



**Politecnico
di Torino**



CRUI

Conferenza dei Rettori
delle Università Italiane

IUPALS

Italian Universities for Palestinian Students

**Call for applications for 2 study grants and welcome
services for Palestinian students enrolling in a
Master of Science Program taught in English
for the Academic Year 2025-2026**



BACKGROUND

The **Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI)** coordinates a scholarship program offered by Italian universities and intended for Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories, enabling them to benefit from international education by enrolling in academic degree courses in Italy.

The project, developed 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**, foresees the awarding of a total of **140 (to be updated)** scholarships, distributed among **42 participating universities**. Local partners of the project include the **Terra Sancta Schools** and the **John Paul II Foundation**.

As part of the initiative, participating universities will also offer a **course in Italian language and culture**, which serves as a preparatory step for academic enrollment and is delivered according to a coordinated model.

Art. 1 – Objective and Project Partners

The general objectives of the Project are:

- to support Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories in pursuing studies at Italian universities through specific scholarships, allowing them to enroll in first-cycle (Bachelor's), second-cycle (Master's), or single-cycle degree programs;
- to strengthen cooperation between Italian universities, Palestinian educational institutions, and other stakeholders active at the local level (both in Italy and in the Palestinian Territories), in order to promote internationalization and cultural integration.

Art. 2. – Admission requirements

The benefits are intended for students who:

- have Palestinian nationality;
- are currently resident in Palestinian Territories;
- have a **bachelor's degree (level 6 EQF) or an equivalent academic qualification** (after at least 15 years of previous education: primary and secondary plus university, see below) corresponding to the Italian qualification *Laurea*, awarded by an accredited foreign university and giving access to second-cycle courses (level EQF 7);
- meet Politecnico di Torino curricular requirements and have an academic performance considered suitable for admission to the Master's degree program they want to apply for (**please check the ENTRY REQUIREMENTS PER COURSE 2025/26 as listed in Annex 1**);



- have never been enrolled in a Degree Program at Politecnico di Torino or any other Italian University;
- hold an English Language Certificate (level B2 or higher https://didattica.polito.it/inte/en/apply_msc_lang) or a signed declaration about English language proficiency (see **Annex 3**).

Art. 3. - Supports and benefits offered to the winners

3.1 - Amount, number and duration of the scholarships

Politecnico di Torino will support winners with **2 scholarships supported by a legacy in memory of Guido and Alessandro Bonicelli** in case of Engineering students or by the **University funds** in case of Architecture/ Urban and Regional Planning students.

The Gross Amount of the scholarship is **12.000 €** per year for the 2 years of the program. **The amount net of all charges for the beneficiary account is 11.059,91 € per year.**

The awarding of the scholarship for the second year is subject to the achievement of academic merit requirements (art. 7.2).

The 2 available scholarships will be distributed with at least 1 to a female student enrolled in Engineering/Architecture/ Urban and Regional Planning MSc. In the event that there are no female candidates all scholarships may be awarded to candidates from other categories.

3.2 – Benefits

Beneficiaries of the IUPALS project will benefit of the following services:

- exemption from Politecnico tuition fees for a.y. 2025/26 and 2026/27;
- free Italian language Course provided by the Language Center of the Politecnico;
- assistance of the staff of the Politecnico for any problem related to academic career and enrolment procedures;
- bureaucratic assistance in the application for the Italian residence permit provided by Politecnico Immigration Desk;
- accommodation in one of the EDISU Piemonte facilities at a reduced monthly rate (see 3.3 for detailed costs);
- support for the bureaucratic procedures and for the access to local and extra-academic services;
- refund of the annual City Public transportation Pass



3.3 – Additional costs

Part of the scholarship amount **must be allocated** to cover the following mandatory expenses that must be directly paid by the student:

- accommodation monthly cost: approximately 250€ ;
- expenses for the taxes collected by the Politecnico and transferred to other institutions (premium for accident insurance, enrollment revenue stamp and EDISU Piemonte): approximately 160€ per academic year;
- expenses to obtain and renew the Residence Permit: approximately 120€ per year;
- expenses to take out a Health Insurance for the entire duration of the Master of Science program;

Art. 4 – Incompatibilities

The IUPALS study grants cannot be combined with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by the Politecnico di Torino for the support of international students;
- study grants issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- scholarships offered by the Conference of Italian University Rectors - CRUI in favor of international protection holders;
- study grants issued by foreign governmental bodies or institutions aimed at assisting the enrolment of international students at Italian Universities;
- scholarships offered by Ente Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario (EDISU Piemonte);
- any other scholarships that infringes the regular participation to the project.

Art. 5 – How to apply and deadlines

Students are allowed to apply to a maximum of one university among those participating in the IUPALS project, including Politecnico di Torino. This is a mandatory requirement: non-compliance with this clause will cause the immediate rejection of the application.

Moreover, students are allowed to apply for a maximum of two Politecnico di Torino Master of Science programs entirely taught in English (see Annex 1).

Application Form

Candidates who meet the admission requirements listed in Art. 2 are invited to fill in and attach all mandatory documents in the online application form available on the Politecnico di Torino website:

<https://www.polito.it/en/education/applying-studying-graduating/admissions-and-enrolment/master-s-degree-programmes/applicants-with-a-non-italian-qualification>



Once the application has been submitted, a confirmation email to the mailbox indicated in the online form will be sent. Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be taken into consideration.



Applications can be sent **from 8th May 2025 to 29th May 2025 at 2 p.m. (Italian time).**

List of **MANDATORY DOCUMENTS** to attach in the application form:

1. Passport
2. Official Degree certificate or official university document stating the date of graduation and program
3. Official transcript of exams passed and grades
4. GPA documentation (each semester GPA)
5. GPA documentation (cumulative GPA including official information on the grading system adopted by the University such as minimum score to pass an exam and maximum obtainable score)
6. Curriculum Vitae
7. Motivation letter
8. English Language Certification: [IELTS 5.5 or equivalent certificate](#) or signed declaration about English language proficiency (see **Annex 3**)

List of **NON-MANDATORY DOCUMENTS** to attach in the application form:

1. Italian Language Certification
2. Letter of Reference
3. Any relevant and additional document required by the specific Master of Science program chosen (i.e. **Syllabus and/or Portfolio**, please see **Annex 1**). The Syllabus/Course description is a document issued by the university that you have attended that describes in detail the content of each subject you studied. PDF-FORMAT syllabus downloadable from the official university website can be also accepted: in this case, please make sure that the link works properly.
4. Other documents you think are relevant to fully evaluate your profile

Documents issued by the official Institution in **Italian, English, French, Spanish** are accepted. If your documents are issued in other languages, please merge both the original version AND the **official translation** in Italian or English and attach the merged document.



Art. 6 – Selection process and scholarship assignment

The selection process is divided into two steps:

1. Evaluation of the documentation
2. On-line interview

6.1– Evaluation of the documentation.

The Admissions and Tuition Fees Unit verifies admission requirements and that all mandatory documents are attached in the application.

Completed applications will be sent to the PIU-AEI BOARD. The BOARD assesses applications considering academic qualifications, in order to verify if they meet the Politecnico di Torino entry requirements in terms of academic quality and coherence of curriculum for the specific program each candidate has chosen.

The PIU-AEI BOARD will evaluate the application according to the following criteria:

- Academic background and GPA (score: 0-20);
- Evaluation of CV: professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-10);
- Coherence between previous studies and selected Master of Science program (score: 0-10).

Candidates receiving a score of less than 25 will not be admitted to step 2 of the selection process.

Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email.

6.2 – On-line Interview

Candidates admitted to step 2 will be interviewed by the PIU-AEI BOARD, who will evaluate their technical skills, knowledge of the subject and level of English. Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points.

Interviews will be held on-line in between **30th June and 18th July 2025**. Candidates will be notified by email about the exact date and time of the interview.

Candidates are requested to present themselves for interview with passport uploaded in the on-line application. A third party could be present at the beginning of the interview to identify the candidate.



6.3 – Provisional ranking and scholarship assignment

The PIU-AEI BOARD will elaborate the ranking combining the score obtained in step 1 and step 2. Candidates will be ranked in a descending order of scores.

As the 2 available scholarships are awarded on a gender balance ratio, the PIU-AEI BOARD will elaborate different rankings according to the gender of the candidates.

Scholarships will be assigned according to the order of each ranking.

Only in the case that the list of eligible candidates does not include any representatives of one gender, the scholarships can be awarded to representatives from other categories.

For equal points, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

The provisional **ranking of eligible candidates** will be published at the link <https://www.polito.it/en/education/international-students/refugees-and-refugee-like/iupals> **within 23rd July 2025**.

6.4 – Acceptance and final ranking

Winners must **accept** via written email the scholarship **within 29th July 2025**.

By accepting the scholarship, the candidate declares to be compliant with the admission requirements established by IUPALS as well as with the conditions indicated in this call for applications.

The candidate also declares under his own responsibility that he/she does not fall under any of the incompatibility conditions listed in Article 4 of this call for applications.

Failing to provide feedback by the given deadline will cause the loss of the scholarship.

If one or more final selected candidates withdraw from the scholarship program by the given deadline, the Politecnico di Torino will assign the scholarship to the next eligible candidate.

The **final ranking** will be published at the link <https://www.polito.it/en/education/international-students/refugees-and-refugee-like/iupals> **within 31st July 2025**.

Art. 7 – Payment and maintenance of the scholarship

7.1 - Scholarship payment

The scholarship is finally assigned and paid only:

- after completion of all enrolment procedures in a Master of Science program of Politecnico di Torino in the first semester A.Y. 2025/26 as a full-time student;
- after student arrival in Torino.

Payment of the scholarship is subordinate to:

- the possession of the admission requirements and relevant documentation for enrolment for A.Y. 2025/2026;



- for the registration in the second academic year, the possession of the maintenance requirements explained in art. 7.2;



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 will occur in monthly instalments, covering the academic year (October 2025 - September 2026) as follows:

- 1st payment period: October 2025 - September 2026;
- if scholarship is maintained for second year: October 2026 - September 2027.

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

7.2 - Scholarship maintenance

To obtain the confirmation of the scholarship for the second academic year, students must meet the following requirements:

1. have a satisfactory academic performance level and achieve at least 30 credits (CFU) by 30th September 2026;
2. 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, will not be considered in the minimum number of achieved credits/exams;
3. register as a full-time student in the second year in the A. Y. 2026/27 of the same Master of Science program of first enrolment. Internal transfer is possible only to the second Master of Science program selected in the online application and only if the student is eligible for such program;
4. not having been assigned any other Italian or foreign scholarships (including scholarships of the Ente Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario – EDISU Piemonte, MAECI, etc.).



Students must graduate within the last available session of their cohort, i.e. December 2027

7.3 Additional Renewals

Students who do not succeed in graduating within the last available session of their cohort can request a 6-month extension of the scholarship, on the condition of having earned at least 80 university credits by 30th September 2027. The extension request must



be submitted to iupals@polito.it and the PIU-AEI BOARD will evaluate the additional renewal and its duration.

7.4 - Withdrawal

Selected students who will withdraw from the degree program during their studies will automatically lose all benefits of the scholarship.

Art.8 - Treatment of personal data

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679 – GDPR) and the “Code on the protection of personal data” (D.R. no.196 of 30th June 2003 and further amendments), Politecnico di Torino (Data Controller) shall process applicants’ personal data exclusively in pursuit of its institutional aims and for the transparency purposes imposed by the law. Personal data shall be processed in accordance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness and data minimization. The University policy on the processing of personal data is available at <https://www.polito.it/en/privacy/privacy-policies> or address to privacy@polito.it

Art.9 – Officer 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 Alessandra Berlese.

Art.10 – Contacts

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