

IUPALS: Italian University for Palestine

Call for applications for up to four (4) scholarships for Palestinian students living in the Palestinian Territories and enrolled in a second-level degree course for the academic year 2025/2026

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Art.1 – Objectives, Recipients and benefits

The overall objective of the IUPALS Italian University for Palestine project, in collaboration with CRUI (Conferenza Rettori Universitari Italiani) is to promote the right to higher education for Palestinian Students residing in the Palestinian Territories.

Residency status in the Palestinian Territories will be assessed by the relevant Italian Consulate.

Art.1.1 - List of available study courses

The study courses offered in English at the University of Parma participating in the call for application are:

- [Communication engineering](#)
- [Engineering for the food industry](#)
- [Food Safety and Food Risk Management](#)
- [Functional and Sustainable Materials](#)
- [Global Food Law: Sustainability Challenges and Innovation](#)
- [Language Sciences and Cultural Studies for Special Needs](#)
- [Advanced Molecular Sciences for Health Products](#)
- [Data Science for Management](#)
- [Environmental Engineering for Risk Mitigation](#)

Selecting the specific course from the above list, you will be redirected to the program page, where you can view the full course information including study plans and specific entry requirements.

Art.1.2 – Benefits

The University of Parma by CDA/30-01-2024/9 - has approved the establishment of four (4) scholarships within the framework of the Pace project 'IUPALS - Italian Universities for Palestinian Students' worth €10,000.00 per year each, for the total duration of one complete cycle of second level degree course, with a maximum cost of €120,000.00, in order to enable Palestinian students to study at our University;

This project will be awarded starting from the 2025-2026 until 2027/2028 academic year (and are intended to cover the entire English-language master's degree programme for the beneficiaries).

The funding, in cooperation with ER.GO - Agenzia Regionale per il Diritto agli Studi Superiori dell'Emilia Romagna (Regional Authority for the Right to Higher Education), will cover accommodation, living and partially food expenses, academic fees, regional and administrative fees, registration with the national health service or by taking out a private policy and the costs of the procedures necessary for obtaining a visa.

In addition to scholarships, the University of Parma can offer further services to students, such as:

- Free or subsidised access to teaching aids and specific aids for students with SLD.
- Access to recreational and sports facilities.



- Counselling services: Academic counselling for choosing courses and planning the course of study and for managing academic deadlines;
- Psychological support to help students manage stress, anxiety or other emotional difficulties that may arise during their stay in Italy.
- Integration support: orientation and tutoring programmes to facilitate students' integration into academic and social life; assistance with immigration issues and related bureaucratic procedures; language courses aimed at integration and supporting attendance of academic courses, etc.
- Reception, orientation and integration in the university and social context;
- Italian language courses, also in collaboration with local associations;
- Transcultural mediation services and psychological support;
- Tutoring

The abovementioned academic benefits are applicable only to the beneficiaries of the scholarship and cannot be extended for any reason to relatives or third parties.

Art.2 - Incompatibility

The scholarship is incompatible with any other scholarship, in cash or services, provided pursuant to Legislative Decree 68/2012. By way of example, the IUPALS scholarship cannot be awarded in conjunction with:

- Any type of scholarship or study award based on merit or income supported by the University of Parma to assist international students;
- Scholarships offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI scholarships for recipients of international protection;
- Scholarships that are aimed at international students and promoted by foreign governments or institutions based on agreements with the University of Parma;

Art.3 - Admission and mandatory requirements

Application is open exclusively to candidates who holds the following requirements:

- Hold Palestinian nationality and reside in the Palestinian Territories.

These two conditions will be verified by the relevant Italian Consulate

- Hold a qualification valid for admission to Second Cycle Degree Program (The qualification must allow access to a degree course in Italy);
- Meet the specific admission requirements of the Second cycle degree ([as specified for each course: link](#))
- Proficiency in the English language is required. Candidates must have a minimum knowledge of English corresponding to the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The English language competence of candidates will be assessed during an interview.



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- Have never been enrolled before in a degree program at University of Parma.
- Students may only benefit from one scholarship under the IUPALS project and be enrolled at one university only.

Art.4 - Deadlines and submission methods

Applications will be opened from the date of publication of this call until May 31st, 2025 12 pm Rome Time.

Art. 4.1 Submission methods

Candidates are invited to apply to admission and to the scholarship following the steps below:

(if you need help during the process please contact: welcome@unipr.it)

1. Send your interest to participate to the IUPALS: Italian University for Palestine scholarship: [fill in the form of participation](#)
2. Proceed with [registration to the University information system \(ESSE3\)](#) thereby obtaining the credentials needed to access the pre-selection phase;
3. Select your course of interest and send your document for the pre-evaluation: [master's degree programs in English language, click here to send your application](#)

Please note that each candidate may apply to only one course. Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be taken into consideration.

Art. 5 Required documents

In order to apply for the scholarship candidates must:

- Fill the on-line application form in all the required fields
- Upload the school documentation required for evaluation - degree certificate or updated transcripts of grades - Any English language certification, if possessed;

Art.6 - Selection process

Art. 6.1 - Title evaluation

Professor will assess the eligibility of the candidate for admission, and then will score the candidates using the following criteria:

- Correspondence between the previous degree course and the master course chosen for admission (score: 0-10).
- Academic/Study background and GPA (score: 0-15);
- Curriculum Vitae/studiorum (score: 0-15);

The students who obtain a score equal to or higher than 26/40 will be invited to an on-line motivational interview and assessment of English language skills interview (score: 0-10).

Candidates will be listed in descending order of points. In the event of a tie, the youngest candidate takes precedence.

The final ranking list will be approved by a Rector Decree and all participants will be informed by mail.

Art.6.2 - Acceptance of the scholarship

The winners will be notified by email by 30th June 2025.

To confirm the scholarship, candidates must reply to the University's communication within 7 days of the notification date. Failure to respond by the given deadline will result in the loss of the scholarship and its benefits

The University reserves the right to revoke the scholarship award for candidates whose nationality and residency requirements are not confirmed by the relevant Italian Consulate.

Beneficiaries are required to fulfil all the requirements due for the VISA application, including the submission of the pre-application on the University website and the attendance of the Italian Course organized by the relevant Offices.

By accepting the scholarship, the student fully accepts, without reservation, the support and financial benefits provided by the IUPALS project, under the conditions outlined in this call for applications.

Art.6.3 - Ranking and allocation of available places

In the event that one of the winners declines the scholarship within the period of time stated in Art. 6.1, the University will proceed to award the scholarship to the next eligible candidate in the ranking. If the Italian Consulate does not confirm the nationality and residency requirements of one of the winners, the scholarship will be revoked and assigned to the next eligible candidate in the ranking

Art. 7 - Scholarship payment method

The 4 scholarships, in cooperation with ER.GO, will be paid every year in 2 or 3 annual tranches, of which the selection winners will be notified, for the total duration of a complete master's degree cycle (2 + eventual 1 year extension). The amount will be paid in annual instalments and will be subject to the achievement of merit requirements.

Merit requirements to maintain the annual benefits are as follows:

- For the first year: acquisition of **10 CFU** (University Credits) by **10 August 2026**.
- For the second year: acquisition of **54 CFU** (University Credits) by **10 August 2027**.

Students are required to graduate by the last valid session of their year of enrolment (March/April 2028).

Students not planning to graduate by March/April 2028 may obtain the benefits for a further year, subject to the acquisition of at least 93 CFU by 10 August 2028.

Art.8 - Renewal requirements – 2026-2027 2027-2028

To maintain the scholarship in the years of the course following the first, students must complete their studies in a maximum of 3 years (the possibility of carrying out the activities contemplating the possibility of taking a year out of course is foreseen. Any particular situations will be examined by the relevant university offices).

Art. 9 - Revocation of the scholarship

Students who withdraw from their studies will automatically forfeit all associated benefits. The University reserves the right to revoke the scholarship and suspend all benefits, including financial ones, if a student abandons their residence or studies for more than 15 days without prior notification, unless due to unforeseen circumstances or force majeure. If efforts to resolve the situation and restore the relationship of trust between the student and the University fail, the scholarship and all related benefits will be immediately revoked. Any unreported absences will be reported to law enforcement authorities.

Art. 10 - Withdrawal

Candidates who will withdraw from the program, even in case of voluntary withdrawal or prolonged absence, will lose all the benefits of the scholarship. It will be considered an implicit withdrawal if the student is unavailable, leaves the residence, or stops attending classes for more than 15 days without providing any justification or communication to the student secretariat.

Art.11 - Processing of personal data

SUBJECTS OF THE TREATMENT

The Data Controller is the University of Parma, with headquarters in via Università 12, 43121 Parma, Italy - Tel. +390521902111 – e-mail: protocollo@pec.unipr.it;

The Data Protection Officer can be contacted by sending an email to the following address: dpo@unipr.it - dpo@pec.unipr.it;

PURPOSE AND METHODS OF TREATMENT

The data provided are processed by the University of Parma, as Data Controller, for institutional purposes, such as carrying out administrative, teaching and research activities.

The processing is necessary for the pursuit of its institutional purpose, pursuant to art. 6 of the European Regulation on the protection of personal data n. 679/2016 (hereinafter for brevity GDPR), and in compliance with the general principles of transparency, correctness and non-excess for specific, explicit, legitimate purposes, in a manner relevant to the processing, respecting the principles of data minimization, accuracy, storage limitation, integrity and confidentiality, responsibility.

The data collected will be recorded, processed and stored for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which they were collected.

Personal data will be collected by the University of Parma and may be communicated for research and/or statistical purposes to external parties acting on its behalf.

The data will be processed with the aid of electronic tools; the IT systems are equipped with measures to prevent data loss, illicit or incorrect use and unauthorized access.

Art.12 Person in charge of the procedure

The person in charge of the procedure is Prof.ssa Nadia Monacelli- Director of Centro CUCI and Rector's delegate for international cooperation (nadia.monacelli@unipr.it)

For any technical or procedural issues, please contact welcome@unipr.it

Art.13 - Publication

This provision is published in the Official Register and on the University website.