



Call for Applications for the Award of UNISA Scholarships to Non-EU International Students for Admission to Master's Degree Program at the University of Salerno – Academic Year 2025/2026

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Art. 1 – Purpose and Application Deadline

A public selection is announced for the award of **50 scholarships** to non-EU international students residing abroad, holding a foreign qualification valid for access to a Master's degree program in Italy.

This call excludes applications for joint degree programs that require mandatory attendance at a foreign institution for any year of study.

Applications must be submitted through the Italian Ministry portal **Universitaly** (www.universitaly.it), uploading all required documents.

This application is the first essential step for admission and for evaluation for the scholarship.

Eligible candidates are those who will take or have already passed the admission interview/exam for the selected Master's program with a positive outcome **by June 20, 2025**. In the latter case, candidates must complete their application with the documents listed in Art. 3.

All admitted candidates must also follow the pre-enrollment and enrollment procedures on the University of Salerno website.

Art. 2 – Available Scholarships by Country of Origin

The allocation of scholarships is aimed at strengthening academic and diplomatic ties with specific geographic areas, in line with the priorities identified by the **Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAECI)**.

The 50 available scholarships are distributed as follows:

- 10 positions: candidates from non-European universities affiliated with [UNIMED](#)
- 10 positions: **Argentina**
- 5 positions: **Central Asia** (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)
- 5 positions: **Africa**
- 5 positions: **Colombia**
- 2 positions: **Vietnam**
- 8 positions: candidates **from universities with which UNISA has** [international cooperation agreements](#)
- 5 positions: **other countries** or regions not listed above

Note: Unassigned scholarships will be redistributed by the University Evaluation Committee based on the rankings submitted by the Academic Boards of each program, to ensure fair opportunities for all admitted candidates and considering priority geographic areas.

Art. 3 – Eligibility Criteria and Required Documentation

The application must include the following **mandatory documents** for evaluation (**max 50 points**):

- 1) Curriculum (in Italian or English)
- 2) Language certificate (minimum B2 in English or Italian, depending on the program language)
- 3) Bachelor's degree certificate and transcript of records, with unofficial translations in Italian or English
- 4) Course syllabi of relevant subjects for the intended Master's program
- 5) Two reference letters (in English or Italian, preferably one from the thesis advisor and one from another faculty member). These letters must outline the key achievements in the thesis and degree program, and include contact information for verification
- 6) Declaration of incompatibility with the MAECI scholarship if awarded the UNISA scholarship (using the model in Annex 1)

Optional documents (for up to 10 additional points):

- Additional academic qualifications (with documentation and translation)
- Work experience relevant to the chosen program
- GRE/GMAT results

Note: The University of Salerno is an accredited CISIA center for the TEST ITALIANO-L2 (bravo!), available in a remote version (TEST@CASA)

Art. 4 – Academic Eligibility

Initial evaluation is conducted by the Academic Boards of the chosen Master's programs, assessing the relevance and level of prior studies.

Candidates who pass this stage will be invited to an **online interview or exam** to assess their academic and language skills (**40 points**). Possession of a valid language certificate aligned with the program's requirements will be verified during the interview. Admission to Master's programs, in English or Italian, requires the ability to pursue advanced studies in that language.

Eligible candidates will be ranked on a scale of 0–100 and Academic program boards must submit the final rankings to the International Office by **June 25, 2025**.

Art. 5 – Final Selection and Ranking Publication

The final ranking will be compiled by the University Evaluation Committee (appointed by Rectoral Decree), considering:

- Total score (max 100 points)
- Geographic priorities (as per Art. 2)
- Fair distribution across departments
- Compliance with the University's international goals

The **ranking will be published by June 30, 2025** on the University's website and in the internationalization section.

Replacements from the waiting list are allowed in case of withdrawals **by July 21, 2025**.

Scholarship awardees must complete enrollment following the instructions given for the selected Master's program and start attending courses in the first semester of the 2025/26 academic year, according to the academic calendar, available on the website.

University housing is available **starting October 1, 2025**. Students arriving earlier must arrange temporary accommodation at their own expense, given that the award will not cover any further period.

Eligible students not awarded a scholarship may be considered for other departmental scholarships based on this ranking.

Art. 6 – Student Visa Requirements

It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to promptly apply for a **D-type student visa**, which is mandatory for enrollment.

The visa must be obtained **by no later than December 31, 2025**.

Failure to obtain the visa by this deadline will result in the withdrawal of the scholarship. Candidates are strongly advised to contact course instructors in advance to make arrangements for any academic activities that may be missed due to visa-related delays.

Art. 7 – Enrollment

Students must comply with the regulations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation for [international student enrollment](#):

- Possess all required documents (language certificates, official translations, Declaration of Value or CIMEA statement, tax code, etc.);
- Follow admission procedures as outlined on the Master's degree [enrollment page](#);
- Complete enrollment within the University's deadlines.

Note: All programs with LOCAL or NATIONAL RESTRICTED ACCESS require passing an entry test, which may not align with the timeline of this call.

Art. 8 – Award and Maintenance of the Scholarship

The UNISA scholarship is worth **€ 8,000 per year**, comprising:

- **€ 1,800 in cash**, disbursed after enrollment and fee payment
- **Free room and board** in University facilities for 12 months from October 1, 2025 (equivalent to **€ 6,200**). Meals are not provided during university closures.
- Renewal for the second academic year depends on earning **at least 30 ECTS by September 15, 2026**. If met, a second payment of € 1,800 will be made upon re-enrollment in 2026/27.

The scholarship is tax-exempt as per D.M. 1047/2017 and Art.1(3) of D.L. 105/2003, converted into L.170/2003, in accordance with current Italian law.

The scholarship is only valid for the program for which the student was admitted and cannot be transferred to another program, even within the same department.

To receive the first payment, the student must:

1. Have an Italian tax code, obtained from the consular authority or local tax office ([Agenzia delle Entrate](#));
2. Have a SEPA bank account in their name;
3. Register in person at the International Office presenting the above documents.

Failure to meet the previous conditions will prevent the scholarship from being disbursed.

Art. 9 – Incompatibilities

The UNISA scholarship is **incompatible** with the **MAECI scholarship**. Applicants must declare they will **waive** the MAECI scholarship if awarded the UNISA one.

The room and board benefits are also incompatible with any other financial support granted for the same purpose.

However, students may apply for other financial aid from ADISURC – Campania Regional Right to Study Agency for cash-only benefits.

Updates will be published in the “Internationalization” section of the University website: www.international.unisa.it

Art. 10 – Data Processing

In accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679, the University of Salerno guarantees lawful, fair, and transparent data processing.

Personal data will be collected strictly for the purposes of this call and the related academic procedures, retained only as necessary, and protected through adequate technical and organizational measures.

Processing will be both digital and paper-based.

Consent to data processing is mandatory to participate in the selection and academic procedures; refusal will preclude participation.

Data may be disclosed to public or private entities for legal compliance and may be published online.

Candidates have the right to access, rectify, delete, limit processing, and request data portability under Articles 15–22 of the EU Regulation.

- Data Controller: University of Salerno, Via Giovanni Paolo II, 132 – Fisciano (SA), Rector – Email: rettore@unisa.it, PEC: ammicent@pec.unisa.it
- Data Processor: CINECA Consortium, Via Magnanelli 6/3, 40033 Casalecchio di Reno (BO) – PEC: cineca@pec.cineca.it
- Data Protection Officer: Email: protezionedati@unisa.it, PEC: protezionedati@pec.unisa.it

Art. 11 – Final Provisions

Responsible Officer

In accordance with Italian Law (Law 241/1990 and Legislative Decree 196/2003), the administrative officer in charge is the **Head of the International Office**, Via Giovanni Paolo II, 132 – 84084 Fisciano (SA).

Publication of Documents

This call, and all related documents, are published in the University's Official Register, under the section "Incoming Mobility", available at the following link: <https://web.unisa.it/international/bandi/mobilita-in-ingresso>. This call is a translation into English of the original Italian call. In case of any discrepancies between the two texts, the Italian language version shall prevail.

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