Emanazione Bando di concorso per borse di studio per studenti comunitari in possesso di una qualifica straniera ottenuta presso un’Università con sede estera immatricolati per la prima volta ad un Corso di Laurea Magistrale del Politecnico nel secondo semestre dell’a.a. 2020/2021

La Direttrice Generale

- Visto il Decreto legislativo 14/03/2013, n. 33, recante "Riordino della disciplina riguardante gli obblighi di pubblicità, trasparenza e diffusione di informazioni da parte delle pubbliche amministrazioni";
- Considerata la Legge 6/11/2012, n. 190, recante "Disposizioni per la prevenzione e la repressione della corruzione e dell'illegalità nella pubblica amministrazione";
- Visto lo Statuto del Politecnico di Torino emanato con emanato con D.R. 774 del 17 luglio 2019;
- Tenuto conto che il Piano Strategico 2018-2024 "PoliT0 4 Impact" pone tra gli obiettivi quello di avere una percentuale di studenti stranieri elevata (>15%), ma con maggiore attenzione alla loro qualità e al loro potenziale impatto sul tessuto economico italiano e sulle relazioni con i Paesi di origine;
- Considerato che nel perseguire tale obiettivo l’Ateneo si impegna ad attrarre studenti meritevoli da tutto il territorio nazionale e dal resto del mondo, valorizzandone il talento, anche attraverso una più attenta selezione mirata a facilitarne l’integrazione nei percorsi formativi limitando situazioni di disagio e difficoltà di inserimento;
- Visto che per rendere operativa questa azione nei confronti degli studenti internazionali, l’Ateneo ha avviato il progetto "TOPoliTO: attracting international Top students at the Politecnico di Torino" che intende rafforzare la promozione dell’Ateneo all’estero allo scopo di orientare e selezionare i giovani che chiedono di iscriversi al nostro Ateneo;
- Tenuto conto che una delle linee di azione (linea 2) in cui si articola il suddetto Progetto prevede l’orientamento, la selezione e la valorizzazione degli studenti internazionali, con individuazione delle aree geografiche di maggiore interesse (Asia e Sud-Est Asiatico, America Latina, Nord Africa e medio Oriente);
- Visto che il Consiglio di Amministrazione nella seduta del 18 dicembre 2019, approvando il bilancio di previsione 2020, ha stanziato una somma pari a € 1.170.000,00 finalizzata a supportare le azioni di promozione internazionale di cui 160.000 destinate a 10 nuove borse di studio biennali per i migliori studenti selezionati per l’accesso ai Corsi di Laurea Magistrale nell’a.a. 2020/21;
- Tenuto conto che la Commissione Mobilità Internazionale, nella seduta del 25 Gennaio 2019, ha definito i seguenti criteri, relativamente alle Borse di studio a favore di studenti internazionali in possesso di un diploma di laurea di I livello o di una qualifica straniera equivalenti ottenuta presso un’Università con sede estera immatricolati per la prima volta a partire dall’a.a. 2019/2020 ad un Corso di Laurea Magistrale del Politecnico:
  - che l’importo di ciascuna borsa sia pari a 8.000 euro/anno (costo ente) per due anni (fatta salva la verifica del mantenimento dei livelli di merito);
  - di avvalersi del GRE®General Test - massimo 5 anni dalla scadenza del bando - quale parametro utile ad individuare le soglie minime di qualificazione in possesso dei candidati per l’accesso alla selezione e la formulazione delle graduatorie dei candidati, indicando altresì gli specifici parametri di seguito indicati:
    - Verbal Reasoning: 156/170;
Richiamato il “Bando di concorso per borse di studio per studenti internazionali in possesso di una qualifica straniera ottenuta presso un’Università con sede estera immatricolati per la prima volta ad un Corso di Laurea Magistrale del Politecnico nell’a.a. 2020/2021” emanato con Determina n. 909 del 03/07/2020;

Tenuto conto della determina dirigenziale n.1415 del 19/10/2020 Modalità di riassegnazione delle borse residuali a valere sul “Bando di concorso per borse di studio per studenti internazionali in possesso di una qualifica straniera ottenuta presso un’Università con sede estera immatricolati per la prima volta ad un Corso di Laurea Magistrale del Politecnico nell’a.a. 2020/2021” di cui alla Determina n. 909 del 03/07/2020;

Tenuto conto che la determina suddetta stabilisce di ripartire le 4 borse di studio disponibili a valere sul presente bando come segue:

- n. 2 a studenti che si immatricolano Corsi di Laurea Magistrale dell’Area dell’Ingegneria;
- n. 1 a studenti che si immatricolano Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Design Sistemico;
- n.1 a studenti che si immatricolano Corso di Laurea in Pianificazione Territoriale, Urbanistica e Ambientale;

DETERMINA

l’emanazione del Bando di concorso per borse di studio per studenti comunitari in possesso di una qualifica straniera ottenuta presso un’Università con sede estera immatricolati per la prima volta ad un Corso di Laurea Magistrale del Politecnico nel secondo semestre dell’a.a. 2020/2021, allegato alla presente Determina.

Torino, 23/12/2020

PER LA DIRETTRICE GENERALE
Il Direttore Vicario
Marco OreGLIA

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Introduction

The Politecnico di Torino supports “TOPoliTO: attracting top students at the Politecnico di Torino” project aims at attracting talented international students to undergraduate and graduate degree courses offered by Politecnico di Torino. Within this project, scholarships are awarded to EU international students who meet the application requirements in art. 2 below and who will enroll, for the first time, in the 2nd term a.y. 2020/21 as full-time student in one of the Master of Science program (2nd level cycle - Laurea Magistrale) as in art. 1 below. This call is open only to EU applicants living outside Italy with a foreign qualification.

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 as indicated in art. 8. The amount gross of all charges for the beneficiary account is 7,373.27 € per year. The awarding of 8,000 € for the second year is subject to the achievement of academic merit requirements (art. 9).

The project will award 4 scholarships distributed as follows:

- 2 scholarships to students who will enroll in Engineering field programs;
- 1 scholarships to students who will enroll in the Systemic Design program
- 1 scholarships to students who will enroll in the Territorial, Urban, Environmental and Landscape Planning program

The scholarship covers the two years of the Master of Science program: March 2021/February 2022 and, if maintained, March 2022/February 2023.

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1 “International students” are those whose qualification for admission to Master of Science programs were obtained outside Italy
2 N.B.: being a taxed scholarship, the net amount will depend upon individual tax conditions.
3 See course catalogue: [https://didattica.polito.it/offerta/index_en.html](https://didattica.polito.it/offerta/index_en.html)
2. Requirements to apply and incompatibility

Requirements to apply

Application is open to EU international4 students living outside Italy who 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 academic qualification” are those enrolled in a foreign university in 5 or 6-year - i.e. single cycle degree combined Bachelor and Master program - 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 (pre-university or preparatory years are not counted in the achieved years or credits);

- hold a valid GRE® General Test5:
  - 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) and have been admitted to a Master Degree program for the 2nd term in the A.Y. 2020/21 (application period November 9th, 2020 – March 1st, 2021)

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 with the exception of applicants who attended Italian language and culture courses in an Italian University or private language schools located in Italy;

- 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;

4 See note 1
are the recipient of any other Italian 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).

3. How to apply and deadlines

Application can be submitted within March 31st, 2021 only by students who have been admitted in one of the Master of Science program indicated in art.1 of this call for 2nd term a.y. 2020/21.

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: MARCH 31st, 2021

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6 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.

7 Evaluation results for call for application Master of Science 2020/21-2nd term will be available within 18/03/2021 (https://didattica.polito.it/inte/en/apply_msc_dead_eu)
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 -2nd term 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:

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

Example:

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<td>158/170=0,92</td>
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<tr>
<td>Analytical Writing</td>
<td>4/6=0,66</td>
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<tr>
<td>General score</td>
<td>0,94+0,92+0,66=2,52</td>
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5. Assignment procedure

Three separate list of standings students (Engineering, Systemic Design and Territorial, Urban, Environmental and Landscape Planning program) 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/or Systemic Design program and/or Territorial, Urban, Environmental and Landscape Planning program (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:

- April 13th 2021: publication of 1st provisional list of standings with eligible and not eligible students
- April 20th 2021: publication of final list of standings with scholarship assignment
- April 27th 2021: deadline for the acceptance of the scholarships by the winner students
- May 4th 2021: 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/) 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 the completion of enrolment procedures\(^8\) for the first time in a Master of Science program of Politecnico di Torino in the 2\(^{nd}\) 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:

\begin{itemize}
  \item the possession of the application requirements listed in art. 2; 
  \item the possession of the relevant documentation for enrollment for 2020/21\(^9\). In case of “provisional enrollment”, scholarships will be paid only after the submission of the required documentation; 
  \item the possession of the maintenance requirements explained in art. 9
\end{itemize}

Payment of the scholarship will occur in monthly installments after student arrival in Torino covering the period March 2021/February 2022; if maintained March 2022/February 2023.

Please note that, due to COVID-19 emergency situation, the physical mobility of international students in Italy can be replaced, if necessary, with distance learning activities at least until the end of the A.Y. 2020/21 (i.e. September 2021\(^10\)).

In this case, the payment of the first instalments will start only when the student will reach Torino.

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 and collect the Smart Card\(^11\) in the Registrar 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:

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  \item have a satisfactory academic performance level, in particular
  \begin{itemize}
    \item at least 2 exams passed in the 2\(^{nd}\) semester academic year 2020/2021, exam session of June-July and September 2021. Passed exam must be registered on the student personal page with September 30\(^{th}\), 2021
  \end{itemize}
\end{enumerate}

\(^8\) Deadlines to enroll: 31/03/2021 (see the main page of your on-line application apply@polito.it and the Student Guides https://didattica.polito.it/index_en.html)

\(^9\) https://international.polito.it/admission/prospective_students/master_of_science/2020_21

\(^10\) See https://www.coronavirus.polito.it/en/

\(^11\) Digital Identity card for students
40 credits (CFU) within the first exam session of the academic year 2021/22 (January-February 2022) Passed exam must be registered on the student personal page with March 10th 2022.

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: 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: 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.

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12 For further information see: http://international.polito.it/admission/prospective_students/recognition_of_a_foreign_qualification/credit_transfer

13 https://didattica.polito.it/outgoing/it
ASP-Alta Scuola Politecnica scholarships\textsuperscript{14}: 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.

12. Contacts

International Affairs Department - Incoming Mobility Office: 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 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.

Approved by the General Director (Decree n. 1939 – 23/02/2020)

\textsuperscript{14} http://www.asp-poli.it/