



**UNIVERSITÀ
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DI TRIESTE**



University of Trieste

Call for applications: One study grant available under the 'IUPALS – Italian Universities for Palestinian Students' programme

Academic year 2025-2026

ART. 1 – Grant description and benefits

The University of Trieste, in collaboration with the Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI) and the Regional Agency for the right to education of Friuli Venezia Giulia (ARDiS), is offering **one STUDY GRANT** within the framework of 'IUPALS – Italian Universities for Palestinian Students'.

This grant is intended to support a Palestinian university student currently residing in the Palestinian Territories. To be eligible, the student must enrol in a three-year, full-time bachelor's degree programme (180 ECTS) starting in the academic year 2025-2026.

The student must enrol in a three-year bachelor's degree programme offered by the University of Trieste (irrespective of whether teaching is offered in Italian or English). The following courses are not eligible:

- all degrees within the Department for Medical, Surgical and Health Sciences;
- 5-year integrated master's degrees;
- all bachelor's degrees with limited intake and/or a competitive admission.

The University of Trieste's course catalogue can be found here:

<https://portale.units.it/en/study/courses-and-programmes>

The bachelor's degrees taught entirely in English or in English and Italian are:

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, BUSINESS, MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

[BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT](#)

[INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND FINANCIAL MARKETS](#)

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

[INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING](#)

The grant, with a total value of €15,000 per academic year, includes the following benefits:

- travel costs from Palestine to Italy, a one-way trip in economy class (€700 maximum);
- university tuition fee waiver;
- accommodation in student housing;
- monthly scholarship for daily expenses (€3,600/year = €300/month)
- breakfast and two meals per day in the student canteen;
- public or private health insurance in Italy (€700/year);
- application for a residence permit (*permesso di soggiorno*) in Italy and other services (€200/year);
- Italian language course at the University of Trieste;
- free or subsidised access to teaching aids, including electronic devices, such as tablets and PCs, aids for students with learning difficulties, etc;

- free access to recreational and sports facilities with free or subsidised use of university sports facilities;
- free public transport subscription;
- free academic counselling to help with choosing courses, planning the study programme and managing academic deadlines;
- psychological support for managing stress, anxiety or other emotional difficulties that may arise during their stay in Italy;
- full support from the University's international services and from teaching staff in charge of the project

The grant will be awarded for 3 academic years and may be extended for an additional year should the student fail to obtain the degree within the deadlines established by the University of Trieste.

The grant will be awarded on the basis that the student will earn at least 25 ECTS by the 10th August 2026, that is, during his/her first year of study, or rather, the first academic year (2025-2026). The student must also fulfil this credit requirement in order to remain eligible for the grant in the following academic year (2026-2027).

The student must also meet credit requirements in his/her second year of study. By the end of the 2026-2027 academic year, the student must have earned a total of at least 80 ECTS (inclusive of the 25 ECTS earned in the first year). He/she must also meet these requirements to be eligible for the same grant in the subsequent academic year (2027-2028).

Any exceptions will be reviewed by appointed offices. Based on the academic performance in the final year of study, the relevant education committee will assess the student's eligibility for further benefits and support with graduating from the University of Trieste.

ART. 2 – Incompatibility

The grant offered by this call cannot be combined with other study grants or awards provided by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), grants for beneficiaries of international protection already residing in Italy issued by CRUI, or any other national or international study grants.

ART. 3 – Eligibility criteria and requirements

This call for applications is open exclusively to candidates who meet certain requirements. The applicant must:

- hold Palestinian citizenship and reside in Palestinian territories at the time of application;
- possess a high school diploma that qualifies for entrance to higher education in Italy;
- not be enrolled in another Italian university for the academic year 2025-2026;
- have a B2 level of Italian language proficiency if applying to a degree taught in Italian;
- have a B2 level of English language proficiency if applying to a degree taught in English;
- have completed at least 12 years of schooling;
- be at least 18 years old at the time of application;
- be able to provide certified attendance of the Italian language course organised within the framework of the IUPALS project.

Candidates must also meet the specific academic admission requirements for the selected degree programme, which will be evaluated by the relevant education committee.

ART. 4 – Application instructions and deadlines

In order to apply for the scholarship, applicants must complete pre-enrolment for their chosen eligible bachelor's course. Pre-enrolment must be carried out exclusively through the UNIVERSITALY platform: <https://www.universitaly.it/>

After registering with UNIVERSITALY, applicants may submit their application for the grant to the University of Trieste from the publication date of this call until and no later than **16th June 2025** to the following address:
relazioni.internazionali@amm.units.it

Please note: the application will be considered valid only if the candidate presents ALL the required documents:

- application form (Annex 1 to this call);
- scanned copy of a valid passport;
- scanned copy of their original high school diploma. The diploma must be legalised;
- scanned copy of their original transcript for their high school diploma. The transcript must be legalised;
- an official translation into Italian or English of their high school diploma and transcript;
- an updated curriculum vitae, in English or in Italian;
- a motivational letter, in English or in Italian;
- a certificate demonstrating their proficiency in English or a self-certification stating that they have a B2 level of English (only for bachelor's degree taught in English or Italian and English);
- a certificate of attendance from the Italian language course organised in the framework of the IUPALS project

To ensure the accurate and reliable assessment of international qualifications and to determine the level and nature of the qualifications already obtained, candidates must undergo an interview in English if pre-enrolled in courses taught in English or in Italian if pre-enrolled in bachelor's courses taught in Italian.

The University reserves the right to request any additional documents that may be necessary for a more comprehensive evaluation of the application.

ART. 5 – Selection of candidates

All applications will be evaluated by the University Internationalisation Committee based on the following criteria:

Phase 1 (max 10 points):

- relevance of the candidate's qualifications to the chosen degree programme;
- quality of the candidate's curriculum vitae and studiorum;
- motivation as demonstrated in the candidate's motivational letter.

Phase 2 (max 15 points):

- online interview.

Applicants will be notified about the interview by email to the e-mail address they provided in their application form.

Candidates who obtain a score of 13 or more after both phases will be considered eligible. Candidates will be informed of the results of the selection process via e-mail **by 16th July 2025**.

Should additional funding become available, candidates on the reserve list may also be awarded grants.

ART. 6 – Acceptance, study visa application and final provisions

The selected candidates must confirm their acceptance of the grant **by 31st July 2025**, by sending the grant acceptance form (Annex 2 to this call) to studenti@units.it

Following acceptance of the grant, the candidate must immediately apply online for a study visa for Italy through the UNIVERSITALY portal <https://www.universitaly.it/first-steps>

ART. 7 – Payment of the study grant

The study grant will be paid to the candidate on a monthly basis, with payments commencing in November 2025. The grant will be transferred via bank transfer to the candidate, who will be able to open a personal bank account upon arrival in Italy as a student.

ART. 8 – Information notice concerning data processing

The personal data provided by applicants will be processed in accordance with the principles and provisions of Italian Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 (Data Protection Act) and EU Regulation 2016/679, solely for the purposes of this call for applications. A detailed description of the privacy policy is available on the University of Trieste's [website](#).

ART. 9 – Withdrawal

The student who withdraws from his/her studies will automatically lose all the benefits associated with the grant.

If the student wishes to withdraw from his/her grant and its benefits must give immediate notification to the following address:

relazioni.internazionali@amm.units.it

ART. 10 – Final provisions

The administration reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the information provided. In accordance with the penal sanctions outlined in Article 76 of Italian Presidential Decree No 445/2000. If any fraudulent information is discovered during verification, the applicant will forfeit his/her right to the study grant.

Personal data will be processed in accordance with the European Data Protection Regulation, GDPR.

Applicants also consent to the publication of their refugee identity card number on www.units.it.

In case of false declarations, the applicant will lose the right to participate in the call and/or the benefits awarded.

ART. 11 – Contact details

For more information, please contact:

Staff Unit for Development Cooperation and University Networks

University of Trieste

Piazzale Europa, n 1 - 34127 Trieste (Italia/Italy)

Contact person: Carla Savastano

relazioni.internazionali@amm.units.it

The Rector

Prof. Roberto Di Lenarda

Annex 1

APPLICATION FORM

for the evaluation of admission requirements for access to bachelor's courses at the University of Trieste for the academic year 2025-2026.

I, the undersigned

Name and surname:	
Date of birth and place of birth:	
Citizenship:	
Permanent address:	
Phone number:	
Email:	

declare under my own responsibility to be in possession of the following foreign qualification:

Name of awarding institution:	
Title of the qualification	
Country of issue:	
Total years of schooling:	
Graduation date:	
Final mark / grade:	

and request

the pre-evaluation of admission requirements for access to the following degree programme offered at the University of Trieste:

Name of the degree course	
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I also declare that I am in possession of following documentation, which I attach to my application:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of legalised high school diploma,
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of legalised transcript of records relating to the high school diploma
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official translation into Italian or English of the high school diploma and transcript of records
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum vitae
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motivational letter

<input type="checkbox"/>	English or Italian language proficiency certificate, demonstrating at least B2 level or equivalent, or self-certification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of a valid passport
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of attendance from the Italian language course organised in the framework of the IUPALS project

I declare that, if selected, I will apply for an entry visa to Italy for study purposes

☐ In compliance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, I hereby authorise the recipient of this document to use and process my personal data, including through the use of information technology tools, for evaluative and administrative procedures, in accordance with the privacy policy available at the University of Trieste's [website](#). Furthermore, I confirm that I have been informed of my rights under the aforementioned Regulation.

Place and date

(applicant's signature)

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Annex 2

GRANT ACCEPTANCE FORM

I, the undersigned,

Name and surname:	
Date of birth and place of birth:	
Citizenship:	
Permanent address:	
Phone number:	
Email:	

being aware of the criminal penalties referred to in Article 76 of Italian Presidential Decree No 445 of 28 December 2000 in the event of false declarations and the creation or use of false documents, hereby accept the grant for Palestinian students awarded by the University of Trieste for enrolment in the bachelor's degree in _____ for the academic year 2025-2026.

In compliance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, I hereby authorise the recipient of this document to use and process my personal data, including through the use of information technology tools, for evaluative and administrative procedures, in accordance with the privacy policy available at the University of Trieste's [webpage](#).. Furthermore, I confirm that I have been informed of my rights under the aforementioned Regulation.

Place _____

Date _____

Signature _____