



## TOPoliTO Scholarships – Master of Science programs Announcement of selection for international students who will enroll in the 2020/21 academic year

### Introduction

The Politecnico di Torino supports “TOPoliTO: attracting top students at the Politecnico di Torino” project aimed at attracting talented international students to undergraduate and graduate degree courses offered by Politecnico di Torino.

Within this project, **scholarships** are awarded to **international<sup>1</sup> students** who **meet the application requirements** in **art. 2 below** and who will **enroll** for the **first time** in a.y. 2020/21 as **full-time student** in a **Master of Science program<sup>2</sup>** (2<sup>nd</sup> level cycle - *Laurea Magistrale*) of Politecnico di Torino.

### 1. Amount, number and duration of the scholarships

The Gross Amount of the scholarship is 8.000 € per year for the 2 years of the program. The amount gross of all charges for the beneficiary account is 7.373,27 € per year.<sup>3</sup>

The awarding of 8,000 € for the second year is subject to the achievement of academic merit requirements (art. 9).

The project will award **10 scholarships** distributed as follows:

- **6 scholarships** to students enrolled in *Engineering* field programs;
- **4 scholarships** to students enrolled in *Architecture* field programs.

The scholarship covers the two years of the Master of Science program for a.y. 2020/21 and 2021/22.

### 2. Requirements to apply and incompatibility

#### Requirements to apply

Application is open to international students who, **in spite of the citizenship**, meet the following requirements:

- have a **Bachelor Degree** or **an equivalent academic qualification in a foreign education system, outside Italy, providing access to a postgraduate degree program**. Students with “equivalent

<sup>1</sup> “International students” are those whose qualification for admission to Master of Science programs were obtained outside Italy

<sup>2</sup> See [course catalogue](https://didattica.polito.it/offerta/index_en.html) : [https://didattica.polito.it/offerta/index\\_en.html](https://didattica.polito.it/offerta/index_en.html)

<sup>3</sup> N.B.: being a taxed scholarship, the net amount will depend upon individual tax conditions.



academic qualification” are those enrolled in a foreign university in 5 or 6-year degree programs who have not graduated yet but meet the minimum requirement of 15 years of global schooling (minimum 3 years at University level) and have acquired at least 180 ECTS credits or equivalent;

- hold a **valid GRE®General Test<sup>4</sup>**:
  - ▶ obtained **not earlier than 5 years before this TOPoliTO scholarship application deadline**
  - ▶ successfully passed **in all three sections with the following minimum scores**:
    - Verbal Reasoning: **156/170**
    - Quantitative Reasoning: **157/170**
    - Analytical Writing: **3,5/6**

In case the GRE test has been taken more than once, the highest score for each section will be considered.

- **fulfill the access requirements** for admission to Master Degree Program of Politecnico di Torino ([http://international.polito.it/admission/prospective\\_students/master\\_of\\_science/2020\\_21](http://international.polito.it/admission/prospective_students/master_of_science/2020_21)) and **have been admitted to a Master Degree program in the A.Y. 2020/21**

### Incompatibility

It is **not possible to apply** for scholarships for students who:

- have been **legally resident** or **temporary domiciled** in **Italy** for any period in the last 5 years from the publication of this call;
- **have been enrolled, before the 2020/21 academic year**, in any First (Bachelor of Science), Second (Master of Science), Third (PhD) Cycle Degree programs or Specializing Master **in an Italian university located abroad or in Italy or in a foreign University located in Italy**;
- **already hold a foreign Second or Third Cycle Degree** in Engineering or Architecture;
- **obtained a First Cycle degree** in the frame of **Double or Joint Degree projects** between Politecnico di Torino -or any other Italian University- and their home institution;
- are the recipient **of any other Italian<sup>5</sup> or foreign scholarships at the time of the assignment of the scholarship and for the whole duration of TOPoliTO scholarship**;

N.B. As *TOPoliTO scholarship cannot be combined with any other financial aid provided by any public or private Italian or foreign Institution, in case a beneficiary has been awarded with more than one scholarship, he/she must withdraw from the other scholarship.*

- **are part of any Double or Joint Degree project** as an **incoming student** attending a Master of Science program at Politecnico;
- have obtained a **credit recognition higher than 20 credits** at Politecnico di Torino (see art. 10).

<sup>4</sup> More info: <http://www.ets.org/>. Applications shall be submitted through the website: [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org).

<sup>5</sup> Including, for example, scholarships of: Regional Agency for the Right to Education of Piedmont-EDISU; Alta Scuola Politecnica –ASP; Invest your Talent; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation-MAECI; Scholarships reserved for Refugee students by the Ministry of the Interior and the Conference of Italian University Rectors -CRUI in cooperation with National Association of Regional Agencies for the Right to Education-ANDISU, etc.



### 3. How to apply and deadlines

Application can be submitted **only by students who have been admitted to a Master of Science program of Politecnico di Torino for a.y. 2020/21.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** students who have applied in the 3<sup>rd</sup> call for application for Master of Science and have not received the results of the evaluation at the time of publication of this call, will be able to apply for TOPoliTO scholarship only when the evaluation of their application for Master of Science is completed <sup>6</sup>

The procedure for applying for the scholarships is explained below:

- **log-in in the on-line application form (Apply@polito)**
- **in the same order as explained below:**
  1. **flag the option** “*I wish to apply to TOPoliTO scholarships Master of Science programs A. Y. 2020/21*” under the “Research and Academic scholarships” section
  2. **complete** the fields with **GRE** General Test score under the “GRE” section
  3. **upload** a copy of the “Examinee Score Report” of GRE General Test in the “Attachments” section
  4. **submit the application** under the “Save and Submit” section of you application

**PLEASE NOTE:** GRE Graduate Institution Score Report **must be sent to Politecnico di Torino** directly **by the examination centre**, as the university is an accredited ETS centre (select the **code 6994**). In case the GRE Test has already been taken, it is necessary to add the code 6994 via the ETS website. The **request for sending the Graduate Institution Score Report** must be done **within TOPoliTO calls deadlines**. Politecnico is not responsible for any communication delays by ETS;

**Deadline for applying and uploading GRE score report: August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

### 4. Assignment requirements

Applicants selection will be based on **admission** to one of the Master of Science programs of the Politecnico di Torino for the Academic Year 2020/21 and on the basis of the **GRE General Test**.

For each **admitted applicant** a **general score** will be calculated on the basis of the **GRE General Test results (all sections included)**. For the **minimum score required** see art.2 “Application requirements and incompatibility”.

In particular the **general score** will be calculated as follows:

Verbal Reasoning: **score obtained/170**

<sup>6</sup> Final deadline for evaluation results for 3<sup>rd</sup> call for application Master of Science 2020/21:20/07/2020 ([https://didattica.polito.it/inte/en/apply\\_msc\\_dead\\_noneu](https://didattica.polito.it/inte/en/apply_msc_dead_noneu))



Quantitative Reasoning: **score obtained/170**

Analytical Writing: **score obtained/6**

The **final score** will be obtained by **summing up each result**.

**Example:**

Verbal Reasoning:  $160/170=0,94$

Quantitative Reasoning:  $158/170=0,92$

Analytical Writing:  $4/6=0,66$

General score:  $0,94+0,92+0,66=2,52$

## 5. Assignment procedure

Two separate **list of standings** students (*Engineering and Architecture*) matching all requirements indicated in art. 2 will be drawn up based on the scores resulting from the calculation as explained in **art. 4, from the highest score in descending order**.

Assignments will be based on the number of scholarships available on each call.

In case of **equal scores**, the result obtained in each section of the **GRE General Test** shall **prevail**, considered in the following order:

1. Quantitative Reasoning
2. Verbal Reasoning
3. Analytical Writing

In case of a **further equal score**, preference **will be given to the youngest candidate**.

If scholarships distribution for *Engineering and Architecture* (art. 1 above) is not awarded, , Politecnico di Torino **reserves the right to reassign the remaining scholarships to students who are TOPoliTO eligible**, but not winners, in the other lists of standings equitably balancing their distribution or in other future TOPoliTO calls.

## 6. Publication of list of standings

Lists of standings with eligible applicants for *Engineering and Architecture* will be published as follows:

- **09/09/2020**: publication of **1<sup>st</sup> provisional list of standings** with eligible and not eligible students
- **16/09/2020**: publication of **final list of standings** with scholarship assignment
- **23/09/2020**: deadline for the **acceptance** of the scholarships by the winner students
- **01/10/2020**: publication of **update final list of standings** upon reassignment in case of withdrawal of winners



The lists of standings will be published to the online Official Register of the Politecnico di Torino ([https://www.swas.polito.it/dotnet/albo\\_online/](https://www.swas.polito.it/dotnet/albo_online/)) and on the [TOPoliTO project website](#).

The publication of the lists of standings in the online Official Register of the Politecnico di Torino and in the TOPoliTO project website will be, for all intents and purposes, the only official notification of scholarship awarding. Politecnico di Torino assumes no responsibility for the applicant's failure to view the standings and/or to accept the scholarship according to the terms published in the online Official Register of the Politecnico and in the TOPoliTO project website.

## 7. Scholarship acceptance

Assigned students will have to accept officially the scholarship according to the procedures that will be sent to them by e-mail and within the deadlines indicated in art.6, under penalty of loss of the scholarship itself.

This e-mail will summarize the terms for the acceptance of the scholarship. Nevertheless, this message does not constitute an official communication of the outcome of the selection.

By accepting the scholarship, eligible students will state their full acceptance of the conditions laid down in the call for applications, and declare, under their own full responsibility, that they do not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility laid down in art. 2 of this call for applications. They shall also commit to notify the university of any variation in the declared information which may arise during the year.

## 8. Payment of the scholarship

The scholarship is **finally assigned and paid** only **after enrolment<sup>7</sup> for the first time** in a **Master of Science** program of Politecnico di Torino in the **1<sup>st</sup> semester of the a.y. 2020/21**, as **a full time student**.

If the student does not complete all the enrolment procedures, for any reason, he/she will lose the right to the scholarship.

Payment of the scholarship is subordinate to:

- the **possession of the application requirements listed in art. 2**;
- the **possession of the relevant documentation for enrollment for 2020/21<sup>8</sup>**. In case of "provisional enrollment", scholarships will be paid only after the submission of the required documentation;
- the possession of the **maintenance requirements** explained in art. 9

Payment of the scholarship will occur in monthly installments covering the academic year (October 2020-September 2021; if maintained October 2021-September 2022). However, due to **COVID-19 emergency situation**, the physical mobility of international students in Italy can be replaced, if necessary, with distance

<sup>7</sup> Deadlines to enroll will be published in the main page of your on-line application [apply@polito.it](mailto:apply@polito.it) and in the Student Guides ([https://didattica.polito.it/index\\_en.html](https://didattica.polito.it/index_en.html))

<sup>8</sup> [http://international.polito.it/admission/prospective\\_students/admission\\_to\\_master\\_of\\_science\\_programs](http://international.polito.it/admission/prospective_students/admission_to_master_of_science_programs)



learning activities at least until the end of 2020. In this case the payment of the first instalments will start when the student will reach Torino and after completion of enrollment procedures.

In order to receive the payment, scholarship recipients will be required **to open a bank account in their name in an Italian bank or post office.**

## 9. Requirements to maintain the scholarship

In order to **maintain the scholarship** second year of the Master of Science program scholarship recipients will have to meet the following requirements:

- 1) have a **satisfactory academic performance** level, in particular
  - **at least 1 exam passed in the first semester** exam session of **January/February 2021**. Passed exam must be registered on the student personal page with March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021
  - **40 credits (CFU)** within the exam session of **September 2021**

**Please note that** the following credits/exams will not be considered in the minimum number of achieved credits/exams:

- **extra curricula or recognized credits** (i.e. exams passed in a previous university career)
  - **credits related to language exams or recognized language certification even if taken in Politecnico di Torino**
- 2) register as a full time student in the **second year in the a. y. 2021/22** of the **same Master of Science program of first enrollment** (internal transfer to another program or suspension of studies is not compatible with the maintenance of the scholarship)
  - 3) **not have been assigned any other Italian or foreign scholarships** (including scholarships of the Regional Agency for the Right to Education of Piedmont –EDISU, MAECI, etc.)

**In the case in which one or more of these requirements are not met, the payment of the scholarships will be immediately and definitely stopped.**

Scholarships have a maximum duration of two (2) continuous years, after which the student will be responsible for his/her expenses until graduation, as well as tuition and any other fees. The amount of the scholarship will not be increased in case the student needs more time to graduate than indicated.

## 10. Other important information

**Scholarship recipients control:** TOPoliTO scholarship cannot be combined with any other financial aid provided by any public or private Italian or foreign Institution. **In case of failure to declare or false declaration,**



he/she will **forfeit the right to the study grant**, will have to **refund the amount of scholarship** received and will be subjected to **disciplinary procedure**.

**Credit recognition**<sup>9</sup>: scholarship recipients enrolled in a Master of Science program can accept a **maximum of 20 recognized credits** to maintain the scholarship. In case a wider recognition of credits is possible, assigned students will be asked to choose whether to accept it or the scholarship.

**Outgoing mobility**<sup>10</sup>: TOPoliTO scholarship recipients can apply to outbound activities in the frame of the mobility calls. Nevertheless, due to the impossibility to be the recipients of other scholarships, the only financial support for the outgoing mobility will be TOPoliTO scholarship.

**ASP-Alta Scuola Politecnica scholarships**<sup>11</sup>: TOPoliTO scholarship recipients can apply to ASP. Nevertheless, due to the impossibility to be the recipients of other scholarships, the only financial support for the ASP activities will be TOPoliTO scholarship.

**Costs not covered by the scholarship**: TOPoliTO scholarships **do not include tuition fees**, travel and accommodation costs, which are thus totally at the expense of the student.

## 11. Official in charge of the administrative procedure

According to art. 5 of Italian Law n. 241 of 07/08/1990, the official in charge of the administrative procedure concerning this call for application is Francesca Brazzani [responsabile.mobilita@polito.it](mailto:responsabile.mobilita@polito.it).

## 12. Contacts

International Affairs Department - Incoming Mobility Office: [topolito.grants@polito.it](mailto:topolito.grants@polito.it)

## 13. Processing Personal Data

Applicants' personal data will be managed as stipulated by the **European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 679/2016** and according to the guidelines published at [http://didattica.polito.it/privacy/index\\_en.html](http://didattica.polito.it/privacy/index_en.html) exclusively used for selection and enrolment purposes. All anonymous data may be used in statistical elaboration processes.

The data will be processed using electronic method.

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truth of the information provided. Without prejudice to the penal sanctions of article 76 of Italian Presidential Decree 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.

<sup>9</sup> For further information see:

[http://international.polito.it/admission/prospective\\_students/recognition\\_of\\_a\\_foreign\\_qualification/credit\\_transfer](http://international.polito.it/admission/prospective_students/recognition_of_a_foreign_qualification/credit_transfer)

<sup>10</sup> <https://didattica.polito.it/outgoing/it>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.asp-poli.it/>



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