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E ERUA**Call for applications for one scholarship for Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories in the framework of the CRUI Project “IUPALS – Italian Universities for Palestinian Students” a.y. 2025/2026****Deadline: Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 12:00 PM (noon, UTC+2)****ART. 1 - Purpose, scholarship amount and duration**

The University of Macerata, as part of the project promoted and coordinated by the Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI), in agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of University and Research, and the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem, entitled “IUPALS – Italian Universities for Palestinian Students,” and aimed at granting scholarships to Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories to enable them to pursue international education by enrolling in study courses in Italy, intends to award an annual scholarship.

The scholarship, hereinafter referred to as IUPALS scholarship, is intended for Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories who intend to enrol for the 2025/2026 academic year as full-time students and attend one of the following study programs offered by the University of Macerata:

- Three-year bachelor’s degree “International, European and Comparative Legal Studies” (class L-14): https://apply.unimc.it/en_GB/courses/course/18-iecpls-international-european-and-comparative-legal-studies?search=506725;
- Two-year master’s degree “International Finance and Economics” (curriculum of “Finanza e mercati”, class LM-16): https://apply.unimc.it/en_GB/courses/course/13-ife-international-finance-and-economics-curriculum?search=506725;
- Two-year master’s degree “International Tourism and Destination Management” (class LM-49): https://apply.unimc.it/en_GB/courses/course/11-itourdem-international-tourism-and-destination-management?search=506725;
- Two-year master’s degree “International Relations” (class LM-52): https://apply.unimc.it/en_GB/courses/course/12-ir-international-relations-curricula-international-politics-and-economic-relations-international-economic-relations-international-politics?search=506725.

“Enrolment” refers to first-year registration in bachelor’s or master’s degree courses. Enrolments in years following the first, program change, or transfers from other Universities are not considered as first-year enrolments.

The IUPALS scholarship offered by the University of Macerata for the academic year 2025/2026 includes the following benefits:

- a grant of € 8,000.00 (gross of charges payable by the beneficiary), disbursed as specified in Article 7 of this call.
- full exemption from tuition fees for each regular enrolment year in the chosen bachelor’s or master’s degree course, excluding the stamp duty, the regional tax for the right to study, any surcharges for late payments, and any additional contributions for services requested for personal needs.
- accommodation in Macerata in facilities affiliated with ERDIS Marche.



- access to the catering service at facilities affiliated with ERDIS Marche.
- health coverage, under agreement with ERDIS Marche.
- assistance with administrative procedures related to the Italian tax code and the issuance of a residence permit.
- academic and administrative tutoring for enrolment, study planning and management.
- access to integrated student welfare services.
- free enrolment in Italian language courses, in collaboration with the University Language Centre (CLA).
- access to the University's IT and library facilities and related services.
- access to university sports facilities, in collaboration with the University Sports Centre (CUS).

Additional benefits may be offered based on future availability and/or agreements with local partners after the publication of this call.

Only the selected scholarship holder may benefit from the above-listed services. These benefits may not be extended to family members or third parties.

The *IUPALS* scholarship is renewable for enrolment in subsequent academic years after the first, i.e., up to a.y. 2027/2028 for those enrolled in a three-year bachelor's degree, or up to a.y. 2026/2027 for those enrolled in a two-year master's degree, subject to the merit requirements outlined in Article 7 of this call.

ART. 2 — Incompatibilities

The *IUPALS* scholarship is incompatible with other scholarships of the same nature granted for any reason, particularly those awarded to international students by the University of Macerata, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) – including under the "Invest Your Talent in Italy" program – those awarded by CRUI to students with international protection, and by ERDIS Marche (Regional Agency for the Right to Study of the Marche Region).

The *IUPALS* scholarship cannot be combined with scholarships of the same nature awarded either by the University of Macerata or by ERDIS Marche

ART. 3 — Eligibility requirements

Only Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories may apply, who:

- Hold a qualification valid for access to the chosen degree program.
- Obtained their qualification no earlier than 2021 and no later than June 11, 2025.
- Meet the specific admission requirements of the chosen degree program (as per the links in Art. 1).
- Possess adequate knowledge of English at a minimum level of B2 ([Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)).
- Have never been enrolled in any degree course at the University of Macerata or any other Italian university.

All the above requirements must be met by the application deadline, under penalty of exclusion.



The eligibility of academic qualifications will be verified in accordance with the national "*Procedures for the entry, stay, enrolment of international students and the recognition of their qualifications for higher education courses in Italy*" applicable for the academic year 2025/2026. For master's degrees, a specific commission will also assess curricular requirements. A negative evaluation of qualification eligibility will result in exclusion from this selection process.

ART. 4 – Application: terms and procedures

Applicants may apply to only one university participating in the *IUPALS* project, including the University of Macerata, and to a maximum of two of its study programs.

Applications must be submitted exclusively via the UniMC portal: <https://apply.unimc.it/>, no later than **Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 12:00 noon (UTC+2)**.

Applications must include:

- 1) Valid passport or ID.
- 2) Valid entry qualification:
 - 2.1. For the bachelor's program: high school diploma and marksheet.
 - 2.2. For master's programs: Bachelor's degree and transcript of records.
- 3) Presentation video (in English).
- 4) Motivation letter (in English).
- 5) English language certificate or statement (min. B2).
- 6) Curriculum Vitae.

Documents not in English must be accompanied by an informal English translation. Official Italian translation and legalization are not required at this stage. The selected candidate must later provide the documentation required for enrolment as specified at: <https://www.unimc.it/en/enrollment>. Incomplete applications or those missing required documents will not be accepted.

ART. 5 — Evaluation criteria, ranking and approval

The Evaluation Committee, appointed by the Rector, will be composed by at least three members selected from the teaching or administrative staff of the University of Macerata.

The Committee will carry out the selection process and draft a ranking list based on the following criteria and scores:

- **Educational background:** from 0 to a maximum of 50 points.
- **Presentation video:** from 0 to a maximum of 30 points.
- **Motivation letter:** from 0 to a maximum of 20 points.

In the case of equal score between candidates for programs of the same level, preference will be given to the younger candidate. In the case of equal score between candidates for programs of different levels, priority will be given to the candidate with the highest score for the presentation video. The Committee will draw up the final merit ranking, which will be approved by Rectoral Decree.



The ranking list will be published on the official website of the University of Macerata on the following webpage: <https://www.unimc.it/en/international/scholarships-for-international-students>.

ART. 6 — Acceptance, ranking list progression and possible reassignment

The selected candidate will receive notification of the award of the *IUPALS* scholarship via the email address provided in the application form.

Within seven (7) days from the date of the notification, the candidate must send, via email, a declaration of acceptance of the scholarship under the conditions of this call, under penalty of forfeiture.

Awardee of the *IUPALS* scholarship is not automatically enrolled in the selected program. He/she must follow the national procedures for the entry, stay, enrolment of international students, and recognition of qualifications for A.Y. 2025/2026, available at: <https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri>.

In particular, he/she must:

1) Submit a pre-enrolment application via the Universitaly portal for the subsequent visa application at the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem, following the procedures and timeline established by current regulations and the relevant diplomatic mission.

2) Before enrolment, prepare the required documents proving the validity/authenticity of the entry foreign qualification:

- Legalization/apostille of the qualification, or alternatively a CIMEA Statement of Verification.
- CIMEA Statement of Comparability, or alternatively a Declaration of Value (DoV) issued by the Italian diplomatic mission in the country where the qualification was obtained.

3) After receiving the study visa, complete the enrolment in the selected program for a.y. 2025/2026 as a full-time student, under penalty of loss of the scholarship.

The university's relevant offices will provide support and detailed instructions for completing the enrollment.

In case of refusals or withdrawals, the University of Macerata will proceed with the progression of the ranking list, awarding the scholarship to the next eligible candidate, in accordance with the timing and methods established for enrolment procedures.

If, at the end of the ranking list progression, there is still unassigned scholarship, the University of Macerata reserves the right to reassign the grant to an eligible candidate listed in the ranking of scholarships awarded by the University of Macerata to international students enrolling in a.y. 2025/2026, according to the procedures and criteria set out in the specific call for applications.

ART. 7 — Payment procedures and requirements for maintaining and renewing the scholarship

The award of the *IUPALS* scholarship is subject to effective enrolment in the a.y. 2025/2026, as a full-time student, in the chosen study program and to the possession of the maintenance requirements as set out below.



The payment of the *IUPALS* scholarship will occur upon submission of the specific eligibility statement, whose template will be sent to the recipients, through which students undertake to accept the scholarship terms and conditions and confirm that no incompatibility arises within the meaning of Article 2. Failure to comply will result in the loss of the scholarship. Scholarship recipients must promptly inform the University of Macerata of any change in the content of their initial statement throughout the duration of the grant.

The total amount of the *IUPALS* scholarship is € 8,000.00 (gross of charges payable by the beneficiary) and will be disbursed in two instalments:

- 50% within 30 days of the effective enrolment date.
- 50% upon obtaining at least 10 university credits (CFU).

The *IUPALS* scholarship will be paid according to the above schedule by bank transfer to a bank account or prepaid card, preferably with an Italian IBAN, in the name of the student beneficiary.

The *IUPALS* scholarship will be confirmed and renewed as follows:

- For bachelor's degree (three-year) programs:
 - Second year: upon enrolment in a.y. 2026/2027 and achievement of at least 25 CFU by August 10, 2027.
 - Third year: upon enrolment in a.y. 2027/2028 and achievement of at least 25 CFU by August 10, 2027.
- For master's degree (two-year) programs:
 - Second year: upon enrolment in a.y. 2026/2027 and achievement of at least 25 CFU by August 10, 2027.

In case of withdrawals from studies, eligible students will automatically lose all benefits granted by this call and listed in Art. 1.

ART. 8 – Publication

This call is published on the website of the University of Macerata: <https://www.unimc.it/en/international/scholarships-for-international-students>.

The English version is a translation of the original in Italian for information purposes only. In case of a discrepancy, the Italian original will prevail. Please refer to relevant legislation for all matters not covered in this call.

ART. 9 – Officer in charge of the procedure

According to Art. 5 of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, the officer in charge of administrative proceedings in connection with this call is Antonella Tiberi, Head of Internationalization and ERUA Area, Via Pescheria Vecchia, 8 – 62100 Macerata – T. +39.0733.2586040 – e-mail: antonella.tiberi@unimc.it. For further information relating to the administrative procedure of this call, please contact Irene Toscana, Global Engagement Office, Internationalization and ERUA Area: irene.toscana@unimc.it.



ART. 10 – Personal data processing

Personal data processing is regulated by Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003 and GDPR UE 2016/679, and personal data provided by applicants in submitting their applications for selection will be processed only for the purposes related to this call. The holder of personal data processing is the University of Macerata, the head office of is in Macerata, via Crescimbeni, nn. 30 – 32, in the person of the Rector as legal representative (urp@unimc.it or CEM: ateneo@pec.unimc.it). The holder of personal data processing has a data protection officer appointed pursuant to article 37 of the GDPR (dpo@unimc.it). According to the objectives mentioned above, personal data may be used only and exclusively in the procedure described above by designated university staff and data will not be transferred to non-EU countries. The provision of the data is obligatory to assess the application requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the public selection. Personal data are not subject to any completely automated decision-making process, including data profiling.

ART. 11 – Final provisions

Provisions not expressly covered by this call will be regulated, as applicable, by the relevant existing laws.

Issued in Macerata.

The Rector
Prof. John Mc Court