
2. documents certifying the qualification required for admission to the chosen degree programme, specifically a Bachelor's degree for admission to a Master's degree programme;
3. an academic transcript listing the examinations taken and the grades obtained;
4. an up-to-date curriculum vitae;
5. a motivation letter;
6. a certificate demonstrating English proficiency at a minimum B2 level (if available);
7. a CIMEA Statement of Comparability or a Declaration of Value (if available).

Qualification documents are accepted in the following languages:
English or Italian.

Applicants are kindly encouraged to submit their applications as complete as possible, including all the required supporting documentation.
Submitted documents will not be returned.

The University reserves the right to request any additional documents deemed necessary for a more comprehensive assessment of the application.

If places remain available, the University of Bergamo reserves the right to assess candidates who applied to other partner universities but were not selected under the project, provided that there is sufficient time to complete the application process.

ART. 5 – Selection of candidates

All applications will be assessed by a University committee.

Applications will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- the quality of the candidate's curriculum vitae and previous academic record;
- the relevance of the qualifications submitted to the selected degree programme;
- English language proficiency;
- the candidate's motivation letter.



For the purpose of establishing the ranking, the University reserves the right to conduct an online interview to assess the candidate's skills.

Details of the interview and the relevant procedures will be sent to the email address provided in the application.

In the event of a tie, the following criteria will apply in order of priority:

- the candidates' age (preference will be given to the younger candidate);
- the order in which applications were received (preference will be given to the application submitted first).

ART. 6 – Acceptance, withdrawal and failure to confirm

Successful applicants will be notified by email. They must confirm acceptance of the scholarship within ten days by contacting the International Office (international.students@unibg.it), replying to the notification email and arranging an appointment to complete enrolment.

Acceptance must be unconditional and subject to the terms set out in this call for applications. In their acceptance statement, successful candidates must also declare, under their own responsibility, that none of the incompatibility conditions set out in Article 2 of this call applies to them.

If a successful candidate withdraws or fails to communicate acceptance by the deadline, the scholarship will be awarded to another eligible candidate.

ART. 7 – Payment of the scholarship

The scholarship will be paid in eight instalments:

- November 2026 (if the candidate arrives by 15 October)
- February 2027
- May 2027
- August 2027
- November 2027
- February 2028
- May 2028
- August 2028

The scholarship will be paid by bank transfer to the prepaid Banca Intesa electronic card issued to students free of charge upon enrolment.

If the University badge is inactive, payment will be made to an alternative IBAN linked to a bank account or prepaid card held in Italy or another European Union country.

ART. 8 – Access to the scholarship and renewal requirements

Art. 8.1 – Access to the scholarship

Successful candidates will receive detailed information by email on how to access the benefits.

Art. 8.2 – Renewal requirements

First year: 20 CFU/credits must be obtained by 10 August 2027.

ART. 9 – Information notice on the processing of personal data

The personal data provided by applicants will be processed in accordance with the principles and provisions of Italian Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 (Personal Data Protection Code) and EU Regulation 2016/679, exclusively for the purposes of this call for applications.



Data will be processed in both electronic and paper form. Providing the requested data is mandatory for the purpose of processing applications. The University of Bergamo may disclose the data only to other public administrations.

The Data Protection Officer is Liguria Digitale; email: dpo@unibg.it.

The Data Controller to whom requests to exercise data protection rights should be addressed is the Rector, Prof. Sergio Cavalieri.

ART. 10 – Language

This call for applications is issued in English only to facilitate understanding of its contents.

ART. 11 – Transitional and final provisions

The Administration reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the information provided. Without prejudice to the criminal penalties laid down in Article 76 of Italian Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, if such verification reveals that false information has been provided, the applicant will forfeit the scholarship.

ART. 12 – Reporting violations that harm the public interest or the integrity of the University

Pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 24/2023 (on the protection of persons who report breaches of European Union law and national legislation), candidates participating in this selection procedure may report to the University's Anti-Corruption and Transparency Officer (RPCT) any conduct that harms the public interest or the integrity of the Administration. Reporting persons are entitled to the protective measures set out in Chapter III of Legislative Decree No. 24/2023. Whistleblowers are also guaranteed specific protection of their identity, provided that reports are submitted through the dedicated channels established by the Administration, namely the online platform available at:

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

Alternatively, reports may be submitted through the voicemail service at +39 035 2052 160. Further information is available in the "Transparent Administration" section of the University's official website at: <https://trasparenza.unibg.it/amministrazione-trasparente/altri-contenuti/prevenzione-corruzione>

For further information, please contact:

Fax: +39 035 2052198

Email: international.students@unibg.it

Office hours:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 1:45–3:45 p.m.

- Thursday: 1:45–3:45 p.m.

THE RECTOR
(Prof. Sergio Cavalieri)

Digitally signed pursuant to Article 24 of Legislative Decree No. 82/2005

Application deadline: 14 September 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (CET).

Bergamo, date as per protocol register