CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF "STUDY IN NAPLES" SCHOLARSHIPS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

Article 1 – Purpose, Amount and Duration

Within the framework of the activities envisaged under the Agreement with the Compagnia di San Paolo Foundation, the University of Naples Federico II hereby issues this Call for Applications for the award of **44 scholarships**, amounting to **a total of €11,059.92 gross per recipient for the entire two-year period**, with the aim of strengthening the international dimension of its degree programmes.

The scholarships are reserved for international students enrolling in the first year of one of the two-year Master's Degree Programmes (Laurea Magistrale – LM) listed in Table A for the academic year 2026/2027.

For the purposes of this Call, international students are defined as all students who, irrespective of citizenship, have obtained the qualification required for admission to the chosen Master's Degree Programme from an institution outside the Italian education system.

This Call is therefore exclusively open to candidates intending to enrol by 31 December 2026, or who have already enrolled in one of the two-year Master's Degree Programmes listed in Table A for the academic year 2026/2027. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Bachelor's Degree Programmes (Laurea – L) and single-cycle Master's Degree Programmes (Laurea Magistrale a Ciclo Unico – LMCU) are excluded.

Enrolment in subsequent years of study, transfers between programmes and transfers from other universities shall not be considered first-year enrolment.

The 44 scholarships shall be allocated as follows:

- **28 scholarships:** one for each Master's Degree Programme listed in Table A.
- **16 scholarships:** allocated to the 16 Master's Degree Programmes receiving the highest number of valid applications under this Call.

Table A – Eligible Master's Degree Programmes

No.	Master's Degree Programme	Degree Class	Language(s)
1	Aerospace Engineering	LM-20 R	Italian/English
2	Architecture and Heritage	LM-4 R	English
3	Automation Engineering and Robotics	LM-25 R	Italian/English
4	Autonomous Vehicle Engineering	LM-33	Italian/English

5	Biology of Extreme Environments	LM-6 R	English
6	Chemical Engineering	LM-22 R	Italian/English
7	Chemical Sciences	LM-54 R	Italian/English
8	Civil and Environmental Engineering / Ingegneria per l'Ambiente e il Territorio	LM-35 R	Italian/English
9	Data Science	LM Data	English
10	Design for the Built Environment	LM-12 R	English
11	DIGISOC – Digital Society, Social Innovation and Global Citizenship	LM-92 R	English
12	Economics and Finance	LM-56 R	English
13	Industrial and Molecular Biotechnology	LM-8 R	Italian/English
14	Industrial Bio-Engineering	LM-21 R	English
15	Industrial Chemistry for Circular and Bio Economy	LM-71 R	English
16	International Relations	LM-52 R	English
17	Languages and Literatures for European Multilingualism (Lingue e Letterature per il Plurilinguismo Europeo)	LM-37 R	English
18	Marine Biology and Aquaculture	LM-6 R	English
19	Mathematical Engineering	LM-44	English
20	Mechanical Engineering for Design and Manufacturing	LM-33 R	Italian/English
21	Mechanical Engineering for Energy and the Environment	LM-33 R	Italian/English
22	Medical Biotechnologies	LM-9 R	Italian/English
23	Precision Livestock Farming	LM-86 R	English
24	Quantum Science and Engineering	LM-44	English
25	Structural and Geotechnical Engineering	LM-23 R	Italian/English
26	Sustainable Food Systems	LM-70	English
27	Transportation Engineering and Mobility	LM-23 R	English
28	Volcanology	LM-74	English

The language requirements and admission procedures for individual degree programmes are those specified on the respective official University webpages.

Article 2 – Eligibility Requirements

All international students, both European and non-European, intending to enrol by 31 December 2026, or already enrolled for the academic year 2026/2027 in one of the Master's Degree Programmes listed in Table A, are eligible to apply for the "Study in Naples" scholarships.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements for their chosen degree programme and must hold a qualification that grants access to a Master's Degree Programme.

Non-European applicants must:

1. Be registered on the Universitaly portal – SUMMARY by 15 June 2026.
2. Hold a *Pre-Accepted* letter issued by the relevant Master's Degree Programme, in accordance with the University's admission procedures.

Registration on the Universitaly portal alone shall not be sufficient to qualify for the selection process.

Failure to register on Universitaly and/or failure to obtain pre-acceptance to the chosen degree programme shall result in exclusion from the selection process.

Pre-acceptance does not constitute enrolment or final admission to the degree programme. Admission remains subject to verification of qualifications, completion of the required administrative procedures, any applicable visa requirements and compliance with the legislation in force.

Non-European applicants shall not be required to resubmit documents already held by the University as part of the admission procedure through Universitaly, unless additional documentation, updates or supplementary information are requested.

European applicants shall upload all documentation required under Article 4 and Table B for assessment purposes.

Article 3 – Submission of Applications

All applicants must upload the documents required for assessment, as specified in Article 4, directly via the following link: https://www.international.unina.it/application-study-in-naples-2026-2027/

Applications for the scholarship must be submitted no later than **12:00 noon on 30 November 2026**.

Applicants must complete the application form in full and upload all required documentation by the specified deadline.

Applications submitted through agencies, consultants, intermediaries or other third parties shall not be accepted. The University reserves the right to exclude any application submitted in a manner that does not comply with the provisions of this Article.

Documents already submitted as part of the admission procedure for the relevant degree programme need not be submitted again, unless the University requests additional documentation or updated versions.

All supporting documents must be submitted in PDF format and must be legible, in accordance with the platform's requirements.

Article 4 – Assessment Criteria

The rankings shall be drawn up on the basis of the total scores obtained by applicants in the assessment areas set out in Table B.

Each applicant may obtain a maximum of 100 points, allocated as follows.

Table B – Assessment Areas

Assessment area	**Maximum score**
Academic record	45 points
Consistency of the applicant's academic background with the chosen degree programme	30 points
Motivation letter	10 points
Curriculum vitae and other relevant experience	10 points
Letters of recommendation	5 points
Total	**100 points**

Minimum Eligibility Score

Applicants obtaining an overall score of at least **60 out of 100 points** shall be deemed eligible.

Where the documentation submitted does not allow the Assessment Committee to evaluate an applicant adequately, the Committee may request an online interview, but only where deemed necessary for assessment purposes and in compliance with the principles of transparency and equal treatment.

For degree programmes in which a portfolio is considered a significant assessment element in view of the specific nature of the programme and its educational objectives, the competent Assessment Committee may require applicants to submit a portfolio for evaluation.

In such cases, the portfolio may result in a different allocation of the 100 total points provided for in Table B, depending on the specific characteristics of the degree programme. Under no circumstances may the overall score exceed 100 points.

Article 5 – Preparation and Approval of Rankings

The competent University offices shall verify the regularity of applications and whether applicants meet the eligibility requirements set out in Articles 2 and 3 of this Call.

An Assessment Committee or subcommittee shall be established for each Master's Degree Programme listed in Table A, with responsibility for evaluating applications relating to that programme.

The Committees shall assess applications in accordance with the criteria set out in Article 4 and shall draw up the corresponding ranking of eligible candidates.

The scholarship shall be awarded on the basis of the ranking for the relevant degree programme to the eligible candidate who obtains the highest score.

Where two or more degree programmes receive the same number of valid applications, priority shall be given to the programme with the highest number of eligible applicants who have obtained a score of at least 60 out of 100.

Ties Between Candidates

Where two or more candidates enrolled in the same degree programme obtain the same score, the following criteria shall be applied in the order listed:

a) The candidate with the higher score in the assessment of their academic record shall be given priority.

b) The candidate with the higher score in the assessment of the consistency of their academic background with the chosen degree programme shall be given priority.

c) The younger candidate shall be given priority.

The rankings may be published in separate stages on the University's official website and in its International section.

Publication of the rankings shall constitute formal notification for all legal purposes.

Only successful candidates shall receive an individual notification by email.

If a scholarship is not accepted within the deadline specified in Article 6, the ranking for the relevant degree programme shall be used to offer the scholarship to the next eligible candidate.

The Assessment Committees' decisions on merit, within the framework of the criteria established by this Call, shall be final and not subject to appeal on the merits.

Article 6 – Acceptance of the Scholarship

Successful candidates shall be notified of the award of the "Study in Naples" scholarship by email.

Within the mandatory deadline of **five days from receipt of the scholarship award notification**, the recipient must send a declaration of acceptance of the "Study in Naples" scholarship by email to admissions@unina.it, accepting the scholarship unconditionally and subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Call. Failure to do so shall result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

In the declaration of acceptance, the recipient must also declare, under their own responsibility, that none of the incompatibilities specified in Article 7 of this Call apply to them.

If the scholarship is not accepted within the prescribed deadline, the candidate shall be deemed to have declined the award, and the ranking shall be used to identify the next eligible candidate in accordance with Article 5.

Article 7 – Incompatibilities

The "Study in Naples" scholarship may not be combined with:

- Scholarships, awards or other forms of financial support provided by the University of Naples Federico II or its Departments for the same purpose.
- Scholarships awarded under the Erasmus programme.
- Scholarships awarded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) or the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS).
- Scholarships awarded under international cooperation projects in which the University participates.
- Scholarships or other financial benefits provided by foreign governmental bodies or institutions pursuant to agreements with the University aimed at facilitating the enrolment of foreign students at the University of Naples Federico II.

The "Study in Naples" scholarship may, however, be combined, where the relevant conditions are met, with scholarships and financial support for the right to education provided by ADiSURC, subject to the deadlines, procedures and limits established by the applicable legislation and the relevant calls for applications.

Article 8 – Support Services and University Fees

All scholarship recipients shall be responsible for their own travel, accommodation and any healthcare-related requirements. They must therefore ensure that they obtain information well in advance regarding the regulations governing entry into and residence in Italy.

Through the international student reception and guidance services provided by the University, the University of Naples Federico II offers assistance to admitted students with the principal administrative procedures relating to entry into and residence in Italy, including, by way of example, obtaining a tax identification number (*codice fiscale*), opening a bank account, arranging accommodation and obtaining a residence permit.

University tuition fees and other charges payable shall be those established by the legislation and University regulations in force for the academic year 2026/2027.

Enrolment shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures and deadlines established by the University and the chosen degree programme.

Article 9 – Procedures for Payment of the Scholarship

Following admission to and enrolment in the degree programme for which the scholarship has been awarded, the successful candidate shall sign the scholarship agreement in accordance with the procedures specified by the competent University office.

For the purposes of executing the agreement and receiving the scholarship payments, the student must provide the following documentation:

- Certificate of enrolment, including the student identification number.
- Italian tax identification number (*codice fiscale*).
- Bank account details, including the IBAN and SWIFT/BIC codes, for an account held solely or jointly by the beneficiary, as permitted by the applicable legislation.

- Copy of a valid passport or other valid identity document.

The scholarship amount for each academic year shall be paid in three instalments, as follows:

1. **First instalment – 50% of the total amount:** payable 45 days after the scholarship agreement has been signed, subject to the student's effective admission to and enrolment in the chosen degree programme.
2. **Second instalment – 30% of the total amount:** payable upon submission of the documentation required by the University demonstrating that the student is duly undertaking the prescribed educational activities and has successfully completed at least one component of the study programme, such as an examination, internship or laboratory activity, with the corresponding academic credits awarded.
3. **Third instalment – 20% of the total amount:** payable upon completion of the prescribed activities and submission of the documentation required by the University, including certification of the educational activities undertaken and a report on the activities carried out.

Students enrolled in the second year who are approaching completion of their degree may be required to submit an application for thesis assignment and/or a copy of the title page of their degree thesis, in accordance with the procedures established by the competent University office.

Scholarship payments shall be made by bank transfer to the account indicated by the beneficiary.

Article 10 – Withdrawal from the Scholarship

If a scholarship recipient decides to withdraw from the scholarship after having accepted it, they must promptly notify the University in writing by emailing admissions@unina.it, so that the ranking may be used to offer the scholarship to another eligible candidate, where possible.

Transfer to a degree programme other than the one for which the scholarship was awarded shall result in forfeiture of the scholarship, unless otherwise authorised by the University in cases permitted under the applicable legislation.

Any scholarship recipient who forfeits the scholarship or withdraws from it shall be required to repay any amounts already received, except in duly justified and documented exceptional circumstances, which shall be assessed by the competent University bodies.

Article 11 – Personal Data Processing

The personal data provided by applicants in connection with this selection procedure shall be processed by the University of Naples Federico II, acting as the Data Controller, in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR), Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10 August 2018, and the University regulations currently in force concerning the processing of personal data.

Personal data shall be processed for purposes related to the administration of the selection procedure, the assessment of applications, the award and management of scholarships, and the fulfilment of the resulting administrative and accounting obligations. Such processing shall be based on legal obligations and the performance of tasks carried out in the public interest by the University.

Data shall be processed electronically and/or in paper form, in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, data minimisation and security. Data may be disclosed to authorised persons or to any data processors where permitted by the applicable legislation.

The provision of the data required to participate in the selection procedure is mandatory. Failure to provide such data shall make it impossible to participate in the selection process or proceed with the award of the scholarship.

Data subjects may exercise the rights provided for under Articles 15–22 of the GDPR, within the limits and under the conditions established by the applicable legislation. They may also lodge a complaint with the Italian Data Protection Authority in accordance with Article 77 of the GDPR.

Full information regarding the processing of personal data, including the contact details of the Data Controller and the Data Protection Officer (DPO), is available in the Privacy section of the official website of the University of Naples Federico II.

Article 12 – Dispute Resolution

This Call has also been translated into English solely for informational purposes.

For the purposes of the application and interpretation of this Call, the resolution of any disputes relating thereto, and all legal effects, **the Italian-language version shall be the sole authoritative version**.