

# UNISALENTO4TALENTS PROGRAMME

## CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022)

### Art. 1 OBJECT

The *Unisalento4Talents* Programme is an initiative developed within the framework of the University's internationalisation policies and aimed at increasing the number of international students.

The call for applications is therefore aimed at all international students who enrol in the 2021/2022 academic year as full-time students on two-year Master's degree courses at the University of Salento.

In the context of this Call, by *International Student* is meant any EU student (excluding Italian citizen) and non-EU student residing abroad who has obtained a qualification valid for access to his/her chosen Master's degree course in an institution outside the Italian system.

Simultaneous enrolment at more than one Italian or foreign university, or at university and equivalent institution, or on different courses at the same university is prohibited.

In the context of this Call, *enrolment* means only the first year of enrolment in the first year of a Master's degree course. Enrolment in years subsequent to the first or transitions and transfers is not considered enrolment.

With the *Unisalento4Talents Call 2021*, **25 scholarships will be awarded** to international students who intend to enrol on the following Master's degree courses taught in English:

#### **Scholarships with residency at the Isufi College:**

**LM-6** *Coastal and Marine Biology and Ecology*

**LM-27** *Communication Engineering and Electronic Technologies*

**LM-31** *Management Engineering*

**LM-32** *Computer Engineering*

**LM-53** *Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology*

#### **Scholarships with residency at the ISBEM- Ex Convento dei Cappuccino di Mesagne)**

**LM-20** *Aerospace Engineering*

### Art. 2 BENEFITS

Selected students will be entitled to the following benefits:

- Exemption from university fees and charges;
- Free single room accommodation from the beginning of the first semester of the academic year 2021/2022;

- Free Italian language course at the *Centro Linguistico di Ateneo* (University Language Centre);
- Assistance from the staff of the UniSalento Welcome Office in dealing with administrative procedures and with the integration of the student into university life.

### **Art. 3**

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The call for applications is only open to applicants who meet the following requirements:

1. They must be permanently resident in their country of origin;
2. They must be EU citizens (except Italian citizens) or non-EU citizens residing outside Italy;
3. They must have already obtained a qualification which is valid for admission to their chosen Master's degree course or will be in possession of such a qualification by the time that they enrol. Applicants must have completed a Bachelor's degree;
4. The qualification must have been obtained in an institute of higher education accredited by the Ministry of Education of the country where the qualification was issued and must allow access to a Master's degree course in that country;
5. The average of marks / grades for the qualification must be at least **24/30**. For the conversion of the marks average from the foreign system to the Italian system, the ministerial formula in Attachment 2 of the present call will be used;
6. They must be in possession of the specific requirements of the chosen Master's degree course (see Attachment 8);
7. They must have a certificate of English language competence of at least B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (<https://europa.eu/europass/it/common-european-frameworkreference>). The English language skills of applicants who do not possess the above-mentioned certificate will be assessed during the interview;

An applicant who has obtained a degree from a course taught in English may submit a certificate issued by his/her university, stating that English is the medium of instruction at that university/course/faculty. This certificate may be accepted as proof of competence in English.

Possession of an Italian language certificate is not compulsory but will be taken into account in the selection process.

8. They must not be currently enrolled, or previously have been enrolled, on a degree course at the University of Salento or at any other Italian university, and they must not already have obtained an Italian degree.

### **Art. 4**

#### **AGE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must not have been born before 1 January 1991.

### **Art. 5**

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION**

##### **Art. 5.1 Selection criteria**

A maximum of **twenty-five (25)** applicants will be selected on the basis of merit. The evaluation will be carried out by a commission of experts appointed by Rector's Decree.

**Each applicant may apply for only one course.**

### **Art. 5.2 Application documents**

Students must submit the following documents.

#### **MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:**

1. Final list of all examinations passed with the relative marks / grades and the final mark (Bachelor Degree);
2. Students who have completed their studies but have not yet obtained their degree certificate – or received the final transcript of all previous examinations – must also submit a document from their university certifying that they have completed their course programme (Bachelor's Degree) and that they are waiting for their degree certificate. This document must be issued by the competent office of their home university;
3. Certificate attesting to the achievement of the qualification required for admission to the Master's degree course;
4. English language certificate issued by an internationally recognised certifying body or by the competent body in the country of origin;
5. Motivational letter (maximum 1000 words);
6. Letter of reference from a member of academic staff who supervised the applicant during his/her Bachelor's degree;
7. Curriculum vitae - drawn up according to the format in Attachment 1;
8. Valid passport;
9. Any other document required for admission to the chosen degree course (see Art. 9).

All documents must be in either Italian or English.

In the case of any translated documents, a copy of the original must also be provided.

**Incomplete applications will not be accepted.** It is not possible to send additional documents by email after the applicant form has been submitted.

#### **NON-COMPULSORY DOCUMENTS:**

10. Certificate of Italian language. This is not compulsory, but if sent, points may be awarded for it;
11. Applicants are strongly recommended to record a short CV video of no more than 1 minute, (e.g. using their mobile phone) in order to introduce themselves and their motivations. Some examples of CV videos can be found using the Google search engine.

All documents must be in Italian or English.

### **Art. 6**

#### **PROCEDURE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF APPLICATIONS**

Applicants must submit their applications **no later than 15 June 2021**. This notice will be published, together with its annexes, on the Unisalento website at the following link:  
<https://international.unisalento.it/admission/scholarships-grants/unisalento4talents>.

Students interested in applying for a grant for the *Unisalento4Talents Call 2021* should apply online at the following link: <https://www.unisalento.it/web/guest/modulionline>

Only correctly completed applications will be accepted.

Applicants should add the following attachments:

- certificate issued by the university where they did their Bachelor's degree listing the exams that they have taken (e.g. transcript of records). Applicants with a degree for access to the chosen Master's degree course must also provide a copy of the degree diploma or certificate issued by the university attesting that the said degree or qualification allows access to a Master's degree course in that country;
- English language certificate issued by an internationally recognised certifying body or by the competent body in the country of origin;
- Curriculum Vitae written in English;
- copy of a valid passport or other valid identity document;
- any other document required for admission to the chosen degree course (see Art. 9);
- Letter of motivation (maximum 1000 words);
- Letter of reference from a member of academic staff who supervised the applicant during his/her Bachelor's degree;
- Any other documentation (Art. 5.2 c.c. 10 and 11).

Applicants are also free to produce any other language certificates or certifications. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

In the event of multiple applications from the same applicant, only the last regularly received application will be considered as validly submitted.

#### **Art. 7**

### **DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship will cover a period of study of 12 months renewable from 1 September 2022.

#### **Art. 8**

### **RENEWALS**

In order to obtain a renewal of the grant, the student must obtain at least **30 university credits** (CFU) by 10 August 2022. If the study plan for the first year of the degree course on which the student is enrolled provides for less than 60 credits, the renewal requirement will be calculated on the basis of half of the credits required for the first year.

In order to continue to receive benefits, the student must complete at least 60 credits by 10 August 2023.

The student must graduate by the last available session for those enrolled in his/her year of student intake, i.e. April 2024.

#### **Art. 9**

### **LIST OF MASTER'S DEGREE COURSES**

## AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SALENTO PARTICIPATING IN THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

By clicking on the name of the course, you can access all the information on the course including the study plans and the specific admission requirements:

- Coastal and Marine Biology and Ecology

<https://international.unisalento.it/-/coastal-and-marine-biology-and-ecology-1?redirect=%2Fstudying%2Finternational-degree-programmes>

- Computer Engineering

<https://international.unisalento.it/-/computer-engineeri-1?redirect=%2Fstudying%2Finternational-degree-programmes>

- Management Engineering

<https://international.unisalento.it/-/management-engineeri-2?redirect=%2Fstudying%2Finternational-degree-programmes>

- Communication Engineering and Electronic Technologies

<https://international.unisalento.it/-/communication-engineering-and-electronic-technologies-1?redirect=%2Fstudying%2Finternational-degree-programmes>

- Aerospace Engineering

<https://international.unisalento.it/-/aerospace-engineeri-1?redirect=%2Fstudying%2Finternational-degree-programmes>

### Art. 10

#### EVALUATION CRITERIA, FORMATION AND APPROVAL OF THE RANKING LIST

The Evaluation Committee, appointed by the Rector, will be composed of three members, namely the Delegate for Internationalisation and two members appointed from among the teaching or technical-administrative staff of the University.

The Commission will carry out the selection process taking into account the following criteria:

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| - Educational curriculum   |          | max <b>25</b> points |
| - Final average of all exams passed or final grade for the Bachelor's degree |          | max <b>5</b> points  |
| - from 18 to 24  | 0 points |                      |
| - from 25 to 27  | 2 points |                      |
| - from 28 to 30  | 3 points |                      |
| or   |          |                      |
| - 66 to 88   | 0 points |                      |
| - from 92 to 99  | 2 points |                      |
| - from 103 to 110 with honours   | 3 points |                      |
| - Motivation letter  |          | max <b>3</b> points  |

- English language certificate (IELTS or TOEFL) above B2 level           max **2** points
  - C1 level           1 point
  - C2 level           2 points

All applicants who meet the minimum requirements will be interviewed by the Selection Committee. The interview will assess the applicant's technical skills, educational background, command of English and any other qualifications submitted. The maximum number of points awarded will be **25** out of a total of 60.

Interviews will be conducted online. Applicants will be notified of the date and time of the interview by e-mail and the date and time will be published on the university website (<http://www.unisalento.it/>) on the page dedicated to the initiative. During the interview, applicants will be asked to show their passport or other valid identity document.

The Commission will draw up a general merit list which will be approved by Rectoral Decree. In the event of a tie, priority will be given to the applicant with the lowest age.

The ranking will be published on the institutional website of the University of Salento under "Albo online" and "Bandi e Concorsi".

#### **Art. 11**

#### **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

The University will provide insurance coverage against accidents and civil liability.

Beneficiaries must take out a health insurance policy to cover any expenses that may be incurred by illness or accident.

#### **Art. 12**

#### **INCOMPATIBILITY**

The *Unisalento4Talents Call 2021* scholarship is incompatible with:

- any other type of merit-based or income-based scholarship or award promoted by the University of Salento in favour of international students;
- the scholarships provided by the *Invest Your Talent in Italy* programme of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) or those provided by Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI) for students with international protection.
- scholarships aimed at international students and promoted by foreign governments or institutions on the basis of agreements with the University of Salento;
- scholarships for the *Diritto allo Studio* (Right to Education) awarded by the Puglia Regional Authority (ADISU).

#### **Art. 13**

#### **RENUNCIATION**

Students who abandon their studies will automatically lose all the benefits referred to in Article 2 of the present call.

#### **Art. 14**

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

Winners will receive notification of the award of the scholarship at the e-mail address that they provide on the application form. Within and no later than **10 days** from the date of the communication of the award of the

scholarship, the recipient must send an e-mail to [amministrazione.centrale@cert-unile.it](mailto:amministrazione.centrale@cert-unile.it) with a declaration of acceptance of the scholarship under the conditions of the call for applications, **under penalty of forfeiture**.

#### **Art. 15**

##### **SCROLLING OF THE RANKING LIST**

Successful applicants who, after having initially accepted the scholarship, find that they cannot complete the enrolment on the chosen degree course, due to personal impediments, must send their rejection of the offer by e-mail to [amministrazione.centrale@cert-unile.it](mailto:amministrazione.centrale@cert-unile.it), within and no later than **30 days after having sent their formal acceptance**.

In case of renunciation by any of the winners, the applicants below them on the list will be moved up accordingly.

#### **Art. 16**

##### **INFORMATION ON DATA PROCESSING**

Personal data will be processed in accordance with Regulation 45/2001 of the European Parliament and the Council of Europe for the protection of individuals, with respect to the processing of personal data by EU institutions and bodies and the free movement of such data, in accordance with Regulation 2016/679 (so-called GDPR) on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data and in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/03 (and successive modifications and integrations).

#### **Art. 17**

##### **PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE**

The person responsible for the application procedure is Ennio Guidato.

Any information may be requested exclusively at the following email: [welcome.office@unisalento.it](mailto:welcome.office@unisalento.it)

THE RECTOR

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