



**UNIVERSITÀ DI NAPOLI  
L'ORIENTALE**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF 2 SCHOLARSHIPS AND WELCOME SERVICES FOR STUDENTS RESIDING IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES WHO ENROL IN A MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES L'ORIENTALE IN THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**THE RECTOR**

- HAVING REGARD TO** the current Statute of the University;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the Regulations for Administration, Finance and Accounting;
- HAVING REGARD TO** Law no. 241 of 07.08.1990 on administrative procedures and access to administrative documents, as amended;
- HAVING REGARD TO** Legislative Decree no. 198 of 11.04.2006 concerning the Code on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women;
- HAVING REGARD TO** Rector's Decree no. 335 of 07.04.2025 concerning the Code of Ethics of the University of Naples L'Orientale;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the University's Academic Regulations;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the deliberation no. 245 of the Consiglio di Amministrazione of University of Naples L'Orientale on 22.10.2025, authorising the allocation of the total sum of € 13,369.28, derived from the distribution of the '5 x mille' contributions made by taxpayers in their tax returns filed in 2024, to the funding of scholarships for Palestinian students, to be activated within one year of the funds being credited, namely by 13.08.2026;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the notice published by the Regional Agency for the Right to University Education of Campania (ADISURC) regarding the award of grants to higher education institutions to support students from conflict-affected areas for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 academic years, aimed at supplementing the support measures already implemented by the universities, by providing free accommodation and canteen services for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 academic years to twelve students identified by universities and institutions of higher education in the arts and music, as recorded in Note no. 0001461 of 16.01.2026;
- HAVING REGARD TO** Rector's Decree no. 102 of 13.02.2026, which establishes the support measures promoted by the University of Naples L'Orientale for the award of scholarships to Palestinian students, and authorises the issuance and publication of the call for applications for the award of two scholarships addressed to students from the Palestinian Territories and intended for enrolment on master's degree programmes for the two-year period covering the academic years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028

- HAVING REGARD TO** the aforementioned Rector's Decree no. 102 of 13.02.2026 sets out specifically the funding for both the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 academic years for scholarships for students from Palestinian Territories who enrol on a Master's degree programme for the two-year period covering the academic years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, of which € 13,369.28 per student is allocated from the '5 x mille' project CA 04.46.08.01.07 "Altri interventi a favore degli studenti" and € 3,630.72 from the 2026 budget CA 04.46.05.11 "Altre Borse di Studio" and, for the second student, € 17,000.00 from the 2026 budget CA 04.46.05.11 "Altre Borse di Studio"
- HAVING REGARD TO** the Note no. 0010548 of 13.02.2026, by which the University of Naples L'Orientale is responding to the above-mentioned notice published by the Regional Agency for the Right to University Education of Campania (ADISURC);
- TAKING NOTE** that the Regional Agency for the Right to University Education of Campania (ADISURC), in Note no. 4510/2026 of 19.03.2026 has communicated that, by Managerial Decree no. 346/346 of 18.03.2026, the outcomes for the allocation of grants to universities supporting students from conflict-affected countries have been approved, and that the Agency will provide free accommodation and canteen services for the selected students for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 academic years;

## DECREES

### Art. 1 – Purpose and Beneficiaries

This call for applications is issued for the award of 2 scholarships to students in the Palestinian Territories (Gaza, West Bank and East Jerusalem), who intend to enrol in the 2026-2027 academic year in one of the Master's Degree programmes listed in ANNEX 1.

### Art. 2 – Duration, Benefits and Amount of the Scholarship

Each scholarship has a duration of two academic years (first year 2026-2027 and second year 2027-2028) as specified below and includes the following benefits:

- Meals provided at affiliated facilities (one meal per day);
- Accommodation in a student residence managed by the Regional Agency for the Right to University Education in Campania (ADISURC);
- Tuition waiver for enrolment in a Master's Degree program at the University of Naples L'Orientale, excluding regional taxes, which must be paid by the student;

In addition, recipients will receive a financial contribution of € 8.500 per year (gross amount<sup>3</sup>), disbursed in three instalments.

The following additional services will be provided:

- A dedicated academic tutor to support the planning of the study program and the management of academic deadlines;
- A welcome and integration service to support students in their academic and social integration and assist with administrative procedures related to their stay in Italy;
- An Italian language course offered by CLAOR (University Language Centre).

The scholarship is granted for one academic year and may be renewed for a second year under the conditions set out in Art. 8.

Students who do not qualify for renewal will be required to pay tuition fees in accordance with the University's regulations, as specified in the Student Guide, and may apply for regional scholarships under the terms established by Regional Agency for the Right to University Education (ADISURC).

Scholarships are not compatible with other public financial aid. In the case of multiple awards, the recipient must choose one.

Scholarship holders are required to promptly report any such incompatibilities by writing to the following email address: [borse.palestine@unior.it](mailto:borse.palestine@unior.it)

### **Art. 3 – Admission Requirements and Application Procedures**

To participate in the selection process, candidates must meet the following requirements, under penalty of exclusion:

- Be residents of the Palestinian Territories: (West Bank, Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem);
- Not be enrolled in any other Italian University for the academic year 2026-2027;
- Hold (or be about to obtain) a degree that qualifies for admission to a Master's Degree programme in Italy (equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree);
- Meet the specific admission requirements of the chosen Master's Degree programme, as outlined in Annex 1 links;

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<sup>3</sup> IMPORTANT: The amount is understood to include any taxes that may be applied to the student at the time of disbursement, in accordance with national tax regulations.

- Have an adequate knowledge of the English language;
- Register on the *University platform* at the following link: <https://www.university.it/>

Failure to meet one or more of the above requirements will automatically result in exclusion from the selection process for the award of the scholarships.

#### **Art. 4 – Application Submission, Selection Procedures and Award Criteria**

Applications must be submitted by 11.59 p.m. (Italian time) on May 29, 2026, exclusively via email to the following address: [borse.palestine@unior.it](mailto:borse.palestine@unior.it)

Required documentation:

1. Curriculum vitae;
2. A copy of an identity document proving residency in the Palestinian Territories;
3. A copy of the qualification valid for admission to the Italian University system;
4. A copy of the transcript of exam results showing grades and credits/hours;
5. A motivation letter (max 1 page), indicating only one Master's Degree programme to which the applicant intends to enrol;
6. Any additional documentation useful to certify status or academic background.

Documents must be written in Italian, English, or Arabic.

The University Committee, appointed by Rectoral Decree, will evaluate the applications solely for the purpose of awarding the scholarships.

The final ranking list of eligible candidates will be approved by Rectoral Decree and published exclusively by posting on the official notice board and on the University's website.

Evaluation criteria:

- Academic record and grade point average: max 50 points;
- CV evaluation (experience/skills): max 25 points;
- Motivation letter and coherence of academic path: max 25 points.

The total maximum score is 100 points. The top 2 candidates will be awarded the scholarships.

In the event of a tie, priority will be given to female candidates, and secondly to younger candidates.

The Committee may summon candidates for an online interview. The top two candidates on the published ranking list published on the University noticeboard by a Rector's Decree will be awarded the scholarship. In case of withdrawals or failure to comply, the scholarship may be reassigned to candidates on the reserve list following the order of the ranking.

## **Art. 5 – Acceptance**

Successful candidates will be notified via official email communication.

To confirm acceptance of the scholarship, selected candidates must send a written confirmation by email to [borse.palestine@unior.it](mailto:borse.palestine@unior.it) within 10 days from the date of receipt of the award notification. If acceptance is not confirmed, candidates will lose their place.

Once the scholarship has been accepted, candidates must:

- Complete the pre-enrolment procedure in accordance with the requirements of the chosen degree programme, subject to document verification by the relevant university offices;
- Apply for a study visa at a Consulate General of Italy;

Failure to accept the scholarship or to fulfil these obligations will result in the revocation of the scholarship and its reassignment to a candidate on the reserve list.

## **Art. 6 – Withdrawal**

In case of withdrawal after acceptance, recipients must promptly notify the University in writing via email at [borse.palestine@unior.it](mailto:borse.palestine@unior.it) so that the scholarship may be reassigned to a candidate from the reserve list.

## **Art. 7 – Scholarship Disbursement and Retention Requirements (Academic Year 2026-2027)**

The scholarship of € 8.500 gross per recipient will be paid in three instalments as follows:

- First instalment (€ 3.500 gross per recipient): upon arrival in Italy, after:
  - Completion of University enrolment;
  - Opening of a bank account in the student's name (with IBAN);
  - Signing the scholarship acceptance declaration.
- Second instalment (€ 3.000 gross per recipient): upon obtaining at least 9 ECTS credits by March 31, 2027.
- Third instalment (€ 2.000 gross per recipient): upon obtaining at least 18 ECTS credits by July 31, 2027.

Credits earned from previous academic careers will not be considered.

Attendance at Italian language courses offered by CLAOR (University Language Centre) is strongly recommended.

### **Art. 8 – Renewal for the Academic Year 2027-2028**

Scholarship renewal is available for one academic year only and is subject to the following academic requirements:

- First instalment: (€ 4.500 gross per recipient): upon obtaining at least 30 ECTS credits by September 30, 2027
- Second instalment: (€ 4.000 gross per recipient): upon obtaining at least 42 ECTS credits by March 31, 2028

Any request for exceptions to these criteria, arising from duly justified circumstances, will be evaluated by the University Committee responsible for the selection and allocation of the scholarships.

### **Art. 9 – Revocation**

The scholarship will be revoked in the following cases:

1. If the student fails to obtain at least 20 ECTS credits by November 30, 2027;
2. If the student withdraws from the program or transfers to another institution.

In such cases, any amount already disbursed must be reimbursed.

Exceptions will be evaluated by the University Committee responsible for the selection and allocation of the scholarships.

### **Art. 10 – Personal Data Processing**

Personal data will be processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR). The full privacy notice is available on the University's website.

The University reserves the right to verify the truthfulness of all declarations submitted. In the case of false or misleading information, the scholarship will be revoked pursuant to Art. 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000.

### **Art. 11 – Disputes**

The Italian language version of this call for applications is the only legally binding text. This English translation is provided for informational purposes only. In the event of disputes, only the Italian version shall be considered valid.

**Art. 12 – Responsible Officer**

In accordance with Law no. 241 of August 7, 1990, the person responsible for the administrative procedure is: Cristina Esposito, Head of Internships, Placement, Student Collaboration Office – Teaching and Research Services Area.

**Art. 13 – Contacts and Information**

For information or clarification, candidates may contact the University by writing to: [borse.palestine@unior.it](mailto:borse.palestine@unior.it)

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Prof. Roberto Tottoli

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## ANNEX 1 – List of the Master Degree courses – University of Naples L'Orientale

### Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies

- **Archaeology: Asia, Africa and Mediterranean Area (MACR):**  
<https://www.unior.it/en/study-orientale/teaching-and-learning/educational-offer/second-level-degrees-lauree-magistrali-0>
- **Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (MAAR):**  
<https://www.unior.it/en/study-orientale/teaching-and-learning/offerta-formativa/second-level-degrees-lauree-magistrali-0>

### Department of Human and Social Sciences

- **Languages and Intercultural Communication in the Euro-mediterranean Area (MLCR)**  
<https://www.unior.it/en/study-orientale/teaching-and-learning/offerta-formativa/second-level-degrees-lauree-magistrali-6>
- **International Relations and Institutions of Asia and Africa (MRIR)**  
<https://www.unior.it/en/study-orientale/teaching-and-learning/educational-offer/second-level-degrees-lauree-magistrali-5>
- **International Relations (MIRR)**  
<https://www.unior.it/en/study-orientale/teaching-and-learning/offerta-formativa/second-level-degrees-lauree-magistrali-7>

### Department of Literary, Linguistic and Comparative Studies

- **Italian Culture and Italian as a Foreign Language (MCS)**  
<https://www.unior.it/en/study-orientale/teaching-and-learning/offerta-formativa/second-level-degrees-lauree-magistrali-5>
- **Comparative Literatures and Cultures (MCCR)**  
<https://www.unior.it/en/study-orientale/teaching-and-learning/offerta-formativa/second-level-degrees-lauree-magistrali-4>
- **European and American Languages and Literatures (MEAR)**  
<https://www.unior.it/en/study-orientale/teaching-and-learning/offerta-formativa/second-level-degrees-lauree-magistrali-3>
- **Specialized Translation (MTSR)**  
<https://www.unior.it/en/study-orientale/teaching-and-learning/offerta-formativa/second-level-degrees-lauree-magistrali-2>

### Inter-Departmental Master Degree course:

- **Humanities and digital technology (LMDH)**

**IMPORTANT:** The specific admission requirements of the selected Master Degree programme are available clicking the corresponding link. Most teaching is done in Italian. Please note, however, that it will be possible to take exams in English,

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