

Call for applications for a University education project for international students from conflict zones, academic year 2025/2026 (English translation)

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Art. 1. Subject

1. The University of Trento is holding a selection process for the 2025/2026 academic year for admission to a University education project for international students from conflict zones, aimed at a maximum of ten students.
2. The ten students selected will be admitted to a one-year university programme (known as the Foundation Year) during which they will be able to attend single courses and/or preparatory courses for a possible continuation of their education (see Art. 4).
3. Any continuation of the educational path after the Foundation Year can only take place by enrolling in a bachelor's or master's level degree programme for the academic year 2026/27 and subject to meeting admission requirements, as provided for in the educational regulations of the degree programmes.

Art. 2. Target audience

1. The project is open to individuals who meet all of the following requirements:
 - citizenship of a country outside of the EU
 - residence outside of Italian territory
 - originating from a conflict zone
 - current inability to begin or continue university studies in safe conditions, due to conflict, instability and/or real danger
 - at least 12 years of schooling and a qualification suitable for access to higher university education in Italy (see Art. 3).

Art. 3. Admission requirements and required documentation

1. In order for an application to be considered eligible, it is necessary to:
 - be:
 - citizen of a country outside of the EU
 - resident outside of Italian territory,
 - come from a conflict zone, and
 - currently unable to start or continue your university studies in safe conditions, due to conflict, instability and/or real danger; and
 - have completed a course of study that allows access to a bachelor's or master's level degree course in Italy.
2. A copy of an identity document must be attached to the online application.
3. The circumstances leading to the candidate's impossibility of continuing their university

studies in safe conditions, due to the situation of conflict, instability and/or real danger, can be described in the online application by filling in the section titled 'Letter of motivation'.

4. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 5 below, in order to demonstrate completion of a course of study that allows access to a bachelor's or master's level degree course in Italy, the following documents must be submitted in the online application:
 - final upper secondary school qualification, obtained after a minimum of twelve years of study and allowing access to university studies in Italy; or
 - a bachelor's degree that allows access to a master's level degree programme in Italy;
 - any additional documentation certifying previous studies.
5. If the applicant does not have all or part of the documents necessary to verify their previous studies, they must fill in the document titled 'Study history' (available at <https://www.unitn.it/en/students-at-risk>), which must be attached, completed in full, to the online application. In this case, it is recommended that the document be completed using the original language names of any qualifications obtained.
6. Applicants may also submit additional documentation with their online application if they have it:
 - language certificates;
 - other academic or professional qualifications;
 - comparability certificates already in their possession (CIMEA or EQPR);
 - CV.

Art. 4. Foundation Year

1. The Foundation Year offers the opportunity to attend:
 - Italian language courses and language courses relevant to the academic area of interest, provided by the University Language Centre;
 - courses aimed at acquiring IT skills;
 - single courses, with the possibility of taking examinations in the academic area of interest, which may be recognised in the study plan upon enrolment in a bachelor's or master's level degree programme (see Art. 1, paragraph 3);
 - preparatory courses in view of an admission test or to obtain the requirements

necessary for enrolment in the course of study of interest¹.

Art. 5. Scholarship and financial support

1. During the Foundation Year, students admitted to the programme will receive:
 - a scholarship of €7,200.00, paid in two instalments. The first instalment will be paid upon the student's arrival at the University of Trento. The second instalment will be paid upon attendance of the courses referred to in Art. 4 or upon passing an exam during the summer/autumn session of the 2025/26 academic year. The scholarship is incompatible with similar financial benefits provided by the University or other public or private entities;
 - exemption from payment of university fees for enrolment in single courses;
 - exemption from payment for the following courses offered by the University Language Centre (CLA):
 - Italian language up to B2 level;
 - English language up to the level required by the study plan of the degree programme in which the student intends to enrol starting from the 2026/27 academic year;
 - coverage of costs related to:
 - travel from the country of residence to Trento;
 - procedures related to the issuance of a residence permit;
 - enrolment in the National Health Service or private health insurance.

Art. 6. Additional forms of support

1. During the Foundation Year, students admitted to the project will be entitled to the following forms of additional support:
 - accommodation in a double room at the facilities of the Institution for the Right of Study (Opera Universitaria di Trento);
 - card for two free meals per day (seven days a week) at university canteens, provided by the Institution for the Right of Study (Opera Universitaria di Trento);
 - access to dedicated academic tutoring and guidance services (UniTrento);
 - access to a dedicated psychological counselling service (UniTrento and Centro Astalli Trento);
 - access to legal support services (Centro Astalli Trento);
 - access to sports activities in collaboration with UniTrento Sport (UniTrento);

¹ For admission and enrolment requirements, please refer to the announcements for the 2026-2027 academic year.

- free annual pass for urban and extra-urban transport in the Province of Trento (UniTrento);
- reception and integration activities in the local community (UniTrento and local associations and organisations).

Art. 7. Application procedures and deadlines

To be eligible for selection, candidates must complete the online application form available at the following link: <https://webapps.unitn.it/Apply/en/Web/GoHome/altro/StAR> by **12 noon (CET) on 20 November 2025**.

Art. 8. Selection procedures

1. The selection will take place in two stages, one of which is mandatory and the other optional:
 - Stage 1 (mandatory): after verifying that the minimum requirements set out in the call for applications (see Art. 3) have been met, a committee appointed by the Rector by special decree will evaluate the applications and identify the most deserving candidates. A ranking list will then be drawn up based on the following criteria:
 - state of risk
 - circumstances preventing the candidate from starting or continuing their university studies;
 - quality and results of previous academic/curricular background;
 - motivation of the candidate.
 - Phase 2 (if necessary): if further examination of the documentation submitted in support of the application is deemed necessary, the Commission reserves the right to invite candidates for a remote interview.
2. In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the candidate belonging to the less represented gender and to the younger candidate.

Art. 9. Drafting of the ranking list and relative scrolling

3. The outcome of the selection procedure will be published on the University of Trento website at <https://www.unitn.it/en/students-at-risk> and will be notified to the candidates admitted to the project by email to the address they provided during the application process.
1. If one or more of the admitted candidates withdraw from the project, the University

reserves the right to move down the ranking list to admit one or more additional candidates and award them the scholarship.

Art. 10. Confirmation of place

Candidates admitted to the project and awarded scholarships must confirm their acceptance of a place in accordance with the procedures and within the deadline indicated in the notification of the selection procedure results.

Art. 11. Contact and references

For questions regarding the application and documentation, please contact the following email address: refugees@unitn.it

Art. 12. Information on the processing of personal data

1. EU Regulation 2016/679 "General Data Protection Regulation" (hereinafter "GDPR") establishes the right of every person to the protection of personal data concerning them. Pursuant to Art. 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 "General Data Protection Regulation" (GDPR), the University will process your personal data within the scope of its institutional purposes exclusively for the purpose of carrying out this selection procedure and for the fulfilment of legal obligations (Article 6, paragraph 1, letters e) and c) of the GDPR). The processing of special categories of data is carried out on the basis of Article 9(2)(g) of the GDPR and Article 2-sexies(2)(e) and (bb) of Legislative Decree No. 196/2003.
2. The Data Controller is the University of Trento, via Calepina n. 14, 38122 Trento (TN), email: ateneo@unitn.it; certified email: ateneo@pec.unitn.it. The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at the following email address: rpd@unitn.it.
3. Personal data will be processed in paper and/or electronic form exclusively by personnel authorised to process data in relation to the tasks and duties assigned to them and in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, adequacy, relevance and necessity.
4. The data will be communicated to University staff specifically authorised to process it and to any external parties appointed as data processors pursuant to Article 28 of the GDPR. Outside of these cases, personal data may be communicated to third parties only in the event of compliance with a legal obligation and/or a measure by the judicial authorities. The data will not be transferred to countries outside the EU.
5. The provision of personal data is essential for the performance of this procedure and

failure to provide such data will preclude participation in the procedure itself.

6. The data will be stored for the period necessary to carry out the procedure and to fulfil all legal obligations.
7. At any time, the rights referred to in Articles 15 et seq. of the GDPR may be exercised against the Data Controller and, in particular, access to personal data, rectification, integration, erasure, restriction and the right to object to processing. This is without prejudice to the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Authority pursuant to Article 77 of the GDPR or to take appropriate legal action.

For the Rector

The Head of Education and Student Management Services

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