



University of Messina

Call for n.40 scholarships for International Students a.y. 2018/2019

This document is a translation of “*Bando per 40 borse di studio a favore di studenti stranieri a.a. 2018/2019*” available on-line at the following web-page: <http://www.unime.it/it/international/studenti-stranieri/call-scholarships-international-students>

Please note that in the case of discrepancies between the language versions of the notice, the Italian language version prevails.

ART. 1 - Objectives

The University of Messina (UniME) offers **n. 40 scholarships for international students** enrolling to a UniME two-year long **Master degree course** (*Laurea Magistrale*) in the a.y. 2018/2019.

In accordance with provisions of art. 7 of the Call, selected candidates will benefit from a 100€ monthly grant, free accommodation in one of the UniME student Halls of Residence and exemption from the payment of tuition fees for the academic duration of the degree course.

For the purposes of the Call, **international students** are those students holding a degree awarded by a foreign University (not Italian) whilst with the term “**enrollment**” it is considered the registration to the first year of a Master degree course (*Laurea Magistrale*). Registration to the second year of a Master degree course (*Laurea Magistrale*), transfer from another UniME degree course or from another University are not considered as enrollment.

Candidates must deal with pre-enrollment procedures at the Italian Diplomatic/Consular Authority in the country where the degree has been awarded for the issue of the visa.

ART. 2 - Eligibility criteria

In order to apply for the scholarship, candidates must hold:

- a **Bachelor degree awarded by a foreign University** recognized as being appropriate to enroll to a Master degree course (*Laurea Magistrale*).
- In case of enrollment to a Master degree course taught in Italian a **certificate of Italian language (B2 level)** issued by the C.L.I.Q. (Certificazione Lingua Italiana di Qualità) system or
- In case of enrollment to a Master degree course taught in English (Master degree taught in English are only: International Management and Engineering and Computer Science) one of the following **certificate of English language**: TOEFL iBT internet based (Test of English as a Foreign Language): 87 -109; ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages - Pitman): B2 IESOL Communicator; IELTS (International English Language Testing System - University of Cambridge): 5.5 - 6.5; ISE (Integrated Skill in English - Trinity College London): B2 ISE II; LCCIEB (London Chamber of Commerce & Industry Examinations Board): Level 5; FCE (First Certificate in English - University of Cambridge). Candidates from Countries whose official language is English, do not need to hold a certificate of English language.

In case of no certification, candidate’s language knowledge will be evaluated by a Commission in a conference-call examination.

ART. 3 - Procedures and terms of application

Candidates must apply on-line at the following link: <https://istanze.unime.it> Application deadline is **the 16th of March 2018 at 12:00 am** (Italian time).

Candidates are allowed to submit only one application.

In the application, candidates must indicate the Master degree course (*Laurea Magistrale*) to which he/she wants to enroll and uphold the following documents (either in English or Italian):

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Language certificate
3. **Reference letter** provided by the University/Higher Education Institution (HEI) where the candidate gained the Degree/latest qualification or provided by the Employer.
4. Official **transcript of records** of previous studies in English or translated into Italian by a competent Italian authority (Embassy/Consular if abroad);
5. Photocopy of a valid passport.

After the first on-line access, it is possible to save the application and modify/integrate it in further sessions. Application will be processed only after submission (press “submit”)

Once the application is submitted it cannot be modified.

Application will be processed only if duly filled in.

Art. 4 – Selection procedures

Applications will be assessed by a Commission appointed by the Rector.

The Commission shall evaluate applications on the basis of the following criteria:

- Candidate’s previous studies (**transcript of records**) considering the entry requirements of the selected UniME Master degree course (Laurea Magistrale) (up to 60 points)
- **Curriculum vitae** with learning and working experience (up to 30 points)
- **Reference letter** provided by the University/Higher Education Institution (HEI) where the candidate gained the Degree/latest qualification or provided by the Employer (up to 20 points).

Partner Universities cooperating with UniME may select international students for the participation to the present Call.

ART. 5 - List of selected candidates

The Commission will approve a list of selected candidates (listed from the highest mark to the lowest mark). Only candidates with a minimum mark of **60 points** are considered eligible. In case of the same mark, younger candidates will prevail.

The list of selected candidates will be published on the International Relations web-page <http://www.unime.it/it/international> **on the 21st of May 2018**. The publication of the list will have legal effect in accordance with the Italian legislation.

ART. 6 - Conditions of scholarship awarding and enrollment

By the 25th of May 2018 at 12:00 (Italian time) selected candidates must confirm to accept the scholarship by logging in to the platform <https://istanze.unime.it>

Selected candidates only after the confirmation of the acceptance of the scholarship will be provided by e-mail a document certifying their status of scholarship beneficiaries and the possibility to enroll at UNIME (eventually with the indication of further learning activities to be attended or the admission to the entry test, if the selected Master degree course has programmed

access at national/local level).

Beneficiaries undertake to promptly communicate to UniME any change to their personal position that may occur.

Upon arrival in Messina, beneficiaries must immediately go to the International Cooperation Unit (ICU) (located in Via Consolato del Mare, 41 – 2nd floor) to start the enrollment procedure or conditioned enrollment – “*immatricolazione con riserva*” - whether the selected Master degree course has programmed access at national/local level (see Annex 1 available at <http://www.unime.it/it/international/studenti-stranieri/call-scholarships-international-students>) and for the assignment of the accommodation.

The status of scholarship beneficiary does not automatically lead to the enrollment to the selected Master degree. The scholarship will be assigned only to enrolled scholarship beneficiary. In case a scholarship beneficiary does not enroll for any reason to the chosen Master degree course the scholarship will be considered void and cancelled.

In order to enroll, selected candidates must comply with UniME rules and regulations and abide by deadlines available on line at: <http://www.unime.it/en/international/studenti-stranieri/enrollment-unime>.

In case of renounce or impossibility to enroll, the selected candidate will be replaced by the first available candidate in the selection list until all scholarships will be assigned.

ART. 7 - Conditions of scholarship payment

The economic part of the scholarship will be paid in five installments, in accordance with the following deadlines:

			Total amount
1° installment	By November 2018	€ 400	
2° installment	By March 2018	€ 400	
3° installment	By July 2019	€ 400	a.y. 2018/2019 = €1.200
4° installment	By October 2019	€ 600	
5° installment	By March 2020	€ 600	a.y. 2019/2020 = €1.200

The payment of the **first installment** is conditioned to the handing in of the required documents to ICU (Declaration of value/NARIC-ERIC certification, transcript of records translated and legalized by the Italian Diplomatic/Consular Authority, family income certified and legalized by the Italian Diplomatic/Consular Authority) and to the finalization of the enrollment procedure.

The payment of the **second installment** is conditioned to the gaining of 10 credits (CFU/ECTS).

The payment of the **third installment** is conditioned to the gaining of 20 credits (CFU/ECTS).

Students must gain 40 credits (CFU/ECTS) to benefit from free accommodation in one of the UniME students Halls of Residence, the exemption from the payment of tuition fees also for the second year of the Master degree course (*Laurea Magistrale*) and to receive the **four installment** of the scholarship.

The payment of the **fifth installment** is conditioned to the gaining of 20 further credits (CFU/ECTS) as established in the curriculum of the selected Master degree course (*Laurea Magistrale*).

In any case, students beneficiary of the scholarship and selected by the present Call, may stay at the UniME students Halls of Residence for free for 24 months by the date of enrollment, but not later than the 30th of September 2020.

The payment of the scholarship will be transferred to the student' s bank account number (for Bank agencies located on the Italian soil) or to credit card with international bank account

number (IBAN).

Art. 8 – Sanctions

Selected students undertake to regularly attend lectures and didactic activities, respect UNIME academic staff, take care of University accommodation and service facilities. UNIME reserves the right to sanction selected students, also withdrawing the scholarship, at any time for personal misconduct in violation with such commitments.

ART. 9 - Person responsible for the procedure

Mrs. Clementina Trischitta, deputy head of International Cooperation and Foreign Students Unit, is in charge of the administrative procedure.

For further information, please contact: foreignstudents@unime.it

ART. 8 - Personal data

The University Administration will treat applicants' personal data solely for the fulfillment of abovementioned procedures, in accordance with Legislative Decree n. 196 of 30 June 2003 and further modifications.

Personal data must be provided in order to assess compliance with the requirements. Non compliance with such provision will result in the exclusion from the competition.