

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

19 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AFGHAN AND UKRAINIAN STUDENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

Art. 1 – Aim and duration of the scholarships

1. The “Gabriele d’Annunzio” University (UdA) of Chieti-Pescara is awarding 19 scholarships for Afghani and Ukrainian students holding an international protection status. Candidates may enrol in a free access Bachelor’s Degree or Master’s Degree in the academic year 2022/2023
2. The scholarship is issued upon enrolment and covers the whole duration of the selected degree course. Conditions apply for partial renewals (see art. 8 of this Call for Applications)

Art. 2 – Benefits and available resources

1. The scholarship includes:

-**total exemption from payment of tuition fees** for the whole degree programme;

-**free lodging** at the ADSU Residence in Pescara, from the day of arrival or from the day that the scholarship is issued;

-two **daily meals** at a reduced price, provided by the ADSU canteens in Pescara and Chieti

2. Additional services:

-welcome services and support for social integration after arrival provided by the Student Mobility Office;

-assistance in registering to and accessing “MYPAGE UdA”;

-individual psychological support and assistance upon arrival. Materials for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders are also provided;

-Italian language classes, if necessary.

3. These scholarships are **incompatible with scholarships granted by other institutions, either public or private**, including study grants for international protection holders funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) or the CRUI, as well as by any foreign government or institution; they are also incompatible with other benefits (grants and services) offered by the ADSU Chieti. Recipients will lose the awarded benefits if they have already been awarded other scholarships or grants.

4. Scholarships are awarded according to the financial resources made available in the balance sheet of the University

Art. 3 – Beneficiaries and allocation criteria

1. The 19 scholarships will be awarded to:

AFGHAN STUDENTS (3)

UKRAINIAN STUDENTS (16)

2. This allocation may vary depending on the number of applications as well as on the selection criteria specified in this Call (see art. 7).

Art. 4 – Eligibility requirements

1. This Call is open to candidates who:

- a) have Afghani or Ukrainian citizenship;
- b) hold an educational qualification valid for admission to a free access three-year Bachelor's Degree or a two-year Master's Degree programme at UdA;
- c) hold a valid residence permit for international protection or a Refugee Identity Card issued by the country in which the applicants have a registered address (*Refugee Identity Card or Proof of Registration* issued by UNHCR),

or

hold (or have applied for) a residence permit for international protection following the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan or Ukraine, in compliance with the current Italian regulations on immigration.

2. Candidates **must not be pre-enrolled in an Italian university** via registration to the University platform.

3. Students who intend to **transfer from other Italian universities** are **not eligible** for these scholarships.

4. Scholarships will not be awarded to candidates who already hold a qualification equivalent to the qualification they will receive after the completion of the degree course in which they intend to enrol.

Art. 5 – How to apply

1. Applicants are required to register to UdA online services on the University's website <https://unich.esse3.cineca.it/Root.do>, selecting "Registrazione" (top right-hand corner of the screen). Candidates will then be sent a username and password to their e-mail address, which are needed to complete the application by selecting "Segreteria" → "TEST DI VALUTAZIONE" → "Iscrizione test di valutazione", and then following the instructions. At this stage they must also select the Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree programme they intend to enrol in.

Deadline: 30th September 2022, 1 p.m.

Online applications procedures close on 30th September 2022, at 1:01 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted.

2.Applications which do not follow the aforementioned procedure will be rejected.

3.Candidates who do not fulfil the eligibility criteria (see art. 4) will not be accepted. Candidates who fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility specified above (art. 2) will not be accepted.

4. Under no circumstances shall the University be liable for any delay caused by a disruption to the applicants' Internet services or connection.

For assistance with registration and submission and for further information please contact the Erasmus Office and the International Partnership and Cooperation Office:

Tel. (+39) 0871 3555110/6297 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

e-mail: refugees@unich.it

Art. 6- Application documents

1.Applicants are required to submit the following documents:

- a) copy of their passport or valid ID document;
- b) Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum;
- c) copy of a valid residence permit for international protection or a Refugee Identity Card issued by the country in which the candidate has a registered address (*Refugee Identity Card* or *Proof of Registration* issued by UNHCR). The residence permit must be valid when the application is submitted.

or

candidates must hold (or have applied for) a residence permit for international protection following the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan or Ukraine, in compliance with current the Italian regulations on immigration.

- d) copy of the degree certificate or school leaving certificate and/or transcript of records or any relevant document required for admission to a free access three-year Bachelor's Degree or two-year Master's Degree programme at UdA. The qualification must be issued by the institution which has awarded the title;
- e) a transcript of the exams taken and the grades received;
- f) an official document certifying the candidate's proficiency in the Italian language. Applicants who do not have any language certificate or who do not speak Italian are required to contact the following office: servizio.dirittostudio@unich.it.
- g) The form indicating the programme they have chosen (Annex 2);
- h) any other relevant document that might prove useful to assess and certify the applicant's training and education.

2. Applicants who do not have any document certifying the degree they possess must submit the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees (see <https://www.coe.int/en/web/education/recognition-of-refugees-qualifications> and <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/riconoscimento-titoli-dei-rifugiati.aspx>).

For documents written in a language other than Italian, applicants are required submit the Italian translation along with a Dichiarazione di Valore in loco (ie., a certificate of academic equivalence), or the certificate issued by CIMEA for holders of an international protection status. Further information is available at <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/attestati-di-comparabilita-e-certificazione-dei-titoli/rifugiati.aspx>

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) provides free assistance for applicants who need a Dichiarazione di Valore in loco (ie., certificate of academic equivalence), provided that they are unable to obtain it in their country of origin due to their international protection status.

3. Applicants who do not possess the documents listed in paragraph 2 are required to submit a declaration stating that they are waiting for those documents to be issued. In order for the preliminary ranking to be published, the documents shall be emailed to servizio.dirittostudio@unich.it within fifteen days after the application deadline.

4 Only candidates who are unable to submit the Italian translations of the documents required for the application may submit their English translation to the following email address servizio.dirittostudio@unich.it.

Art. 7 – Selection procedure and application review criteria

1. The Department for the Right to Education and Disability of the “G. D’Annunzio” University is in charge of evaluating the admission requirements detailed in Art. 4.

2. Applications will be reviewed by a Committee that shall be composed of the following members of the “G. d’Annunzio” University:

- The Rector’s Delegate for International Relations
- The Rector’s Delegate for Erasmus and International Mobility
- The Manager of the Department for the Department of the Right to Education and Disability
- A member of the Erasmus and International Partnership and Cooperation Office, who will act as secretary and be in charge of the committee’s minutes.

3. Applicants will be reviewed by a preliminary assessment of their qualifications followed by an interview

4. At the end of the review process, applicants may receive a maximum score of 100 points. The Committee may grant each application a maximum of 60 points for the applicant's qualification and a maximum of 40 points for the interview. The criteria are detailed in **Annex 1**.

Applicants will be admitted to the interview process on the basis of a preliminary ranking that assesses their academic qualifications as well as any other eligible qualifications. Applicants who hold a residence permit and/or students who are already in Italy will be ranked higher than applicants who are waiting for a study visa to be issued.

Applications for Master's Degrees will also be assessed by the Programme Committee of the Master's Degree selected by the applicant. The Programme Committee will assess the applicants' academic track to ensure that they fulfil the admission requirements.

Applicants who rank 1 to 40 in the preliminary ranking will be admitted to the interview process.

Interviews will be held remotely. Applicants who are admitted to the interview process will be notified in advanced concerning the date, time, and platform over which interviews will be held.

Applicants who do not hold an official language certification may be tested during the interview so as to verify their language skills in Italian, as well as any in other language that they listed in the application.

The final ranking will be issued at the end of the interview process. The final ranking is based on the evaluation of the applicant's qualifications and the interview; applicants who hold a residence permit and/or applicants who are already in Italy will be ranked higher than applicants who are waiting for a study visa to be issued.

Should two or more applicants receive the same score in the final ranking, the younger applicant/s will rank higher.

The selection results and further information on the awarding of the scholarships will be published on the university website (on the section devoted to scholarships for Afghani and Ukrainian students) around 31 October 2022.

5. All applicants will be personally notified concerning selection results.

Art. 8 – Scholarship eligibility requirements

Applicants who are awarded a scholarship shall fulfill the following requirements in order to continue receiving it after the first year and for the entire regular duration of the degree programme:

- Bachelor's Degree programme

- a. students shall enroll in the second year of the programme, and have acquired at least 30 ECTS by 31 October of the same year
- b. students shall enroll in the third year of the programme, and have acquired at least 95 ECTS by 31 October of the same year

- Master's Degree programmes

- a. students shall enroll in the second year of the programme, and have acquired at least 48 ECTS by 31 October of the same year

2. The extra semester that may be granted to students who intend to graduate by the so-called "sessione straordinaria" (i.e., the last graduation session of the academic year) is part of the regular duration of the degree programme. The extra semester may be granted to students provided that they only have to sit two exams, or activities, prior to the last graduation session of the academic year they are enrolled in.

Art. 9 –Scholarship acceptance, renunciation and forfeiture

1. Applicants who are awarded a scholarship will be personally notified as stated in Art. 7, par. 6. Applicants are requested to respond within 7 days of receipt in order to communicate their intention to accept or renounce the scholarship. Failure to do so will automatically result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

2. Applicants who are awarded a scholarship will be contacted by the Students' Office to complete the enrolment procedure, which shall comply with the regulations concerning international students applying for a visa that are issued every year by the Italian Ministry of University and Research.

3. Loss of eligibility requirements (e.g., in case of withdrawal, suspension, or transfer to another university, etc.) implies the immediate forfeiture of the scholarships. Residual instalments shall not be due.

Art. 10 – Data processing

The "G. D'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara shall process personal data in accordance with the EU GDPR Regulation – n. 2016/679 (27 April 2016), and the CODAU guidelines on privacy and personal data protection for universities. The "G. D'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara adopted these guidelines with the resolution of the Board of Directors n. 119/2018 (24 April 2018), as well as the Italian decree on Privacy, n. 196/2003, amended by the following decree n. 01/2018

The University will only collect and process data provided by the candidates. Data may be processed automatically and shall only be used for the selection procedure detailed in this Call, including the resolution of any future controversy.

Consent to the processing of personal data is required for the purposes of Call. Should data not be provided, or should the candidates not give consent to data treatment, applications may not be reviewed, nor may candidate be admitted to any degree programme at UdA.

Further information on privacy and data processing may be found online at www.unich.it/privacy

The University holds the right to communicate personal data to authorities for necessary verification.

The data controller is the “G. d’Annunzio” University of Chieti-Pescara, with the Rector acting as legal representative.

Art. 11 – Procedure Manager

The person in charge of this selection process is the Manager of the Department for the Right to Education and Disabilities, Patrizia Delli Carri (patrizia.dellicarri@unich.it).

This Call shall be posted on the Official Notice Board (“Albo pretorio”) on the University’s website in order to ensure its circulation through different channels, including institutional social media profiles.

In case of inconsistencies between the Italian and English version of this call, the Italian version shall prevail

ANNEX #1

SELECTION CRITERIA

Criteria for the assessment of the applications		MAX score
QUALIFICATIONS	a. Candidates' CV and education	55
	b. Skills in Italian: - Levels B1-B2: 3 pt - Levels C1-C2: 5 pt	5
	MAX SCORE for QUALIFICATIONS	60
INTERVIEW		40
	MAXIMUM SCORE QUALIFICATIONS + INTERVIEW	100

ANNEX #2

APPLICATION FORM

I, the undersigned _____ -
(First and Last Names)

Citizenship: _____

apply herewith to the selection procedure for 19 scholarships reserved for Afghani and Ukrainian students who hold the international protection status.

I intend to enroll to the following degree programme:

- Bachelor's degree: _____

OR

- Master's degree: _____

I hereby declare I have read and understood the data process policy as outlined in Art. 9 of the present Call.

Date

Signature
