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Call for applications for Scholarships for international students enrolling in Degree Courses completely held in English at the University of Padua for A.Y. 2020/2021

Internationalization is one of the key objectives of the University of Padua. Accordingly, starting from A.Y. 2018/19 a specific programme of scholarships has been established in order to enhance the academic career of international students holding a non-Italian citizenship and a foreign entry qualification. This Call for applications concerns two kinds of scholarships:

- 43 Padua International Excellence Scholarships of € 8,000.00 (gross amount), assigned to the most talented student(s) of each Degree course completely held in English;
- 25 scholarships for international students provided by single Departments of the University of Padua. Amounts and duration of each scholarship are indicated in the paragraphs below.

ART.1 - Padua International Excellence Scholarships

In order to enhance internationalization, according to the minutes of the Board of Administration meeting in July 2019 (Minutes n. 13/2019), the University of Padua will be offering up to 43 scholarships to highly talented prospective international students wishing to enrol in a degree course completely taught in English.

The scholarship programme is highly selective. Only candidates showing the highest achievements may receive a scholarship. Successful students could be expected to fulfil an ambassadorial role and to represent the University at a number of events.

The Padua International Excellence Scholarship includes a subsistence allowance of € 8.000,00 (gross amount - minus the taxes owed to the Italian State) and a fee-waiver per year. The only amount to be paid by beneficiary students for each academic year consists of an administrative fee¹ (regional tax and revenue stamp). The above-mentioned amount is not refundable. Reimbursement of travel, insurance or other costs are not included in Padua International Excellence Scholarships and will not be provided by the University of Padua.

The Padua International Excellence Scholarship has a maximum duration² of:

- two (2) continuous years for Master's degree candidates;
- three (3) continuous years for Bachelor's and Single Cycle degree candidates.

After the duration above indicated, beneficiary students will be required to cover their own expenses as well as tuition fees, until graduation.

Scholarships cannot be combined with any other grant awarded by other public institutions. In case a candidate has been awarded with more than one scholarship, he/she must choose which one he/she is going to accept. Candidates are required, under their own responsibility, to notify promptly to the Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office (international.admission@unipd.it) any incompatibility with other scholarships.

¹ For academic year 2019/20, the amount of the admission fee was € 187,00. Once available, information on 2020/21 fees will be provided on page: https://www.unipd.it/en/tuition-fees.

² The student can maintain the scholarship for the following years provided that he/she will be registered in the same degree course of first enrollment.



ART.2 - Scholarships offered by Departments of the University of Padua

The following Departments offer scholarships to international students wishing to enrol in one of the Degree courses mentioned below: Department of Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science (BCA); Department of Agronomy, Food, Natural resources, Animals and Environment (DAFNAE); Department of Information Engineering (DEI); Department of Physics and Astronomy (DFA); Department of Mathematics "Tullio Levi-Civita" (DM); Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies (SPGI).

The amount of each scholarship is indicated below. Scholarships offered by Departments do not include a fee-waiver; however, they are compatible with the 100 fee-waivers granted to talented prospective international students by the Global Engagement Office. For more information, please visit: <u>https://www.unipd.it/en/fee-waivers</u>.

Reimbursement of travel, insurance, accommodation or other costs are not included and will not be provided by the University of Padua. Scholarships offered by Department cannot be combined with any other grant awarded by public institutions; in case a candidate has been awarded with more than one scholarship, he/she must choose which one he/she is going to accept.

2.1 Department of Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science (BCA)

- 1 scholarship for applicants to the Bachelor's degree in Animal Care;
- 1 scholarship for applicants to the **Master's degree in Biotechnologies for food science**.

During the meeting of 17/12/2019, the Department Board decided that the amount of each scholarship is \in **2.400,00**. The scholarship is granted for one academic year. The scholarship will be paid in three instalments. In order to receive the second instalment the student must achieve at least 12 CFU within the end of March 2021 (winter exam session – A.Y. 2020/21). In order to receive the third instalment the student must achieve at least 36 CFU within the end of July 2021 (summer exam session – A.Y. 2020/21).

2.2 Department of Agronomy, Food, Natural resources, Animals and Environment (DAFNAE)

- 4 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the **Master's degree in Italian Food** and **Wine**;
- 4 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the **Master's degree in Sustainable Agriculture**.

During the meetings of 16/09/2019 (minutes n. 10/2019) and of 18/12/2019 (minutes n. 13/2019), the Department Board decided that the amount of each scholarship consists of \in **5.760,37** per year. The scholarship is granted for two academic years for a total amount of \in **11.520,74**. The scholarship will be paid in three instalments per academic year. In order to receive the second instalment of the A.Y. 2020/21, the student must achieve at least 12 CFU within the end of March 2021 (winter exam session – A.Y. 2020/21). In order to receive the third instalment of the A.Y. 2020/21, the student must achieve at least 36 CFU within the end of July 2021 (summer exam session – A.Y. 2020/21).

2.3 Department of Information Engineering (DEI)

- 3 scholarships distributed among prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degrees in ICT for Internet and Multimedia, Computer Engineering and Control Systems Engineering.

During the meeting of 17/12/2019, the Department Board decided that the amount of each scholarship is \in **5.200,00**. The scholarship is granted for one academic year. The scholarship will be paid in two instalments. In order to receive the second instalment, the student must achieve at least 12 CFU within the end of March 2021 (winter exam session – A.Y. 2020/21).



2.4 Department of Physics and Astronomy (DFA)

- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the **Master's degree in Astrophysics** and **Cosmology**;
- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in Physics of Data.

During the meeting of 17/12/2019, the Department Board decided that the amount of each scholarship is $\in 10.00,00$ (gross amount) per year. The scholarship is granted for two academic years for a total amount of $\in 20.00,00$ (gross amount). The scholarship will be paid in two instalments per academic year. In order to receive the second instalment of the A.Y. 2020/21, the student must achieve at least 12 CFU within the end of March 2021 (winter exam session – A.Y. 2020/21). In order to receive the second instalment of the A.Y. 2021/22, the student must achieve at least 66 CFU within the end of July 2022 (summer exam session – A.Y. 2021/22).

2.5 Department of Mathematics "Tullio Levi-Civita" (DM)

- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in Cybersecurity;
- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in Data Science.

During the meeting of 17/12/2019 (minutes n. 15/2019), the Department Board decided that the amount of each scholarship is \notin **5.500,00** (gross amount) per year. The scholarship is granted for two academic years for a total amount of \notin **11.00,00** (gross amount). The scholarship will be paid in two instalments per academic year. In order to receive the first instalment of the A.Y. 2021/22, the student must achieve at least 48 CFU with minimum weighted average grades corresponding to 26/30 within November 2021.

2.6 Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies (SPGI)

- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the **Master's degree in Human Rights** and **Multi-level Governance**;
- 2 scholarships for prospective international students wishing to enrol in the Master's degree in European and Global Studies.

During the meeting of 17/10/2019 (minutes n. 9/2019), the Department Board decided that the amount of each scholarship is \in **5.760,37**. The scholarship is granted for one academic year. The scholarship will be paid in two instalments. In order to receive the second instalment, the student must achieve at least 27 CFU within the end of July 2021 (summer exam session – A.Y. 2020/21).

ART. 3 - Admission requirements and application procedure

In order to be considered for the selection procedure, under penalty of exclusion, applicants are required to:

- 1. do not possess an Italian citizenship (except for dual citizenship including Italian);
- 2. hold a non-Italian foreign secondary school diploma (for Bachelor's or Single cycle degrees applicants) or a non-Italian Bachelor's degree (for Master's degrees applicants) allowing admission to the Italian University system;
- 3. apply to a degree course completely taught in English at the University of Padua. Please remember that you can apply up to three degree courses;
- 4. upload all the required documents indicated in the <u>application platform</u> within the application deadline;
- 5. pay the application fee (\in 30,00) within the application deadline.

Failure to meet one or more of these criteria automatically implies the non-eligibility for these scholarships. All the students holding the requirements indicated will be automatically included in the selection procedure. **There is no separate**



application to be filled out or additional specific documents to be submitted besides those required to apply for the selected degree course.

ART. 4 – Selection procedure and allocation criteria

All the applications will be academically assessed against the entry requirements of the chosen course by a dedicated course Selection Committee.

Scholarships will be assigned from each course Selection Committee to the most talented student(s) admitted to the degree course on the basis of their academic excellence and promise in the proposed field of study, academic quality and results of the preceding education. In case of an equal score, preference will be given to the youngest candidate.³

Scholarships are primarily reserved for candidates applying to the first Call for application; on an exceptional basis, Selection Committees can decide to allocate the scholarship to second Call applicants.

Starting from the 6th of April 2020 scholarships selection results will be published on-line at the following page: www.unipd.it/en/assessement-results. Successful candidates will be also notified via email.

ART. 5 – Acceptance

To be granted the scholarship, under penalty of loss, candidates are required to:

- accept the offer of admission received from the Admissions and Welcome Unit Global Engagement Office and pay the admission fee within the deadline indicated in the Offer Letter;
- not benefit of other scholarships or grants;
- [only for candidates admitted with a conditional offer] fulfil the admission requirements (e.g. achievement of the entry qualification) within the deadline indicated in the offer letter;
- [only for non-European candidates residing abroad] be able to comply with the conditions for obtaining an Italian visa;
- complete the enrolment procedure at the University of Padua, which will be finalized once the authenticity of the required documents has been verified and all conditions of enrolment eligibility completely fulfilled.

If beneficiary students fail to meet one or more of these conditions, they are required to notify it to the Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office by contacting: <u>international.admission@unipd.it</u>. Failure to meet one or more of the above-mentioned conditions implies the impossibility to be granted the scholarship.

In case the beneficiary student does not fulfil one of the criteria mentioned above, scholarships could be reallocated to the next eligible candidate defined by the course Selection Committees who meet the indicated conditions.

ART. 6 - Payment arrangements and maintenance requirements for A.Y. 2020/21⁴

The Padua International Excellence Scholarship will be paid via bank transfer in two (2) instalments of € 4.000,00 per academic year.

³ Selection Committees of the degree courses in Human Rights and Multi-level Governance, Psychological Science and Italian Food and Wine can award up to 3 (three) Padua Excellence Scholarships. Selection Committees of the degree courses in ICT for Internet and Multimedia, European and Global Studies, Biotechnologies for Food Science, Business Administration, Cognitive Neuroscience and Clinical Neuropsychology, Sustainable Agriculture, Economics and Finance, Physics can award up to 2 (two) Padua Excellence Scholarships. Selection Committees of all the other degree courses held in English can award up to 1 (one) Padua Excellence Scholarship.

⁴ In case of enrolment with recognition of previous studies, credits earned during a previous university career cannot be taken into account for the achievement of the expected maintenance requirements.



The first instalment of A.Y. 2020/21 will be released to the beneficiary student only upon:

- 1. completion of the enrolment procedures at the University of Padua;
- 2. opening of an Italian bank account or pre-paid credit card with an IBAN registered or co-registered in the student's name;
- signature of the Declaration of acceptance, where the beneficiary students commit themselves to accept the scholarship terms and confirm they do not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in article 1 of this call for applications;
- 4. handing in of the necessary financial documents (Form C, Form C1), that will be provided by the Admissions and Welcome Unit Global Engagement Office.

The second instalment of A.Y. 2020/21 will be released to the beneficiary student upon achievement of at least 12 ECTS within the end of March 2021 (winter exam session – A.Y. 2020/21).

ART. 7 – Scholarship renewal: payment arrangements and maintenance requirements⁵

All the beneficiary students will receive the Padua International Excellence Scholarship for the second year (A.Y. 2021/22) provided that they will achieve the following merit requirements:

- 40 ECTS within the end of September 2021 (summer and extra exam sessions A.Y. 2020/21) to be granted the first instalment;
- 60 ECTS within the end of March 2022 (winter exam session A.Y. 2021/22) to be granted the second instalment.

Bachelor's degree and Single Cycle degree students will receive the Padua International Excellence Scholarship for the third year (A.Y. 2022/23) provided that they will achieve the following merit requirements:

- 90 ECTS within the end of September 2022 (summer and extra exam sessions A.Y. 2021/22) to be granted the first instalment;
- 120 ECTS within the end of March 2023 (winter exam session A.Y. 2022/23) to be granted the second instalment.

ART. 8 – Scholarship revocation

If the merit requirements above indicated are not met within the deadline, the payment of the scholarships will be stopped.

The University of Padua has the right to revoke the scholarships in the following cases:

- 1. if the beneficiary student does not obtain at least 20 ECTS by 30th November 2021;
- 2. if the beneficiary student decides to transfer to another University or withdraw from his/her studies.

In these two cases, the beneficiary student shall refund the amount of the scholarship already received.

Particular situations, duly substantiated, will be evaluated by the Commissione Diritto allo Studio of the University of Padua.

ART. 9 - Notice on data processing

Personal data will be processed pursuant to the principles and provisions of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 on protection of privacy and exclusively for the purposes of managing the procedure. For detailed information: <u>http://www.unipd.it/privacy</u>. The Accounting Department will reserve the right to check the truthfulness of the declared admission qualifications and of any incompatibility reason. Without prejudice to the penal sanctions as per art. 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000, should statements emerge to be untruthful, the beneficiary student will lose the awarded benefit.

⁵ In case of enrolment with recognition of previous studies, credits earned during a previous university career cannot be taken into account for the achievement of the expected maintenance requirements.



ART. 10 - Resolution of controversy

This Call is available in English for dissemination purposes only. For all legal purposes, the Italian version shall apply in terms of application and resolution of any controversy.

ART. 11 – Final Provisions

The person responsible for the procedure is Dora Maria Cornelia Longoni, Head of the International Relations Division. For further information: <u>international.admission@unipd.it</u>.

The Rector Rosario Rizzuto