



**Politecnico
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Direzione Studenti e Didattica
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Emanazione Bando “IUPALS - Italian Universities for Palestinian Students” – a.a. 2025/2026

LA DIRIGENTE

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" e s.m.i.;

Vista la Legge 6/11/2012, n. 190, recante "Disposizioni per la prevenzione e la repressione della corruzione e dell'illegalità nella pubblica amministrazione" e s.m.i.;

Vista la Legge 30/07/2002, n. 189, recante “Modifica alla normativa in materia di immigrazione e di asilo” e s.m.i.;

Visto lo Statuto del Politecnico di Torino emanato con D.R. n. 774 del 07/07/2019;

Considerato il Regolamento Didattico di Ateneo emanato con Decreto Rettorale n. 1211 del 27/11/2023;

Viste le “Procedure per l'ingresso, il soggiorno e l'immatricolazione degli studenti richiedenti visto, relative ai corsi della formazione superiore in Italia, presso le istituzioni della formazione superiore valide per l'anno accademico 2025-26”;

Richiamato il Piano Strategico PoliTO in transition che prevede di costruire un modello internazionale di accessibilità, equità e benessere, promuovendo la coesione sociale, una cultura della convivenza delle diversità e della qualità della vita in Ateneo ponendo particolare attenzione ai servizi specificamente rivolti a una comunità internazionale, quali quelli di mediazione culturale e gestione delle situazioni di emergenza o fragilità;

Tenuto conto che la CRUI ha sviluppato il progetto “IUPALS - Italian Universities for Palestinian Students” in coordinamento con il Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale, il Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca e il Consolato Generale d'Italia a Gerusalemme;

Considerato che il Progetto IUPALS persegue in particolare i seguenti obiettivi:

- Supportare studenti e studentesse palestinesi residenti nei Territori Palestinesi per venire a studiare presso gli atenei italiani usufruendo di apposite borse di studio per frequentare corsi di studio di I o II ciclo a partire dall'a.a. 2025/2026



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- Rafforzare la cooperazione tra le università italiane, le istituzioni educative palestinesi e altri soggetti attivi a livello locale (sia in Italia che nei Territori Palestinesi), per favorire i processi di internazionalizzazione e di integrazione culturale

Tenuto conto che, con l'adesione a "IUPALS - Italian Universities for Palestinian Students" i partner del progetto si impegnano a concedere agli studenti l'ingresso in Italia, una borsa di studio e servizi primari (assistenza, alloggio, ecc.) durante il loro soggiorno, nonché ad accompagnarli durante il loro percorso di studi e di inclusione sociale in Italia, al fine di contribuire al rafforzamento di società inclusive e accoglienti;

Tenuto conto della delibera del Consiglio di Amministrazione del 3/04/2025 con la quale l'Ateneo ha approvato:

- l'adesione al progetto CRUI «IUPALS Italian Universities for Palestinian Students»;
- i requisiti e le modalità di selezione;
- l'attivazione di due borse di studio di valore annuale pari a € 12.000 ciascuna (costo carico Ente) per una durata pari a 2 anni accademici/24 mesi (indicativamente dal 1/10/2025 al 30/09/2027), con un impegno finanziario complessivo di 48.000 così ripartito: 8.000 euro per il 2025, 24.000,00 euro per il 2026, 16.000,00 euro per il 2027, a valere sul progetto contabile 01_PAF_POLIZZA_BONICELLI - liquidazione polizza Bonicelli;
- la copertura dell'eventuale proroga fino a sei mesi (indicativamente dal 1/10/2027 al 31/03/2028) per consentire agli studenti di concludere la preparazione della tesi e sua discussione, per un importo massimo di 6.000,00 euro per ciascuna borsa con un impegno finanziario massimo complessivo di 12.000 euro così ripartito: 6.000,00 euro nel 2027 e 6.000,00 euro nel 2028, a valere sul progetto contabile 01_PAF_POLIZZA_BONICELLI - liquidazione polizza Bonicelli

DETERMINA

Art.1 - L'emanazione del Bando "IUPALS - Italian Universities for Palestinian Students" – a.a. 2025/2026 allegato alla presente Determina di cui costituisce parte integrante.

n. Allegati: 1 (Bando IUPALS)



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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 2**).

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 infringe 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 2**)

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 attended by the candidate that describes in detail the content of each subject 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 the 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 of 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

STUDI Department (Students and Education) - Admissions and Tuition Fees Unit:
iupals@polito.it

ANNEX 1 - A. Y. 2025/2026 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS						
Field of Study	Master of Science program	Language of the program	Language requirement (minimum score)	Recommended background to apply	Syllabus	Portfolio/Summary
ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING	ARCHITECTURE CONSTRUCTION CITY	English	IELTS 5.5	Architecture	Recommended	Recommended
	ARCHITECTURE FOR SUSTAINABILITY	English	IELTS 5.5	Architecture	Recommended	Recommended
	ARCHITECTURE FOR HERITAGE	English	IELTS 5.5	Architecture	Recommended	Recommended
	URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (Curriculum Planning for the global urban agenda)	English	IELTS 5.5	Urban and Regional planning, Urban Engineering, Geography, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Building Engineering, Architectural Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Political sciences/Law, Geographic information systems	Recommended	Recommended
TERRITORIAL SCIENCES	DIGITAL SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIETAL TRANSITIONS	English	IELTS 5.5	Information Technology and Computer Sciences, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Architectural Engineering, Urban Engineering, Urban Planning, Civil Engineering, Building Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Economics and Accounting, Public Policy and Public Management, Media and Arts, Geography.	Not Required	Not Required
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Automotive Engineering , Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Engineering*, Electrical Engineering.	Recommended	Not Required
	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Mechanical engineering, Aerospace engineering, Automotive engineering, Industrial engineering*, Management engineering, Energy engineering, Biomedical engineering, Material Engineering (or similar)	Recommended	Not Required
BUILDING, ENVIRONMENT AND TERRITORY	AGRITECH ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering	Recommended	Not Required
	BUILDING ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Civil Engineering, Building Engineering, Architectural Engineering, Architecture	Recommended	Not Required
	CIVIL ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering	Not Required	Not Required
	ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND ENGINEERING Climate Change	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering	Not Required	Not Required
	GEORESOURCES AND GEOENERGY ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering, Geology, Physics, Mathematics	Not Required	Not Required
ICT	COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering, Computer science, Mathematics, Physics	Recommended	Not Required
	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering, Computer science	Recommended	Not Required
	CYBERSECURITY ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering, Computer science	Recommended	Not Required
	DATA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering, Mathematics, Computer science	Recommended	Not Required
	ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering, Physics	Not Required	Not Required
	ICT ENGINEERING FOR SMART SOCIETIES	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering, Computer science, Physics, Mathematics	Recommended	Not Required
	PHYSICS OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS - national path	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering, Physics, Mathematics	Not Required	Not Required
	MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering	Recommended	Not Required
	NANOTECHNOLOGIES FOR SMART AND INTEGRATED SYSTEMS	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering, Physics	Not Required	Not Required
	QUANTUM ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering, Physics, Mathematics	Not Required	Not Required
CHEMISTRY AND MATERIAL ENGINEERING	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING FOR GREEN TRANSITION	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering	Not Required	Not Required
	MATERIALS ENGINEERING FOR INDUSTRY 4.0	English	IELTS 5.5	Any field of Engineering	Not Required	Not Required
ENERGY ENGINEERING	ENERGY AND NUCLEAR ENGINEERING	English	IELTS 5.5	Industrial engineering*	Recommended	Not Required
MANAGEMENT	ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT	English	IELTS 5.5	Management engineering, Industrial engineering and management, Mechanical engineering, Aerospace engineering, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Process Engineering, Automation Engineering and similar fields of engineering. Please note the following Bachelor Degrees part of the Industrial Engineering field are not accepted: Biomedical Eng, Chemical and Food Eng., Material Eng., Electrical Eng., Electronic Engineering, Energy Eng., and similar fields of engineering	Not Required	Not Required

* Industrial engineering: Mechanical Eng, Aerospace Eng, Biomedical Eng, Chemical and Food Eng., Material Eng. , Automotive Eng., Industrial Eng. and Management, Electrical Eng. e Energy Eng.



Annex 2 - English language proficiency

IUPALS PROJECT DECLARATION –ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

First name:_____ Last name: _____

Place of Birth:_____ Date of birth:_____

Citizenship:_____

I hereby declare that:

- I have a good knowledge of English because:
 - ☐ English is my mother tongue
 - ☐ English is the medium of instruction at the University where I got my degree
 - ☐ I have the following English certificate:

Or

- I do not have one of the English Language Certificates (IELTS 5.5 or equivalent) listed here https://didattica.polito.it/inte/en/apply_msc_lang but I have a good knowledge of the English language, including written and spoken English, that will allow me to attend a Master of Science in Politecnico di Torino;

And

- I am aware that my mastering of the English language will be assessed during the online interview and it will be one of the selection criteria, as specified in the Call for application.

I am fully aware that, if the Academic Commission confirms my eligibility for the Master of Science program(s) and I am awarded a IUPALS scholarship, in order to graduate and obtain the MS degree I will be required to get one of the English certificates listed here: https://didattica.polito.it/inte/en/apply_msc_lang

Moreover, I declare that, 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), I am aware that my personal data will be



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collected and processed, also by means of computer tools, exclusively with reference to the procedure for which this declaration is made.

Date ____/____/2025

Signature_____