

10 scholarships for the first year of Bachelor's programmes for students with legal residence abroad at the time of obtaining the university entrance qualification (high school diploma or equivalent)

For the academic year 2026/27, the Foundation for the Lugano Faculties of the Università della Svizzera italiana offers 30 annual scholarships of CHF 4'000.- each for the first year of a Bachelor's programme to students who at the time of obtaining their university entrance qualification (high school diploma or equivalent) had legal residence abroad.

Conditions for participation

- Applicants must be admitted to the first year of a Bachelor's programme offered by the Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society, Faculty of Economics or Faculty of Informatics of USI starting in September 2026.
- Applicants must have been residing abroad at the time of obtaining the certificate giving access to university studies (high school diploma or equivalent).
- Applicants must have graduated from high school with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) corresponding to at least:
 - 4.8/6 for Swiss school-leaving certificates;
 - 85% of the maximum possible grade for foreign school-leaving certificates.

The distribution of scholarships among programmes will be based on the criterion of number of students per study programme.

Application procedure and deadlines

- Applications must be submitted through the appropriate online form. The link will be provided with the letter of admission to the Bachelor's programme.
- Applications must be submitted by **July 31st, 2026**.
- Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by **August 17th, 2026**.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be taken into consideration.

Conditions for the payment of the scholarship

Students with a semester tuition fee of CHF 2'000.-:

- the fee for the fall term 2026/27 is covered by the scholarship. The student is, however, required to pay a deposit according to the instructions contained in the letter of admission to confirm the enrolment. This amount will be refunded by the end of the fall term.
- the fee for the spring term 2027 is automatically covered by the scholarship.

Students with a semester tuition fee of CHF 4'000.-:

- the fee for the fall term 2026/27 has to be paid by the student according to the instructions contained in the letter of admission or in the invoice;
- the fee for the spring term 2027 is automatically covered by the scholarship.

The scholarship cannot be converted into cash. If the beneficiary decides not to enroll at USI or withdraws after the beginning of the studies, he/she may not request payment of the amount awarded.

This scholarship cannot be combined with other scholarships and/or study contributions grant awarded through the Università della Svizzera italiana, with the exception of those for student mobility for study and internship purposes.

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