



University of Messina

Call for n.4 scholarships for International Students a.y. 2018/2019

This document is a translation of “*Bando per l’attribuzione di n. 4 borse di studio a favore di studenti stranieri a.a. 2018/2019*” available on-line at the following web-page: <http://www.unime.it/it/international/studenti-stranieri/call-scholarships-international-students>

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. 4 scholarships for international students** enrolling to the two-year long **Master degree course** (*Laurea Magistrale*) in Physics: Condensed Matter Physics for the a.y. 2018/2019.

In accordance with provisions of art. 7 of the Call, selected candidates will benefit from a €2,500 grant.

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

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.

In case of additional funds, additional scholarships will be provided.

ART. 2 - Eligibility criteria

In order to apply for the scholarship, candidates must hold:

- a **Bachelor degree awarded by a foreign University** recognized as being appropriate to enroll to the Master degree course (*Laurea Magistrale*) Physics: Condensed Matter Physics (for the entry requirements please see Annex 1).
- one of the following **certificate of English language**: TOEFL iBT internet based (Test of English as a Foreign Language): 87 -109; ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages - Pitman): B2 IESOL Communicator; IELTS (International English Language Testing System - University of Cambridge): 5.5 - 6.5; ISE (Integrated Skill in English - Trinity College London): B2 ISE II; LCCIIEB (London Chamber of Commerce & Industry Examinations Board): Level 5; FCE (First Certificate in English - University of Cambridge). Candidates from Countries whose official language is English, do not need to hold a certificate of English language.

In case of no certification, candidate’s language knowledge will be evaluated by a Commission through a Skype-based test. Tests will be conducted only using the Skype platform.

ART. 3 - Procedures and terms of application

Candidates must apply on-line at the following link: <https://istanze.unime.it>
Application deadline is **the 7th of July 2018 at 12:00 am** (CET).

In the application, candidates must upload the following documents (in English):

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Language certificate (if any)
3. **Bachelor degree**/1st cycle degree diploma awarded by a foreign University recognized as being appropriate to enroll to the Master degree course (*Laurea Magistrale*) in Physics: Condensed Matter Physics (for the entry requirements please see Annex 1)
4. Official **transcript of records** of previous studies in English or translated into Italian by a competent Italian authority (Embassy/Consular if abroad)
5. Photocopy of a valid passport

After the first on-line access, it is possible to save the application and modify/integrate it in further sessions. Application will be processed only after submission (press “submit”)

Once the application is submitted it cannot be modified.

Application will be processed only if duly filled in.

After the submission, students without any language certification (as required in art.2) must send their Skype account to the email account foreignstudents@unime.it, for the language test.

Art. 4 – Selection procedures

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**) (up to 60 points)
- **Curriculum vitae** with learning and working experience (up to 40 points)

ART. 5 - 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/it/international> **on the 12th of July 2018**. The publication of the list will have legal effect in accordance with the Italian legislation.

ART. 6 - Conditions of scholarship awarding and enrollment

By the 16th of July 2018 at 12:00 (CET) selected candidates must confirm to accept the scholarship by logging in to the platform <https://istanze.unime.it>

Only after the confirmation of the acceptance of the scholarship, selected candidates will be provided by e-mail with a document certifying their status of scholarship beneficiaries and the possibility to enroll at UNIME.

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

Upon arrival in Messina, beneficiaries must immediately go to the International Cooperation Unit (ICU) (located in Via Consolato del Mare, 41 – 2nd floor) to start the enrollment procedure.

The status of scholarship beneficiary does not automatically lead to the enrollment to the selected Master degree. The scholarship will be assigned only to enrolled scholarship beneficiary. In case a scholarship beneficiary does not enroll for any reason 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://www.unime.it/en/international/studenti-stranieri/enrollment->

[unime](http://unime.it).

In case of renounce 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. 7 - Conditions of scholarship payment

The economic part of the scholarship will be paid in two installments.

The payment of the **first installment** is conditioned to the handing in of the required documents to ICU (Declaration of value/NARIC-ERIC certification, 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 gaining of 12 credits (CFU/ECTS) by the end of July 2019.

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. 8 – Sanctions

Selected students undertake to regularly attend lectures and didactic activities, respect UNIME academic staff, take care of University accommodation and service facilities. UNIME reserves the right to sanction selected students, also withdrawing the scholarship, at any time for personal misconduct in violation with such commitments.

ART. 9 - Person responsible for the procedure

Mrs. Clementina Trischitta, deputy head of International Cooperation and Foreign Students Unit, is in charge of the administrative procedure.

For further information, please contact: foreignstudents@unime.it

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.