

Call for 1 Informatics Alumni Scholarships

On the occasion of the Alumni in Informatics Reunion in May 2025, organized to celebrate the 20th anniversary of USI's Faculty of Informatics of the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), the USI Alumni Service put up for auction ten limited-edition prints by artist Yuri Catania, entitled "Lvgaxy Astro Flowers", co-signed by the artist himself and by the Swiss astronaut Claude Nicollier, portrayed in the work. The aim of the auction was to fund scholarships for Informatics students of USI.

For the academic year 2026/27, the Alumni Service of the Università della Svizzera italiana is offering one annual scholarship of CHF 4'000.- to a student who at the time of obtaining their university entrance qualification (high school diploma or equivalent) had legal residence in Switzerland and intend to attend a Master's programme offered by USI's Faculty of Informatics.

Conditions for participation

- Applicants must have been residing in Switzerland (valid for Swiss citizens or foreign citizens with permit B for family reunification or permit C) at the time of obtaining the certificate giving access to university studies (high school diploma or equivalent). The presentation of the certificate giving access to university studies and of the certificate of residence as proof is required.
- Applicants must be admitted to the first year of a Master programme offered by USI Faculty of Informatics starting in September 2026.
- Applicants must have obtained the Bachelor's degree (passed all the exams and defended the thesis) with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) corresponding to at least 75% of the highest possible grade at their former university.
- Applicants who are still attending their Bachelor's degree will also be able to participate in this call as long as they have reached in the most recent exam session an average grade of at least 75% of the highest possible grade at their former university.
- In the case of applicants who have achieved or are going to achieve 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.
- Applications must be submitted by **June 30th, 2026**.
- Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by **July 31st, 2026**.
- The scholarship will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to the first applicant who meets the eligibility requirements.

- Incomplete or late applications will not be taken into consideration.

Conditions for the payment of the scholarship

The tuition fees for the academic year 2026/27 will be covered by the scholarship. The student is, however, required to pay a deposit for the fall term 2026/27 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 2027 will be automatically covered by the scholarship.

This scholarship can be combined with the scholarships offered by the Foundation for the Lugano Faculties of the Università della Svizzera italiana for the first year of a Master programme for students with legal residence in the Canton Ticino / or legal residence in a German- or French- speaking Canton at the moment of high school graduation. If the recipient obtains another scholarship that covers the enrolment fees for the first academic year 2026/27, the Informatics Alumni scholarship would automatically cover the second academic year 2027/28, provided that the student remains enrolled.

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.

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