

IUPALS, Italian Universities for Palestinian Students

Call for application for 2 study grants at the University of Pavia for Palestinian students A.Y. 2025-2026

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS: 31/05/2025

ART. 1 AIM OF THE PROJECT

The general aim of IUPALS initiative is to promote the right to higher education for Palestinian students by accessing academic courses in Italy. The initiative, supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of University and Research and the Consulate General of Italy in Jerusalem, is promoted by the Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities (CRUI), in collaboration with several Italian universities. Local partners of the project are the Schools of the Holy Land and the John Paul II Foundation.

The project also includes the provision of an Italian language and culture course, preparatory to academic enrolment, carried out by some of the universities participating in the project according to a coordinated model.

ART.2 GRANT CHARACTERISTICS

The University of Pavia awards **two grants** for two Palestinian students enrolling in a Master Degree Programme (Laurea Magistrale) offered at the University of Pavia. Students can apply for only one of the Master's degree courses listed in the Annex 1.

The beneficiaries of the grant are **Palestinian students residing in the Palestinian territories**.

The residence criteria will be verified by the Italian Consulate in Jerusalem.

ART. 3 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The application is open exclusively to candidates who:

1. Have Palestinian citizenship and are residing in the Palestinian territories;

2. Hold a qualification of BA degree valid for admission to the chosen Master Degree programme taught in English (duration 2 years).

ART. 4 APPLICATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

To obtain the scholarship, interested students must:

1. Apply for the course of their choice via the platform **APPLY** (https://apply.unipv.eu/en_GB/) and ensure that they satisfy all the entry requirements.
2. Apply for the IUPALS scholarship offered by the University of Pavia filling the ONLINE APPLICATION FORM, available at the page:
<https://en.unipv.it/en/international/cooperation-development>.

It is understood that the admission to the selected study course does not imply obtaining the scholarship, which is subject to a different Evaluation Committee.

3. The successful candidates will receive a communication from the University of Pavia on the awarding of the scholarship, allowing them to start the pre-enrollment application in order to request the visa via the **UNIVERSITALY** portal, "Foreign Students" section, *"Procedures for entry, residency and enrolment of international students and the respective recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy"* and submit the needed documentation.
4. With the pre-enrollment application validated by the University, the successful candidate will proceed with the visa application at the Italian Consulate in Jerusalem.

Candidates are selected on the basis of merit requirements. Evaluation will be carried out according to the University rules for scholarship selection.

ART. 5 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The grant will be assigned for the academic year 2025/2026. The renewal of the scholarship for the second academic year is subject to the verification of the attendance of at least the 75% of the lessons.

The University of Pavia will guarantee for 2 years (Academic Year 2025/2026 and 2026/2027):

- One flight to come to Pavia at the beginning of Program and one flight to return home;

- Exemption from payment of the tuition fees for accessing the University's degree programmes;
- Accommodation in Pavia, at a University residence or affiliated facility;
- Meals (lunch and dinner) at the University canteens;
- Health insurance, through registration with the Italian National Health System or subscription to a private Policy;
- Payment of the residence permit;
- A pocket money of € 2.000,00 to be paid in two instalments.

In addition to the scholarship, the University of Pavia will offer the following additional services:

- Cultural activities: organization of cultural and social events aimed at promoting interaction between all students of the university;
- Consulting 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 programs to facilitate the integration of students into academic and social life;
- Assistance with immigration issues and related bureaucratic procedures.

ART. 6 ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSE

An Italian language course will be organized and managed by an ad hoc group of universities, among those participating in the project, under the coordination of the University for Foreigners of Siena and the University for Foreigners of Perugia.

The duration is expected to be 3 to 6 months and the achievement of a level of competence equal to A2/B1.

The course will be delivered in Bethlehem and Ramallah, at the Terrasanta Schools and in collaboration with the John Paul II Foundation.

Since the Master's Degree courses available for the study grant are taught in English, attendance of the preliminary Italian language course is not mandatory. However, students are strongly encouraged to take part in the course before arriving in Italy, also in view of the fact that they will

have to pass an Italian language exam worth 3 or 6 credits, based on what is provided for in the Master course study plan.

ART. 7 INCOMPATIBILITY

The IUPALS study grant is incompatible with:

- Merit or income-based study grants/prizes promoted by the University of Pavia 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 for international students promoted by foreign governmental bodies or institutions based on agreements with the University of Pavia;
- Grant for the right to education of the Institute for Right to University Education (EDiSU).

ART.8 SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process will take place according to the following phases:

1. The Master Course's Selection Committee will evaluate the student's eligibility and the possibility of admission to the Master Course;
2. The IUPALS Evaluation Committee will evaluate the documentation received and the student's eligibility to the IUPALS scholarship;
3. A merit ranking will be drawn up among the students who are eligible to enroll in the Master course and meet the requirements for the scholarship award;
4. Online interview: all candidates admitted to the Master Courses and to the IUPLAS scholarships will be interviewed by the IUPLAS Evaluation Committee, who will evaluate the technical and academic skills as well as their mastering of the English language.
The day and time of the interview will be notified to candidates by email. The interview will be held in English in order to assess the candidate's level of knowledge.
5. The merit ranking will be drawn up by the IUPALS Evaluation Committee by adding up the partial results obtained in the selection phases. Candidates will be listed in descending order of scores.

The final ranking list will be published on the following [link](#) and the University will notify the winner by email.

6. Acceptance: in order to confirm the grant, candidates must reply to the University communication within 10 days of the informative email. Failure to provide a response by the deadline will determine automatic loss of the benefit. By accepting the grant, the student fully accepts without reserve the benefits offered by the IUPALS project at the conditions established in this call.

Candidates also declare under their own responsibility that they do not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in Art. 7 of this call for applications.

7. Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats: if the winner officially renounces the benefit within 10 days of the informative email, the University will proceed with the scrolling of the ranking by assigning the grant to the next suitable candidates. If, after having scrolled all the ranking, grants will still be available, the University of Pavia reserves the right to search for eligible candidates from other rankings issued by the Universities partners of the project. The selected candidates must meet the specific admission requirements of the degree programmes of the University of Pavia.

ART. 9 WITHDRAWAL

Students who withdraw their studies will automatically lose all benefits.

ART. 10 PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

Pursuant to art.13 and 14 of the GDPR-General Data Protection Regulation EU n. 2016/679, the personal data provided by candidates will be collected by the University of Pavia for the purposes of managing the selection and will be processed in paper form and through an automated database. For further information: <https://privacy.unipv.it/>

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Prof. Francesco Svelto

(digitally signed document)

Pavia, date of the protocol

ANNEX 1

[List of Master courses in English](#) with free access provided at the University of Pavia participating in the call:

[AGRI-FOOD SUSTAINABILITY](#)

[ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY](#)

[CIVIL ENGINEERING FOR MITIGATION OF RISK FROM NATURAL HAZARDS](#)

[COMPUTER ENGINEERING](#)

[ECONOMICS, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION](#)

[ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING](#)

[ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING](#)

[FINANCE](#)

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