



University of Tuscia
International Student Office

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)**

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ART. 1 - Subject, amount and duration

In order to support the inclusion of Palestinian students in the University Italian contest, the **IU- PALS (Italian University for Palestine) initiative**, coordinated by **CRUI (Conference of Italian University Rectors)**, offers a specific scholarship programme.

Within this framework, the University of Tuscia offers no. **1 scholarship to Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian Territories** who wish to pursue a Master's degree program in Italy.

The benefit of the scholarship is granted for the achievement of one of the following Master's degrees in Rieti Campus:

- *Archival Science and AI*, LM5;
- *Digital Management of Agriculture and Mountain Areas - Curriculum "Digital Agriculture"*, LM69;
- *Digital Management of Agriculture and Mountain Areas - Curriculum "Mountain Areas Management"*, LM73;

The benefits include:

- A scholarship of 24.000,00 Euro gross (**including all charges for the beneficiary**) for 2 years (12.000,00 Euro gross, the study grant is awarded for two academic years only and amounts to a total of € 24,000 (€ 12,000 year) including all charges for the beneficiary's account.

The scholarship is not among those exempt and will be subject to taxation according to current tax regulations based on the amounts progressively disbursed during the year, with the application of the deductions provided for income assimilated to employment which may reduce or eliminate the gross tax applied.

- full tuition fee exemption (only the regional fee of 156,00 Euro will have to be paid)
- Psychological support provided by University of Tuscia;
- - free Italian course provided by the language center of the University of Tuscia;
- - Assistance of the staff of the International Student Office of University of Tuscia (email: international@unitus.it) for any problem related to the enrolment procedure.

The scholarship will cover the costs of the following expenses, typically borne by students themselves:

- Accommodation
- Health insurance coverage

Please note that accommodation and health insurance expenses are intended to be covered by the funding provided as a scholarship, so they will be borne by the students themselves.

The University will support the scholarship beneficiary in order to find the best solution but it is not responsible for finding accommodation.

ART. 2 - Incompatibility

These study grants cannot be combined with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by the University of Tuscia for international students;
- study grants issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);

- CRUI grants for beneficiaries of international protection;
- study grants issued by foreign governmental bodies or institutions aimed at assisting the enrolment of international students at Italian Universities;
- scholarships provided by the institution for the right to study (LazioDiSCo).

ART. 3 - Admission requirements

Application is open exclusively to candidates who are in possession of all of the following requirements:

1. have Palestinian citizenship and reside in the Palestinian Territories
2. be in possession of a valid qualification for enrolment in a Master's degree in Italy
3. not to be enrolled in another Italian university for the academic year 2024/2025 or 2025/2026 (transfers from other Italian universities are not admissible);
4. have adequate knowledge of the English language (minimum B2 level).

A language certificate is preferred, but in its absence, proficiency will be assessed during the selection interview.

5. Hold a degree obtained in or after 2020 and no later than the call deadline;
6. Meet the specific admission requirements of the Second Cycle Degree Programme;
7. Have never been enrolled in a degree program at any of the Partner Universities before;

ART. 4 - Applications: terms and procedures

Applications must be submitted from the publication date of the call to **12th June 2025 at 12.00 am (CET)**.

Applications must be uploaded through the [google form](https://forms.gle/vYyaNzexXAQsQTPS9) : <https://forms.gle/vYyaNzexXAQsQTPS9>

Please note: The application is only valid if the student attaches all the required documents, namely:

1. copy of passport or other valid identification document;
2. An official certificate confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen degree programme;
3. An official transcript of exams passed and relative marks;
4. GPA documentation;
5. A detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV);
6. A motivation letter (maximum one A4 page).
7. Any relevant and additional document in line with the specific programmes chosen
8. Certificate of comparability issued by CIMEA or Declaration of Value (if in possession)

All documents must be in English or Italian.

All documents in any language other than Italian or English must be supported by a translation into English or Italian. Winners of the grant will have to obtain a Declaration of value by the Italian embassy in order to be accepted and enrolled.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted and documents will not be returned.

The University reserves the right to request any other document deemed necessary for a more complete evaluation of the application.

In the event that of vacancy, the University of Tuscia reserves the right to assess candidates who have applied to other partner universities and have not been assigned under the project, if in time to complete the application process.

ART. 5 - Candidates' selections

All requests will be evaluated by a University Committee.

The evaluation of the applications received will be carried on the basis of the following criteria:

- quality of the candidate's curriculum vitae and relative previous studies;
- relevance of the qualifications presented to the selected degree course;
- English level
- motivational letter presented by the candidate.

In order to define the ranking, the University reserves the right to use an interview to ascertain the skills of the candidate, to be carried out online.

In the event of a tie, the scoring will be done according to the following criteria (in order of preference):

- the age of the candidates (a preference will be accorded to the younger candidate);
- the order of arrival of the applications (a preference will be accorded to the first application submitted).

ART. 6 - Acceptance, withdrawal and failure to confirm

Successful applicants will be notified by e-mail. They are then required to confirm their acceptance of the grant within the next ten days contacting the International Student Office (international.cds@unitus.it) answering to the email. Failure to provide a reply within the deadline will result in loss of benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, the student fully and unreservedly accepts the scholarship under the conditions set out in the present call.

By accepting the scholarship, students also confirm under their own responsibility that they do not fall under any of the conditions of incompatibility established in Art. 2 of the present call. They must also inform the University of any changes in the declared data that may occur during the year.

Selected applicants are not automatically enrolled in their chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme. Selected applicants are required to comply with applicable provisions and deadlines, including the enrolment Regulations established by the Memorandum issued by the Italian Ministry of University and Research concerning foreign students' access to university degree programmes.

Applicants will receive detailed information from the International Student Office of the University of Tuscia on the procedure to follow in order to complete their enrolment.

Candidates selected as winners can withdraw by sending an e-mail to international.cds@unitus.it by **July 10th, 2025**. In case of withdrawals, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking. The sliding of the ranking list will end on **July 31st, 2025**.

In case of withdrawal of the scholarship or lack of acceptance communication by the deadline the scholarship will be transferred to another eligible candidate.

ART. 7 - Payment of the scholarship

The study grant will be paid in 3 installments for the first year:

the first payment (€ 900 gross of Irap 8.5% borne by the Institution) will be paid in cash at the arrival, the second payment will be paid as soon as the student will open a bank account, the third installment will be paid in March 2026, subject to the achievement of merit requirements;

Only if the beneficiary obtains 24 credits by August 13, 2026, the University will allocate the amount relating to the scholarship for the second academic year (2026/2027), at the same time as for the first year.

ART. 8 -Renewal requirements

In order to renew the scholarship for the second-year students are required to obtain 24 university credits (CFU) by the **August 13, 2026**

ART. 9 - Publication of the Call

The present call and the application form will be published on the website:

<https://www.unitus.it/internazionale/borse-di-studio-international-students/>

ART 10 - Procedure Manager

In compliance with the provisions of Law no. 241/1990, art.5, the person in charge of the procedure at the present call is Marcella Barone, Responsible for the International Student Office, University of Tuscia.

Art. 11 - Information notice concerning data processing

In compliance with European data protection policy, the personal data collected are processed as described in the following page available (in Italian) at: <https://www.unitus.it/ateneo/privacy/>.

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truth of the information provided. Without prejudice to the penal sanctions of article 76 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, in the event of fraudulent information being discovered as a result of such verification the applicant will forfeit the right to the study grant.

ART. 11 - Language

This call is made only in English for a better understanding of the contents.

For information, please contact

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