



## **CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **SUPPORTING EXCELLENT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, ENROLLING IN A FIRST OR A SECOND CYCLE DEGREE PROGRAM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF INSUBRIA FOR A.Y. 2020/21**

#### **Item 1: Description and objectives**

In order to enhance the internationalization process, the University of Insubria will be offering up to 10 scholarships to highly talented prospective international students (UE or non UE) wishing to enroll in a first or second cycle degree program (either taught in Italian or English language) during the academic year 2020-2021. The scholarship program is highly selective: only candidates showing the highest achievements may be granted with such scholarship. Successful students will be expected to act as ambassadors of the University of Insubria and to represent the Institution at a number of events.

#### **Item 2: International students**

International Students are those who reside outside Italy at the time of the application and have attained (or are going to attain) their secondary school diploma or university qualification outside Italy.

#### **Item 3: Duration and economic conditions**

University of Insubria grants 10 scholarships, each one amounting to €10.000,00 before taxes (and any other duties or fees applicable according to Italian laws). The Scholarship is granted for one (1) academic year and will be paid in two (2) instalments of € 5.000,00 each.

The grants will be awarded to international students enrolling in Italian or English taught first and second cycle degrees.

Scholarships cannot be combined with any other national or international grant awarded by foreign or Italian institutions. Candidates are required, under their own responsibility, to notify promptly to the International Office ([relint@uninsubria.it](mailto:relint@uninsubria.it)) any incompatibility with other scholarships.

However, starting from the second year of enrollment, beneficiaries may access any other opportunity offered by the University.

Beneficiary students must attend courses, take exams, and pass at least 40 ECTS credits by the end of the summer session of exams (September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021).

Reimbursement of travel, insurance, accommodation or other costs are not included in International Excellence Scholarships and will not be provided by the University of Insubria. Nevertheless, the University of Insubria gives offsite students the chance to apply for a free accommodation in one of the campuses in Varese or Como within the limits of the availability of places.





#### **Item 4: Requirements**

In order to apply to the scholarship, applicants must:

- 1) be international students, as defined in item 2;
- 2) commit to regularly enroll, for the academic year 2020/21, in a first or second cycle degree program of the University of Insubria;
- 3) demonstrate a final qualification grade not less than the 80% of the maximum possible final grade in the country where the qualification has been awarded;
- 4) (*for candidates attending the final year of the secondary school*) demonstrate he/she belongs to the top 20% of his/her class by an official document issued by his/her school, such as a statement signed and stamped by his/her school, a reference letter, a class ranking certificate, etc.
- 5) be able to comply with the conditions for obtaining a visa for study purpose in Italy (if requested by Italian laws);

#### **Item 5: Selection criteria and application**

A special Examining Committee nominated by the Rector will draw up a list of eligible candidates based on the sum of points awarded through assessment of applicants' academic record, curriculum vitae and motivation letter. The Committee can assign 30 points as follows:

- Academic Records: max 20 points
- Curriculum vitae (work, research or study experience): max 5 points
- Motivation letter: max 5 points

Candidates who after this phase of assessment are awarded a score less than 21/30 are not eligible.

The ranking of the candidates, indicating the winners, will be published on the University website and communicated to the applicants within May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020; should any of them renounce, the scholarship will be awarded to the next student in the rank. After publication of the results, students have to confirm acceptance of the scholarship within 7 working days.

#### **Item 6: Application**

Applications must include:

- Secondary School Diploma or Bachelor Degree Diploma or (for Item 4 n. 3 case) School statement
- The Transcript of the achieved records
- The curriculum vitae, also stating professional experiences



- a motivation letter

All supporting documents must be uploaded through the i-STUD portal. Failure to meet one or more of the above mentioned conditions implies the impossibility to be granted the scholarship.

Applications have to be submitted through the i-STUD online portal <https://uninsubria-ol.dirittoallostudio.it/apps/V3.1/istud/public/index.php> after having created a personal account on:

<https://uninsubria.esse3.cineca.it/AddressBook/ABStartProcessoRegAction.do>

(click on the menu and choose the English version) starting from February 1st, 2020.

The deadline for application is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 12 am (Italian time).

The university will not take any responsibility for the dispersion of notices due to a wrong indication of contacts or due to the change in contact details indicated in the application. Applications lacking applicants' signature will be inadmissible.

#### **Item 7 - Payment arrangements and maintenance requirements**

Scholarship will be paid in two (2) instalments. The first instalment will be released to the beneficiary student within 60 days from the enrollment, only upon:

1. completion of the enrolment procedures at the University of Insubria;
2. opening of an Italian bank account or pre-paid credit card with an IBAN registered or co-registered in the student's name;
3. signature of the Declaration of acceptance, where the beneficiary student commits himself to accept the scholarship terms and confirms he/she does not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in Item 3 of this call for applications;

The second instalment will be released to the beneficiary student upon achievement of at least 12 ECTS by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021. In case of enrolment with recognition of previous studies, credits earned during a previous university career cannot be taken into account for the achievement of the expected maintenance requirements.

#### **Item 8 — Scholarship revocation**



The University of Insubria has the right to revoke the scholarships in the following cases:

1. if the beneficiary student does not obtain at least 40 ECTS credits by the end of the summer session of exams (September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021); in case of enrolment with recognition of previous studies, credits earned during a previous university career cannot be taken into account for the achievement of the expected maintenance requirements.
2. if the beneficiary student decides to transfer to another University or withdraw from his /her studies.

In the above cases, the beneficiary student shall refund the full amount of the scholarship already received. Particular situations, duly substantiated, will be evaluated by the Rector of the University of Insubria.

#### **Item 9 — Final Provisions**

Personal data will be processed pursuant to the principles and provisions of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 on protection of privacy and exclusively for the purposes of managing the procedure. According to the GDPR – EU Regulation 2016/679 the information on data processing is published on the institutional website

Without prejudice to the penal sanctions as per art. 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000, should statements emerge to be untruthful, the beneficiary student will lose the awarded benefit.

The person responsible for the procedure is Dr. Luca Gallo — Head of the International Office.

For further information, please contact the International Relations Office, email: [relint@uninsubria.it](mailto:relint@uninsubria.it)

Varese, February 3rd 2020

Signed  
The Rector  
Prof. Angelo Tagliabue