



Notification for 60 scholarships for Master's programmes

For the academic year 2024/25, the Foundation for the Lugano Faculties of the Università della Svizzera italiana will award a total of 60 one-off scholarships of the amount of CHF 4'000 each.

The scholarships will be awarded to students admitted to the first year of a Master's study programme offered by the Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Informatics, Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society (except the Master in European Studies in Investor Relations and Financial Communication) or Faculty of Biomedical Sciences (only Master in Cognitive Psychology in Health Communication) of USI starting in September 2024 on the basis of academic merit (Bachelor's degree results) and, secondarily, family's financial situation (student's and parents' most recent income tax declaration).

The scholarships will be assigned to the students with the best results as follows:

- 20 scholarships to applicants with a Bachelor's degree from a Swiss university;
- 20 scholarships to applicants with a Bachelor's degree from an Italian university;
- 20 scholarships to applicants with a Bachelor's degree from a university of another country.

Conditions for participation

- Applicants must have been admitted to the first year of a Master's study programme at USI beginning in September 2024. Applications from students enrolled in a USI Master that started before September 2024 will not be considered.
- Applicants must obtain the Bachelor's degree (pass all the exams and defend the thesis) by July 31st, 2024 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, for the awarding of the scholarship will be considered the results of the degree based on which they were admitted to a USI Master's programme.
- Applicants who have already achieved a Master's degree will lose priority for obtaining the scholarship over those who do not hold a degree of the same level.

Application procedure and deadlines

- Applications must be submitted through the appropriate online form. Its link will be provided in the letter of admission to the Master's programme.
- Applications must be submitted at the latest by **Wednesday July 31st, 2024**.
- Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by **Friday August 16th, 2024**.

¹ USI Bachelor's students who will not obtain their Bachelor's degree by July 31st, 2024 will also be able to participate in this call provided that by that date they pass all the exams set out in their study plan with an average grade equal to or higher than 8/10.

To those who will be informed of the positive outcome in August, the scholarship will be awarded on condition that they obtain the Bachelor's degree by the deadline set for the confirmation of admission to their Master's programme and maintain the average grade of at least 8/10.

- Applicants who require a visa to enter Switzerland who will submit their application by **Friday May 31st, 2024**, provided that they have completed their Bachelor's degree by that date with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) corresponding to at least 80% of the highest possible grade, will receive an answer by **Monday June 17th, 2024**.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be taken into consideration.

Conditions for the payment of the scholarship

The scholarship is awarded in the form of a reduction of tuition fees and cannot be converted into cash. If the beneficiary decides not to enroll at USI or withdraws after the first semester, he/she may not ask for the payment of CHF 4'000.

For the student recipient of the scholarship who pays a semester tuition fee of CHF 2'000:

- the fee for the fall term 2024/25 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 2025 is automatically covered by the scholarship.

For the student recipient of the scholarship who pays the semester tuition fee of CHF 4'000:

- the fee for the fall term 2024/25 is to be paid by the student according to the indications contained in the letter of admission;
- the fee for the spring term 2025 is automatically covered by the scholarship.

The scholarship cannot be renewed.

This scholarship cannot be cumulated with other scholarships awarded through the Università della Svizzera italiana.

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