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**Scholarships for applicants from non-EU countries
STAR + LMINT
for enrolment in postgraduate programs
2025/2026 a.y.**

***Art. 1*
Purpose**

The University of Brescia for the Academic Year 2025/2026 hereby issues this Call for the awarding of 18 scholarships limited to the normal duration of the study programme to students holding an undergraduate Degree obtained in a non-EU country wishing to enrol in a Master's Degree course.

Scholarship are distributed as follows:

1. **STAR “Students at Risk”**, 4 scholarships reserved for:
 - students with nationality and with residence in a developing country pursuant to Decree n. 440/2024 February 13th, 2024
 - students from the following countries defined as priority by the Italian Agency for Cooperation: Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Jordan, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Tunisia and Palestinian territories (see annexes 2 and 3)

Candidates can choose between a master's degree in Italian or English

The annual amount of the scholarship is € 6,150.00, renewable for the normal duration of the course, as specified at art. 5

Three scholarships of the total of STAR scholarships will be assigned as a priority to students coming from an African country, including the scholarship assigned with a specific Call for bachelor's degree courses.

2. **LMINT** n. 14 scholarship to students holding a bachelor's degree of the minimum duration of three years, obtained in a non-EU country, and who intend to enrol in one of the following master's degree programmes in English:

Communication technologies and multimedia	Maximum 4 scholarship
Civil and environmental engineering	Maximum 4 scholarship
Management curriculum International business	Maximum 2 scholarship
Management curriculum Green economy and sustainability	Maximum 2 scholarship
Analytics and Data Science for Economics and Management ¹	Maximum 2 scholarship

¹ Admission is subject to passing an oral exam to assess the personal preparation which will take place in March 2025.

The annual amount of the scholarship is € 4,800.00, renewable for the second year, as specified at art. 5. Two scholarships will be assigned as a priority to students with a degree achieved in one of the extra-UE University partner of the network Asea Uninet <https://asea-uninet.org/network-members/member-universities/>

Art. 2 ***Requirements***

Requirements for the **STAR** scholarships at the moment of the Call deadline:

1. Be resident and domiciled in one of the countries listed in the art. 1, item1;
2. Be citizen of one of the countries listed in the art. 1, item1;
3. Register for the first time with an Italian University;
4. Be in possession of a valid university undergraduate degree:
 - of at least three years duration
 - allowing admission to a postgraduate course in the country where it was obtained;
 - comparable to the first cycle QF EHEA² / 6th level EQF³
 - issued outside the European Union
 - issued by an institution recognized by the local education system and authorized to issue higher education degrees
 - suitable for admission to the master's degree programme chosen:
5. For the master's degrees taught in English holding a certificate of English level B2 CEFR or having undertaken the study pathway in English.
6. Have achieved the undergraduate degree with a minimum final mark of 80/100 or a minimum GPA of 3.2/4.

Candidates who intend to achieve their degree within the 10th July 2025 will also be admitted.

If the qualification has been issued by any institutions with transnational status, both the head office and the branch should have obtained authorization by the authorities in the countries where they operate and by the authorities in charge of the education system they belong to.

Requirements for the **LMINT** scholarships at the moment of the Call deadline:

1. Be resident and domiciled in a country outside the European Union.
2. Be citizen of a country outside the European Union.
3. Applicants must be not over 30 years-old at the moment of the Call deadline (except for renewals)
4. Register for the first time with an Italian University;
5. Be in possession of a valid undergraduate university degree:
 - of at least three years duration
 - allowing admission to a postgraduate course in the country where it was obtained;

- comparable to the first cycle QF EHEA² / 6th level EQF³
 - issued outside the European Union
 - issued by an institution recognized by the local education system and authorized to issue higher education degrees
 - suitable for admission to the master's degree programme chosen.
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2. <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-quadro-dei-titoli-spazio-europeo-istruzione-superiore>

3. <https://europa.eu/europass/en/europass-tools/european-qualifications-framework>

Art. 3

Application submission

Applicants wishing to apply for the scholarships must apply by 12:00 Italian time (11:00 UTC) of **15th February 2025**, via the PICA procedure available from the following link:

<https://pica.cineca.it/unibs/ammissionelaurea2025/domande>

Only one master's degree and only one scholarship may be chosen in the on-line application.

Application fee payment

At the end of the procedure candidates applying for the LMINT scholarship must pay the application fee (**€ 20**) through the **Pago PA** system.

Candidates applying for STAR scholarship are exempted from the payment.

To pay the fee the candidate must:

1. click on VERIFICA
2. click on PAGAMENTO
3. choose payment with credit card
4. proceed with the payment

After the payment, the form of the application must be printed, signed, scanned and upload.

In case the application is withdrawn and submitted again it is not necessary to pay again: it is possible to recover the payment attached to the first application.

Documents needed for the application

It is mandatory to fill out the following information: name, surname, gender, date of birth, country of birth, nationality, address, e-mail, telephone number.

Documents to be attached to the on-line application are the following:

1. a valid identity document, preferably a passport;
2. original certification attesting the qualification obtained as defined at article 2. The certification must show: the name and level of the qualification, the final grade achieved, the minimum and maximum score that can be acquired, the year it was obtained, the name and address of the institution that issued the qualification, list of exams taken with scores and credits. Those who have not achieved the degree can attach original university enrolment certificate with list of exams.
3. if the documents were not issued by the institution in English or Italian it is mandatory to attach the translation in Italian or English of the qualification documents carried out by an official translator;
4. candidates interested in enrolling in a Master's Degrees in Italian must attach a certificate of knowledge of the Italian language not lower than the CEFR B2 level, issued by one of the bodies belonging to the CLIQ6 system or by the "Dante Alighieri" University of Reggio Calabria; if this certificate has not been obtained, the enrolment of candidates will be subject to passing the Italian proficiency test organized by the University of Brescia;
5. applicants interested in registering for master's degree Programmes in English who have NOT undertaken their study pathway in English must attach a certificate of proficiency in English (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL), of at least CEFR B2 level and acknowledge by the university (list is available at CLA Language Certificates: <https://www.unibs.it/en/education/useful-information/certifications-and-modules/language-certificate>);
6. curriculum vitae (in Italian or English, max. 2 pages);
7. reference letter or name and e-mail of a professor from the school or university of origin (optional but recommended).

The Board reserves the right to require additional documents and/or interview candidates remotely using a video-communication application.

Only for master's degree courses – mandatory document

It is mandatory to fill out a form with the list of the exams passed to achieve the degree and the corresponding disciplinary area. The board will verify the consistency between the candidate degree and the master's degree chosen.

Applications without the requirement indicated in this Call, incomplete, missing the requested documents, sent after the deadline, submitted with a different method other than the Pica portal or missing the payment of the 20 € fee, will be excluded.

Art. 4

Preparation of the ranking list

The merit ranking will be drawn up by a special Board, appointed by Rector's Decree, composed by at least 6 members. The board can be supported by other consultant professors.

Considering what is indicated in art. 1, scholarships shall be awarded based on the results of comparative assessment of the applications received based on the following criteria, of which the Board will give proper priority and importance, accounted for them in the final report:

- suitability and consistency of the qualification obtained by the applicant for their admission to the chosen master's degree programme;
- assessment of the applicant's university merit and curriculum vitae;
- have obtained the bachelor's qualification in a University with which the University of Brescia has official and active collaboration agreements.

For STAR scholarship only be nationality of one of the "Priority countries" as defined by the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development among those listed in art. 1, under Decree n. 440/2024 of 13th February 2024".

Applicants that will obtain their qualification by 10th July 2025 will be inserted in the ranking with the condition of "suspended"; the actual allocation of the scholarship will happen after examining the certificate for the attainment of the qualification, which must be sent by e-mail by the institution that issued it not later than 30th July 2025.

In the event of several applicants with the same scoring, priority shall be given to the younger ones.

Any scholarships not allocated due to the depletion of winning positions in one of the ranking lists, shall be redistributed, without any change to the amount, based on criteria to be defined by the Board. In particular the University can assign any remaining STAR scholarships to candidates applying for enrolment in a bachelor's degree, as for specific call that will be published at a later time

The ranking will be published on the University website within 15th May 2025. Candidates awarded with a scholarship will receive notification by the UOC Diritto allo Studio and they must accept it within 10 days.

Art.5

Renewal of scholarships

Students awarded with scholarships will have their scholarships renewed under the same financial conditions for the Academic Year 2026/2027, if they obtain, by **10th August 2026, at least 24 CFUs**.

Upon evaluation by the relevant Chancellor's Delegate, the said deadline for CFU acquisition may be postponed for students who could not attend at least 2/3 lessons in the first semester of the Academic Year 2024/2025 due to problems in obtaining their Entry Visas for Italy.

Students awarded with scholarships will have to achieve an Open Badge issued for attending at least 80% of an Italian language course or an Open Badge on passing the CLA certification final test, both issued by the University Language Teaching Centre in order to renew their scholarship for the second year.

Art. 6
Payment of scholarships

The scholarships of the first year will be paid on a monthly basis as following:

- For the first 50%: the first instalment within 30 days from the notification to the UOC Diritto allo Studio of the bank account information on which the scholarship must be paid. The student must be enrolled before receiving the payment
- For the remaining 50%: upon obtaining 9 CFUs.

Scholarships for the second year 2025/2026 will be confirmed after the verification of registration in the academic year, have obtained the required CFUs and have obtained the Open badge issued by the Language Teaching Centre as stated in art. 5.

Art. 7
Taxation

For scholarships awarded to students with foreign citizenship, the exemption laid down in art.3, paragraph 3, letter d-ter of the TUIR (Income Tax Consolidation Act) applies.

Art. 8
Enrolment

In order to enrol into the chosen master's degree Programme, the successful candidates must:

1. Follow the procedures defined by the MUR - Ministry of Universities and Research for the admission of non-EU candidates residing abroad to Italian universities for the 2025/2026 A.Y., procedures that will be available on the page <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>
2. apply for an entry visa to Italy for study purposes via the www.university.it/ portal within the deadline indicated by the MUR. The University of Brescia will confirm the eligibility of the candidate on the portal; this confirmation is available for embassies and consulates in charge of issuing the Visa. Candidates must apply on the University portal within 10 days of the notification of the awarding of the scholarship, otherwise the scholarship will be revoked.

To speed the VISA process candidates can have the institution that issued their degree send a document containing the final diploma with the list of exams to the following addresses:

ammcentr@cert.unibs.it

internationalstudents@unibs.it

Documents must be in their original language along with a letter on headed paper and must contain the name the office / person in charge that can be contacted in case any verification is needed. They must be sent from an email address belonging to the institution (documents sent by professors are not accepted).

Those who choose this method are exempted from submitting legalisation and Declaration of value from CIMEA.

3. Take the Italian language proficiency test L2 CISIA (date will be notified later) if the chosen course is in Italian and they do not have the B2 CEFR Italian language proficiency certificate, (art. 3)
4. complete the online enrolment procedure by paying the first instalment of university fees, following the instruction sent by e-mail.

Enrolment will be confirmed when students:

- obtain the study VISA;
- will arrive in Italy;
- will submit at International Admission Office the qualification obtained abroad, choosing one of the following options:
 - a) original printed certificates, translated in Italian or English, legalised by the authorities in the country where the qualification was awarded along with the Declaration of Value issued by the Italian representation operating in the country where the qualification was awarded
 - b) original printed certificates, translated in Italian or English, with the Statements of comparability and verification issued by CIMEA, instead of the legalisation and Declaration of Value. If the student chooses this option, the CIMEA certificate must submit through the platform *MyDiplome*;
 - c) original documents translated in Italian or English if the foreign institution has already sent the documents by e-mail in their original language

The International Admission Office may request further documentation relating to the foreign qualification at the time of enrolment.

The scholarship will be confirmed only after this office has verified the regularity and suitability of the foreign qualification based on the documentation submitted.

In case of discrepancy between the documents submitted by person and those sent by e-mail or in case their turn to be not authentic, admission to the course and scholarship will be revoked. The decision will also be notified to the embassy/consulate that issued the VISA.

Winners will be awarded places as part of the specific quota reserved for non-EU candidates residing abroad provided for annually for each Bachelor' and master's degree programmes. Enrolments will be accepted until the reserved places are reached.

If at the time of enrolment, the student is not in possession of documentation relating to the foreign qualification as indicated, the student may submit this documentation by a later deadline defined by the Academic Senate. In this case, enrolment will not be confirmed until the documentation has been submitted and the student will not be able to use online services, take examinations, request certificates, or receive payment of the scholarship. If the student does not submit the required documentation by the deadline set by the Academic Senate, enrolment and the right to the scholarship will be definitively revoked.

Art. 9

Fees, accommodation and restaurant services

Scholarship recipients are exempted from the payment of university fees except for the regional fee and the stamp duty (it was 156.00 € in the a.y. 2024/2025).

They also have a reserved place in the university residences which is charged at the first price bracket for services for the right to education. Accommodation shall be requested upon acceptance of the scholarship.

Catering service, if requested, is charged at the first price bracket for services for the right to education.

Art. 10

Incompatibility

The grant may not be awarded to students who receive/are receiving other grants from Italian public bodies for the academic year in question.

Students awarded with an international scholarship may participate in an international mobility programme for a maximum length of six months.

Art.11

Protection of Personal Data

The processing of personal data provided by candidates for the aforementioned purposes is carried out in compliance with the EU Regulation - GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). The Data Controller is the University of Brescia, in the person of the Magnificent Chancellor, who has appointed as Data Protection Officer (DPO) the Company Liguria Digitale S.r.l. in the person of Eng. Maurizio Pastore, who can be contacted at the following email address: rp@unibs.it.

Before communicating their data to the University, minor candidates are required to carefully read the notices along with the parents or the holders of parental responsibility. The legal guardians of minors may exercise their rights by writing to rp@unibs.it.

The processing of the personal data provided by the candidates when participating in the selection of this Call for Applications is aimed solely at carrying out selection activities and will be carried out by the personnel in charge of the procedure, including through the use of computerised procedures, in the ways and within the limits necessary to pursue the aforementioned purposes, even in the event of disclosure to third parties. The processing will also be carried out by Cineca - Consorzio interuniversitario. This data must be provided for evaluation of the participation requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure. The data transmitted by the data subject will be processed by means of appropriate guarantees and security measures - manual and/or electronic, in order to ensure their protection and confidentiality. For any complaint arising from the processing of data, the data subject may contact the Guarantor for the protection of personal data and other competent public bodies. To exercise their rights, the data subject may contact the Data Controller. Further information is available on the University website at the following link: www.unibs.it/privacy.

Art. 12
Procedure Manager

In accordance with Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, Silvia Coppi, Head of the Services for the Right to Higher Education Unit of the University of Brescia, Viale Europa 39 - Brescia.

Art. 13
Final provisions

On the basis of art. 71 of Presidential Decree 445 of 28/12/2000, the Administration will carry out appropriate checks, including sample checks and in all cases where there are well-founded doubts as to the truthfulness of what has been declared. For all matters not covered by this call for applications, the laws and regulations in force regarding public competitions and university study awards will apply.

Information relating to this call and registration procedures may be requested at U.O.C. Diritto allo Studio, Viale Europa 39 - Brescia, e-mail: internationalscholarships@unibs.it

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ANNEX 1

List of master's degree held in Italian

Biotechnologie mediche
Consulenza Aziendale e Libera Professione
Ingegneria Civile
Ingegneria dell'Automazione Industriale
Ingegneria delle Tecnologie per l'Impresa Digitale
Ingegneria Elettronica
Ingegneria Gestionale
Ingegneria Informatica
Ingegneria Meccanica
Ingegneria per l'Ambiente e il Territorio
Ingegneria per l'Innovazione dei Materiali e del Prodotto
Marketing per il Made in Italy
Moneta, Finanza e Risk Management
Scienze Giuridiche dell'Innovazione e della sostenibilità
Scienze infermieristiche e ostetriche
Scienza del movimento per la salute e il benessere
Tecnologie per la Transizione Ecologica in Agricoltura

List of Master's Degree held in English

Management – curriculum International business
Management – curriculum Green economy and sustainability
Analytics and data science for economics and management
Civil and environmental engineering
Communication technologies and multimedia



ANNEX 2

List of developing countries pursuant MUR decree n. 440, February 13th, 2024

Afghanistan
Angola
Bangladesh
Benin
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gambia
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Haiti
Kiribati
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
Niger
Rwanda
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Sudan
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
Tanzania
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tuvalu
Uganda
Yemen
Zambia

ANNEX 3

LIST OF COUNTRIES DEFINED AS PRIORITY BY THE ITALIAN AGENCY FOR COOPERATION: 2021 – 2023

(<https://www.aics.gov.it/paesi/paesi-prioritari/>)

AFRICA SUB-SAHARIANA: Etiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Senegal
Mozambico

MEDITERRANEO: Egitto, Tunisia;

MEDIO ORIENTE: Giordania, Iraq, Libano, Territori Palestinesi;

AMERICA LATINA E CARAIBI: Cuba, El Salvador;

ASIA: Afghanistan, Myanmar