

30 scholarships for the first year of Master's programmes for students with legal residence in the Canton Ticino or abroad at the time of obtaining the university entrance qualification (high school diploma or equivalent)

For the academic year 2025/26, 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 Master's programme to students who at the time of obtaining their university entrance qualification (high school diploma or equivalent) had legal residence in the Canton Ticino or abroad.

The scholarships are intended for students admitted to the first year of a Master's programme offered by the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences (only Master in Cognitive Psychology in Health Communication), Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society (except the Master in European Studies in Investor Relations and Financial Communication), Faculty of Economics or Faculty of Informatics of USI starting in September 2025 and will be awarded taking into account the academic performance (Bachelor's degree results) and the place of origin according to the following distribution:

- **20 scholarships** for the best candidates with legal residence in the Canton Ticino at the time of obtaining the university entrance qualification (high school diploma or equivalent);
- **10 scholarships** for the best candidates with legal residence abroad at the time of obtaining the university entrance qualification (high school diploma or equivalent).

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

In the event of a surplus of funds for other categories of students, the number of grants made available for this call for applications may increase.

Conditions for participation

- Applicants must be admitted to the first year of a Master's programme at USI beginning in September 2025. Applications from students enrolled in a USI Master starting in the spring semester will not be considered.
- Applicants must obtain the Bachelor's degree (pass all the exams and defend the thesis) by July 31st, 2025 with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) corresponding to at least 80% of the highest possible grade at their former university.¹

¹ Bachelor students at USI who will not obtain their degree by July 31, 2025, may still apply for a scholarship, provided that they have passed all the exams required by their study plan with a grade point average of 8/10 or higher. If a conditional scholarship is granted, it will be confirmed only if the Bachelor's degree is obtained within the deadline specified in the admission letter, and provided that the final grade point average is not lower than 8/10.

- In the case of applicants who have achieved more than one Bachelor's degree, the scholarship will be awarded based on the academic results of the degree that qualifies them for the admission's to the Master's programme.
- Applicants who already hold a Master's degree will be considered if sufficient scholarships are available.

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 Master's programme.
- Applications must be submitted by **July 31st, 2025**.
- Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by **August 18th, 2025**.
- 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 2025/26 is covered by the scholarship. The student is, however, required to pay a deposit according to the indications 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 2026 is automatically covered by the scholarship.

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

- the fee for the fall term 2025/26 has to be paid by the student according to the indications contained in the letter of admission or in the invoice;
- the fee for the spring term 2026 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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