

**IUPALS Project – Italian Universities for Palestinian Students<sup>1</sup>**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARDING OF TWO SCHOLARSHIPS TO  
PALESTINIAN STUDENTS RESIDING IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES  
2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR  
(Issued with Rectoral Decree No. 1607/25 of 8 May 2025)**

**ART. 1 – Subject, purpose of the call, and eligible applicants**

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As part of the IUPALS Project – Italian Universities for Palestinian Students, coordinated by the Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI) in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of University and Research, and the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem, Tor Vergata University of Rome hereby issues a call for applications for **2 scholarships** in favour of Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories, with the aim of supporting access to international academic training opportunities in Italy.

The **two scholarships** are allocated as follows:

- **One scholarship** for enrolment in a Bachelor's Degree programme (non-restricted access) in the 2025/2026 academic year;
- **One scholarship** for enrolment in a Master's Degree programme (non-restricted access) in the 2025/2026 academic year.

**ART. 2 – Scholarship structure, duration, and funding**

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Each scholarship is valued at approximately €12,000 per year and will be disbursed in the form of service-based benefits, starting from the 2025/2026 academic year. The scholarship will cover:

- University tuition fees;
- Accommodation in Italy;
- Meals;
- Health insurance.

Additional benefits include:

- Public transport pass (Metrebus);
- Access to recreational and sports facilities (free or subsidised);
- ICT services;
- Psychological support;
- Integration support: orientation and mentoring programmes; welcome activities to facilitate students' academic and social integration; assistance with administrative

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<sup>1</sup> Courtesy English translation. Please refer to the Italian version for official and legally binding information.

procedures relevant to international students; Italian language and culture courses designed to promote inclusion and support academic participation.

The scholarships shall cover the full duration of the degree programme, beginning from enrolment in A.Y. 2025/2026, provided that the merit requirements indicated in Article 11 below are met.

The awarding of scholarships is subject to the availability of financial resources allocated in the University's budget under Chapter 1020111 – UPB "Teaching and Student Services".

### **ART. 3 – Eligibility requirements**

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Applicants must:

- a) Be Palestinian nationals residing in the Palestinian Territories;
- b) Hold a qualification obtained abroad that is deemed valid, under current regulations, for admission to the selected degree programme (non-restricted access) for the 2025/2026 academic year;
- c) Meet the specific admission requirements of the selected degree programme (non-restricted access), available at:

1. Bachelor's degrees:

[IT version](#)

[EN version](#)

2. Master's degrees:

[IT version](#)

[EN version](#)

⇒ Please note: Please also consult the International Students section:

[How to Apply – International Students](#)

d) Not be in receipt of any other scholarships, grants, or financial support awarded under current regulations on the right to education, nor of scholarships granted by other institutions for the 2025/2026 academic year (see Article 12);

e) Not be enrolled in any degree programme at an Italian university at the time of application.

### **ART. 4 – Application procedure and deadline**

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⇒ Applicants meeting the requirements set out in Article 3 must apply from the date of publication of this call until **9 June 2025**.

⇒ **Applications may be submitted to one university only.**

⇒ Applicants must complete the form attached to this call and submit it via email to [borse-iupals@uniroma2.it](mailto:borse-iupals@uniroma2.it). The subject line must clearly indicate the chosen scholarship category:

- *Application for IUPALS Call\_ Bachelor’s Degree”*
- *or Application for IUPALS Call \_ Master’s Degree”*

The application must also specify the official name of the chosen programme (Bachelor’s or Master’s).

The following documents **must** be attached:

- A valid copy of the applicant’s passport;
- Any relevant documents certifying that the eligibility criteria listed in Article 3 are met, as well as any materials supporting the assessment criteria listed in Article 6.

NOTE: *The University reserves the right to request additional documentation if needed to verify eligibility or for evaluation purposes.*

### **ART. 5 – Appointment of the selection Committee**

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The Selection Committee will be appointed by Rectoral Decree and will be supported by the relevant administrative staff.

### **ART.6 – Selection procedure and Evaluation criteria**

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Applications will be assessed by the Committee on the basis of the submitted documentation. A maximum of 40 points may be awarded, according to the following criteria:

Evaluation criteria	Maximum points
Academic background (school and university record)	0-20
Curriculum Vitae (professional experience and personal skills)	0-10
Consistency between prior studies and the chosen programme	0-10

### **ART. 7 - Ranking lists**

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Separate rankings will be compiled for Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree applicants. If no eligible candidates are found in one category, the unassigned scholarship will be reassigned to the other.

Candidates will be ranked in descending order of total score. In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the younger applicant.

Rankings will be published on the University’s website:

[Scholarships and opportunities](#)

At the same location, further details and timelines for the disbursement of the scholarships will also be published.

The publication of the rankings shall constitute official notification. Selected applicants will also receive confirmation by email at the address provided in their application.

### **ART. 8 - Requirements for awarding the scholarship**

To be awarded the scholarship (as per the requirements listed in Art. 7), selected candidates must:

- a) **Enrol in a non-restricted Bachelor's or Master's Degree Programme at Tor Vergata University of Rome for the 2025/2026 academic year.**

Relevant links:

- (Bachelor's Degree Programmes)  
[https://web.uniroma2.it/it/percorso/offerta\\_formativa/sezione/corsi\\_di\\_laurea](https://web.uniroma2.it/it/percorso/offerta_formativa/sezione/corsi_di_laurea)
- (Master's Degree Programmes)  
[https://web.uniroma2.it/it/percorso/offerta\\_formativa/sezione/corsi\\_di\\_laurea\\_magistrale](https://web.uniroma2.it/it/percorso/offerta_formativa/sezione/corsi_di_laurea_magistrale)

**Enrolment must strictly follow the national procedures for for the entry, residence, and enrolment of international students, including the recognition of academic qualifications for the 2025/2026 academic year. Pre-enrolment must be completed exclusively via the UNIVERSITALY platform (<https://www.universitaly.it/>), International Students" section;**

- b) Apply for a student visa at the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem according to the deadlines and procedures currently in force.

⇒ The final deadline to submit a visa application to the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem is **30 November 2025**. Early application is strongly recommended to ensure sufficient processing time before departure.

**IMPORTANT: The scholarship will not be awarded if the student fails to reach Italy and complete the enrolment procedures.**

### **ART. 9- Italian language courses**

As part of the IUPALS project, Italian language courses will be offered online from 3 June 2025 to 30 October 2025. The courses will be held in Bethlehem and Ramallah (Terra Sancta

Schools), with approximately 40 hours per month (50% synchronous and 50% asynchronous). Participation is mandatory.

A supplementary note regarding these courses will be issued.

### **ART.10 – Acceptance, withdrawal, and revocation**

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Selected candidates must confirm acceptance of the scholarship within **10 days** of receiving the notification email referred to in Article 7, following the instructions provided therein.

Failure to reply within this deadline will be considered as withdrawal.

Detailed information will be provided regarding the administrative procedures for the enrolment of visa-holding international students.

Scholarship holders who withdraw from their studies, interrupt their enrolment, or transfer to another institution will forfeit the scholarship with immediate effect.

### **ART. 11 – Academic requirements for renewal**

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To retain the scholarship in following academic years, recipients must meet the following merit requirements:

#### **Bachelor's Degree**

- a) Enrolment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year with at least 15 ECTS credits earned by **15 October 2026**;
- b) Enrolment in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year with at least 45 ECTS credits earned by **15 October 2027**.

#### **Master's Degree:**

- a) Enrolment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year with at least 15 ECTS credits earned by **15 October 2026**.

### **ART. 12 – Incompatibility with other scholarships**

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These scholarships are not compatible with **any other public or private fundings**, including scholarships awarded to holders of international protection promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), the CRUI, or foreign governments or institutions. In such cases, the scholarship awarded under this call will be withdrawn.

Applicants must declare, under their own responsibility, that they are not in receipt of any other scholarships, grants, or funding awarded under current legislation on the right to education, nor of any other financial support for 2025/2026 academic year.

### **ART.13 - Administrative contact**

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Pursuant to Article 4 of Law No. 241/1990 and subsequent amendments, the administrative officer responsible for this procedure is Dr Noemi Brandileone, Head of Student Affairs (Division 3, Directorate I – Teaching and Student Services).

### **ART. 14 – Personal data protection**

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Tor Vergata University of Rome is the Data Controller, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR). A detailed privacy notice is available at: <http://utov.it/s/privacy>.

### **ART.15 – Contacts**

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This call for application is published on the University website (<http://web.uniroma2.it>) under Students > Scholarships, Research Grants, Awards and Other Opportunities > Scholarships for Palestinian Students – IUPALS Project

Direct link:

[https://web.uniroma2.it/it/percorso/studenti/sezione/borse di studio di ricerca ed altre opportunità](https://web.uniroma2.it/it/percorso/studenti/sezione/borse-di-studio-di-ricerca-ed-altre-opportunita)

For further information, email:

[borse-iupals@uniroma2.it](mailto:borse-iupals@uniroma2.it)

**Welcome Office:** Via Cracovia, 50 – 00133 Rome (Building C, First floor)

By appointment: <https://prenotazioni.uniroma2.it/welcome-office/>

Website: [https://web.uniroma2.it/it/percorso/futuri studenti/sezione/accoglienza](https://web.uniroma2.it/it/percorso/futuri-studenti/sezione/accoglienza)

Email: [welcome@uniroma2.it](mailto:welcome@uniroma2.it)

**International Student Office** – Via Cracovia 50, 00133 Rome (Building D, ground floor)

Office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00–12:00; Wednesday also 14:00–16:00.

Email: [international.students@uniroma2.it](mailto:international.students@uniroma2.it); [international.qualifications@uniroma2.it](mailto:international.qualifications@uniroma2.it)

Website for International Students:

[https://web.uniroma2.it/en/percorso/admissions/sezione/how to apply](https://web.uniroma2.it/en/percorso/admissions/sezione/how-to-apply)

### **ART. 16 – Final provisions**

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For any matters not explicitly covered by this call, reference is made to national legislation on higher education and to the internal regulations of Tor Vergata University of Rome.