Support for students affected by the conflict in Ukraine
Regulations for the awarding of Solidarity Scholarships
Lugano, 24 March 2022

1. Foreword
Noting that:
   a. The Solidarity Scholarships Honorary Committee authorised the use of some remaining resources to support students affected by the Ukrainian crisis;
   b. Additional resources may be acquired on an ad-hoc basis;

the following Rules for the allocation of support are hereby defined.

2. Funding
Funding comes from the solidarity fund and donations from members of the academic community, external bodies and institutions and private individuals.

3. Recipients of Scholarships and conditions of disbursement
The amount will benefit USI Bachelor's and Master students with proven financial difficulties, starting in September 2022 or already in place, in the form of a loan or scholarship to cover semester fees.
To apply for this grant, applicants must complete a dedicated form.
Any questions should be addressed to "borsestudio@usi.ch" (Lugano) or "scholarships.me@usi.ch" (Mendrisio).

4. Decision-making bodies for awarding Scholarships
The decision is taken by the Pro-Rector for Education and Students' Experience in agreement with the Deputy Administrative Director.
The dossiers are prepared by an administrative secretariat, which processes the requests and presents a proposal for supporting measures.

5. Conditions for obtaining support (loan or Scholarship)
   - Proven economic difficulty, related to the ongoing crisis.
   - Study programme offering good prospects of conducting/completing university studies.

6. Amount and type of support
Type I: loan/repayment of the semester fees
Type II: bursary covering (in full or in part) the six-month academic fee or living expenses.
It is possible for a loan to be subsequently converted into a grant.
Applicants are not guaranteed renewals.
7. **Modalities of payment of support**
   As a rule, the Scholarship directly offsets the tuition fee in the form of a loan. If the semester fee has already been paid, this is repaid and becomes a loan.

8. **Questions**
   The request for support, together with any relevant attachments, must be submitted by the appropriate online form, which can be found on the USI website.

9. **Decision deadline for allocation of support**
   The Commission's decision will be communicated promptly, at the latest one month following the request.

10. **Suspension of support**
    Support may be immediately withdrawn in the event of leaving the school.