



# Notification for 60 scholarships for the Master's programmes

**For the academic year 2020/2021, 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 on the basis of academic merit and financial need to the students admitted to the first year of a USI Master programme starting in September 2020. Merit is determined on the basis of the results of the academic degree that gives access to the USI Master programme (usually the Bachelor's) and the need by the family's most recent income tax declaration.

The scholarships will be assigned as follows:

- 20 grants to students that pursued a Bachelor's degree at a Swiss university;
- 20 grants to students that pursued a Bachelor's degree at an Italian university;
- 20 grants to students that pursued a Bachelor's degree at a university from other countries.

## **Conditions for participation**

- Applicants must have been admitted to the first year of a USI Master programme beginning in September 2020. Applications from students enrolled in a USI Master before September 2020 will not be considered.
- Applicants must have obtained the Bachelor's degree (passed all the exams and defended the thesis) by July 31st, 2020 with a cumulative grade point average of at least 80/100.

## **Application procedure**

- Applications must be sent by e-mail to: [studygrants@usi.ch](mailto:studygrants@usi.ch).
- Applications can be submitted until **July 31st, 2020**.
- We encourage early applications, by **April 30th, 2020**. In this case, applications from students who haven't yet completed their studies will also be accepted, provided that they have reached an average mark of not less than 80/100 in the exams taken up to that date. In case of winning the scholarship, for its maintenance it will be necessary to obtain the Bachelor's degree (pass all the exams and defend the thesis by July 31, 2020 with a CGPA of at least 80/100).
- Incomplete or late applications will not be taken into consideration.
- Decisions will be taken, and candidates informed, as follows:
  - applications received by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be processed immediately after and applicants will be informed by **May 15th, 2020**;
  - all remaining applications will be processed after July 31st, 2020 and applicants will be informed by **August 17th, 2020**.

## **Conditions for the payment of the scholarship**

The grant is awarded in the form of a reduction of the tuition fee and cannot be exchanged for cash. If the beneficiary decides not to register at USI or withdraws after the first semester, he/she may not, under any circumstances, ask for a deposit of CHF 4'000.

- For the student recipient of the grant who pays the semester tuition fee of CHF 2'000:
- the fall semester fee is covered by the grant;
  - the student is, however, required to pay the deposit of CHF 1'000 within the deadline indicated in the admission letter to confirm the enrollment. This amount will be refunded by the end of the fall semester;
  - the spring semester fee is automatically covered by the grant.

- For the student recipient of the grant who pays the semester tuition fee of CHF 4'000:
- the student has to pay the fall semester fee;
    - students coming from EU/EFTA countries are required to pay a deposit of CHF 1'000 within the deadline indicated in the admission letter to confirm the enrollment and the balance of CHF 3'000 by the time of formal registration;
    - students coming from the Extra-EU/EFTA countries have to make a payment of CHF 4'000 within the deadline indicated in the admission letter to confirm the enrollment;
  - the spring semester fee is automatically covered by the grant.

The scholarship cannot be renewed.

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

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