

10 scholarships for the first year of Master'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 Master'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 Master's programme offered by the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences (except the Master of Medicine), 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 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 obtain the Bachelor's degree (pass all the exams and defend the thesis) by July 31st, 2026 with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) corresponding to at least 80% of the highest possible grade at their former university.¹
- 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.
- The scholarships will be distributed based on the total number of students enrolled in each 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 Master'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.

¹ Bachelor students at USI who will not obtain their degree by July 31, 2026, may still apply for a scholarship, provided that by that date 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.

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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