



## University of Messina

### Call for n.44 scholarships for International Students

This document is a translation of “Bando per 44 borse di studio a favore di studenti stranieri che si immatricolano nell’a.a. 2016/2017 al primo anno di un Corso di Laurea Magistrale erogato dall’Università degli Studi di Messina” available on-line at the following web-page: [http://web1.unime.it/ateneo/\\_bandi\\_e\\_concorsi\\_studenti/bando\\_n\\_44\\_borse\\_di\\_studio\\_a\\_favore\\_di\\_studenti\\_stranieri\\_che\\_si\\_immatricolano\\_nell\\_039\\_a\\_a\\_2016\\_2017-53861.html](http://web1.unime.it/ateneo/_bandi_e_concorsi_studenti/bando_n_44_borse_di_studio_a_favore_di_studenti_stranieri_che_si_immatricolano_nell_039_a_a_2016_2017-53861.html)

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. 44 scholarships for international students** enrolling to a UniME **Master degree programme** (*Laurea Magistrale*) in the a.y. 2016/2017.

In accordance with provisions of art. 5 of the present 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 whole duration of the programme.

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 programme (*Laurea Magistrale*). Registration to the second year of a Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*), transfer from another UniME degree programme or from another University are not considered as enrollment.

#### ART. 2 - Eligibility criteria

In order to apply for the scholarship, candidates must:

- Have a **degree awarded by a foreign University** recognised as being appropriate to enroll to a Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*);
- Submit the **application form** (Annex 1) indicating the UniME Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*) selected to enroll ([http://www.unime.it/didattica/offerta\\_didattica/offerta](http://www.unime.it/didattica/offerta_didattica/offerta)).

The following documents must be attached to the application:

1. A **motivation letter** showing the reasons why candidate would like to enroll in one of the Master degree programmes (*Laurea Magistrale*) offered by UNIME or/and a **Reference letter** provided by the University/Higher Education Institution (HEI) where the candidate gained the Degree/latest qualification achieved. The Letter/letters must be written either in Italian or in English language;
2. Official **transcript of records** of previous studies in English or translated into Italian by a competent Italian authority (Embassy/Consular if abroad);
3. Curriculum vitae in English;
4. Photocopy of a valid passport.

Application forms, along with the attachments, must be submitted to the following e-mail: [protocollo@unime.it](mailto:protocollo@unime.it) by **20 July 2016 at 12:00 am** (Italian time).

Please make sure to specify in the Subject of the email “Partecipazione al Bando Studenti Stranieri”.

Applications submitted in a different way will not be taken into account and assessed.

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.

For further information, please write to [foreignstudents@unime.it](mailto:foreignstudents@unime.it)

### **ART. 3 - Procedures and terms of application**

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 learning outcomes of the selected UniME Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*) (up to 50 points)
- **Curriculum vitae** with learning and working experience (up to 30 points)
- **Motivation letter and/or recommendation letter** from the University awarding the previous academic position (up to 20 points).

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

### **ART. 4 - 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/unime\\_international](http://www.unime.it/unime_international) on **22 July 2016 at 2:00 pm** (Italian time).

The *International Cooperation and Foreign Students Unit* (ICU) shall inform candidates shortlisted for the scholarship. ICU will also communicate UniME availability to enroll applicants in the selected Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*) eventually indicating further learning activities to be attended or pre-access tests, if requested.

Application submission does not directly lead to candidates' enrollment to the selected Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*) but only to the participation to the present Call.

### **ART. 5 - Conditions of scholarship awarding and enrollment**

Within 5 days from the publication of the selected candidates list, beneficiaries must confirm to accept the scholarship by email to: [foreignstudents@unime.it](mailto:foreignstudents@unime.it)

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

Should a candidate be eligible for the scholarship in accordance with art.2 but not be included in the quota reserved to foreign students of the selected Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*), he/she may select a different Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*).

The Commission may evaluate the above-mentioned new selection.

Within two days of arrival in Messina, selected candidates must go to the ICU (located in Via Consolato del Mare, 41 – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) to start the enrollment procedure (or conditioned enrollment – “*immatricolazione con riserva*” whether the selected Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*) has programmed access at national/local level and/or candidates have to take the Italian language entry test.

The scholarship will be assigned only to enrolled selected candidates. In case a selected candidate does not enroll to the chosen Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*), 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://relint.unime.it/it/mobilita-in-entrata/studio/iscrizione-a-unime/>

The Selected candidates that have to take the Italian language entry test on **2 September 2016**, may finalize the enrollment to the selected Master degree programme (*Laurea Magistrale*) only after

passing the test.

In case of renouncement 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. 6 - Conditions of scholarship payment**

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

			<b>Total amount</b>
<b>1° installment</b>	By October 2016	€ 400	
<b>2° installment</b>	By March 2017	€ 400	
<b>3° installment</b>	By July 2017	€ 400	<b>a.y. 2016/2017 = €1.200</b>
<b>4° installment</b>	By October 2017	€ 600	
<b>5° installment</b>	By March 2018	€ 600	<b>a.y. 2017/2018 = €1.200</b>

The payment of the **first installment** is conditioned to the handing in of the required documents to ICU (Declaration of value, 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 gain of 10 credits (CFU/ECTS). The payment of the **third installment** is conditioned to the gain 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 programme (*Laurea Magistrale*) and to receive the **four installment** of the scholarship.

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

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. 7 - Person responsible for the procedure**

Dr. Giuseppe Lucchese, Head of International Relations Organisational Unit, is the responsible for the administrative procedure.

#### **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.

#### **ART. 9 - Publicity**

The Call and the application form are available on-line at: [http://web1.unime.it/ateneo/\\_bandi\\_e\\_concorsi\\_studenti/bando\\_n\\_44\\_borse\\_di\\_studio\\_a\\_favore\\_di\\_studenti\\_stranieri\\_che\\_si\\_immatricolano\\_nell\\_039\\_a\\_a\\_2016\\_2017-53861.html](http://web1.unime.it/ateneo/_bandi_e_concorsi_studenti/bando_n_44_borse_di_studio_a_favore_di_studenti_stranieri_che_si_immatricolano_nell_039_a_a_2016_2017-53861.html).

The Call will be also published on UniME partner Universities' webpages and/or international networks.