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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PROGRAMS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

2026/2027 Academic Year

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Art. 1 - Aims and Beneficiaries

- 1. Opening of the call for student applications and subsequent selection of applicants based on qualifications and possible interviews for the assignment of **90 spots with scholarships** for a period of study during the 2026/2027 academic year at one of the foreign partner universities reported in Annex 1 of this call.
- 2. Annex 1, divided by reference Study Area (Social Sciences Area and Humanities, Science and Technology Area, Psychology and Cognitive Science Area, and Medicine and Surgery), provides the following information for each Partner University:
 - a) number of places available for the destination (please see Art. 6, paragraph 5);
 - b) academic departments involved;
 - c) specific mandatory language and/or academic requirements for the destination;
 - d) semester(s) in which the mobility is possible, if any;
 - e) any additional requirements from the partner university related to admission to the mobility program;
 - f) general information on the partner university;
 - g) additional information useful for the mobility.
- 3. The information in Annex 1 may be updated during the call period on the basis of new information from partner universities. Any updates will be published and accessible on the web page <u>Bilateral Agreements</u>.
- 4. The study period (first or second semester) will be defined according to the academic calendar of the Host University and must be aimed at attending courses and taking the relevant exams.
- Candidates who have previously benefited from a scholarship under bilateral university agreements are
 eligible to apply if they are enrolled in a study program a different level than the one during which they
 carried out their previous mobility.
- 6. Participants in Double Degree programs cannot apply for this Call.
- 7. Candidates who, at the date of publication of this Call, have already been awarded another international mobility scholarship, may not apply if the periods of the two mobilities overlap.

Art. 2 - Requirements for Admission to the Selection Process

- 1. Eligibility for selection is open for students of the University of Trento who at the deadline for this call for applications meet the requirements as indicated in Annex 1 and are in one of the following enrollment conditions, may participate in the selection process:
 - a) to be regularly enrolled at the University of Trento as a student in progress (*in corso*) and satisfy one of the following conditions:



Level of study	Minimum Year of Enrollment	Minimum ECTS Credits (CFU) Passed with Grade Registered in Career by 31/10/2025 ¹
First-level Degree (Bachelor's)	Second year	18 CFU
Single Cycle Master's Degree	Third Year (see note 2 Cincinnati) ²	18 CFU
Second-level Degree (Master's)	First year	0 CFU

For students enrolled in inter-university study courses, participation is allowed only if the relevant academic career is managed by the University of Trento (i.e., the student has started their university career at UniTrento). In case of simultaneous enrollment in two study courses at UniTrento it will be possible to apply only for one of the active careers. In case of double enrollment at another Italian or foreign university, it will be possible to submit the application at both locations, but two mobilities promoted by the two different universities cannot be carried out in the same period, under penalty of cancellation of the mobility assigned by UniTrento.

b) Or to be enrolled in Single Courses (corsi singoli), limited to first-level graduates enrolled in single courses aimed at admission to a Master's Degree (laurea magistrale) (as specified in Annex 1), to which they must, in any case, be enrolled at the time of departure.

In case of academic requirements different from those specified above, they will be directly indicated in Annex 1.

For destinations where a specific weighted average is required for the application, the weighted average as of October 31, 2025, will be considered for the calculation, according to the following criteria:

a) The weighted average as of October 31, 2025 will be considered, provided that a minimum of 18 ECTS (CFU) with a grade on a thirty-point scale are registered in the academic career;

¹ In the event of credit recognition or career shortening (abbreviazioni di carriera), the actual date the exam was taken will be considered, should the registration in the academic career be subsequent to October 31, 2025.

² Attention: For the University of Cincinnati only, applications are also possible for students enrolled in at least the 2nd year of a Single Cycle Master's Degree program with a minimum of 18 ECTS with a grade on a thirty-point scale registered in their academic career by October 31, 2025 (in the event of credit recognition or career shortening, the actual date the exam was taken will be considered, should the registration in the academic career be subsequent to October 31, 2025).



- b) In the event of credit recognition or career shortening, the actual date the exam was successfully passed will be considered, should the registration be subsequent to October 31, 2025;
- c) For students enrolled in single courses (for access to Master's degrees) or in a Master's degree course who have not acquired and registered at least 18 ECTS with a grade on a thirty-point scale in their academic career by October 31, 2025, the weighted average will not be considered. Instead, the final degree mark (voto di laurea) of the previous qualification will be used, converting the value to a thirty-point scale. For foreign qualifications, if the final mark is not available, the GPA will be considered, converting the value to a thirty-point scale.
- 2. Knowledge of the foreign language required for the destination(s) of interest, at a level at least equal to that indicated in Annex 1 under the heading 'Language requirements for application' (*Requisiti linguistici per la candidatura*) is a mandatory admission requirement for the selection process and must be certified by the deadline of this call, according to one of the following methods:
- 3. The required level of language proficiency **must be certified by the deadline of this Call**, according to one of the following methods:
 - a) be in possession of an international certificate among those listed on the webpage <u>Language Center</u>
 <u>webpage</u>³ section 2 For admission to study courses, International Mobility and access to CLA courses)
 (the certificate must be uploaded in the online application);
 - b) be in possession of one of the specific international certificates with an adequate score that may be required by the host university as indicated in Annex 1 (the certification must be attached to the online application).
 - c) be a native speaker⁴ of the target language (declare this requirement in the online application);
 - d) have passed the language test included in the student's study program at UniTrento if the language is
 the same as required for the destination, the verified level of knowledge is at least equal to that required
 and the test is based on the four language skill components (declare this requirement in the online
 application);
 - e) have passed the language test required by the student's study program at a university other than

 UniTrento if the language is the same as required for the destination, the verified level of knowledge is

 at least equal to that required and the test is based on the four language skill components (declare this
 requirement in the online application, attaching the self-certification of the test taken and relative level);

³ Pay attention to the expiring date of the certificate and the minimum scores required for each language skill in the CLA tables.

⁴ By native speaker subjects we mean citizens who, due to linguistic experience, have the ability to express themselves naturally in their native language. They will be asked to attach to their application a self-certification certifying that they have completed at least the entire elementary and secondary education cycle in the selected language.



- f) be in possession of a final secondary education qualification or a undergraduate or graduate level qualification obtained in a country where the official language is the one required by the partner university, or alternatively, have completed an entire course of study in the required language (attach suitable certification in the online application⁵);
- g) have satisfied within the last 5 years the language requirement required in previous UniTrento mobility calls by means of a complete test based on the 4 skills taken at the CLA (declare the requirement in the online application, specifying in which application call it was included);
- h) only for the English language, be enrolled in a course of study entirely taught in English, for which an admission requirement is the linguistic knowledge at least equal to the one required by the partner university (declare the requirement in the online application);
- i) only for the Department of Economics and Management, have passed the written and oral test at the
 end of the extra-curricular language courses for English as long as the level is at least equal to the one
 required by the partner university (attach the certificate issued by the professor to the online
 application);
- j) only for the Portuguese language, be in possession of a certificate issued by a Portuguese mother tongue foreign university and/or other institutions (attach the certification to the online application).
- 4. Candidates who are unable to certify the possession of the required language proficiency according to one of the methods listed above, may request the inclusion of up to two language exams (English, French, Spanish, German) in their study plan, in compliance with the Academic Regulations of their degree program. The request must be submitted by 12:00 PM (noon) on 17/12/2025 through the specific online application (apply) "Request to add language tests to the study plan for 2026/2027 international mobility applications". The exams must be taken during the standard sessions organized by the CLA and within the deadline of this call. For further information, please check the Linguistic Requirement webpage.

Art. 3 - Requirements for Beginning the Mobility Period

- 1. Mobilities must be completed within the normal duration of the study course plus 1 year (i.e., within the first year outside the normal duration of the program at the latest).
- 2. Upon departure for the period abroad students must:
 - a) be regularly enrolled in a study course for the 2026-2027 academic year, pay tuition or demonstrate renewal of the Opera Universitaria or UniTrento benefits request.
 - b) in relation to the assigned destination and by the deadlines indicated by the partner university meet any additional language and/or academic requirements (such as degree program, level, year of

⁵ The candidate must attach a PDF of the relevant diploma or degree certificate issued by the foreign university.



enrollment, and GPA) specified in Annex 1. The methods for language certification are those indicated in Art. 2, paragraph 3, unless specifically provided otherwise by the partner university. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify the deadlines and procedures for submitting this documentation to the partner university, which may be requested as early as the phase of sending their data to the host university (application).

Art. 4 – Submitting the Application

- 1. The application for participation in the selection process must be submitted exclusively through the indicated online application available at the webpage Open Selection Calls. The application must be completed and submitted by January 26, 2026 at 12:00 PM (noon) CET. After submission, to confirm final completion of the application the system automatically sends a summary e-mail. Once submitted, the online application cannot be changed, substituted or canceled. In case of difficulty while completing the online application, please save the information that has already been entered and contact the offices at the addresses indicated in Art. 10 well in advance of the deadline of this call.
- 2. Candidates can indicate a maximum of two (2) destinations specifying the order of preference⁶ and the mobility semester chosen. The order of preference is binding for the Commission's final assignments. It is not possible to modify the order of preferences after submitting the application or after the assignment of the first-choice destination. In the context of this call for applications, each candidate can be assigned and funded for only one mobility period at a single destination.
- 3. Applications can only be submitted for destinations reserved for the applicant's Department of enrollment at the time of application. Students enrolled in interdepartmental study programs may choose from destinations related to all departments involved in their study program, up to the maximum limit of 2 preferences referred to in the previous paragraph 2.
- 4. Candidates must attach the following documents to the online application:
 - a) Link to video presentation (follow the indications listed in Annex 2) including the student's study program, the courses they plan on attending (after careful verification of the academic offer at the partner university), an explanation of their motivation to spend a mobility period at the partner university and how it is consistent with their study plan. The video presentation must be unique and have a maximum duration of 4 minutes (if relating to a single destination) or maximum 5 minutes (if relating to two destinations). Candidates may submit the video either in Italian or in English (if the candidate's native language is different from Italian);

⁶ First destination entered = first choice, second destination entered = second choice.



- b) **study project**, duly explained and with an indication of the courses candidates intend to attend at the host university, for each destination chosen (to be typed in the online application);
- c) **updated curriculum vitae.** The document must be uploaded in the designated section of the online application in one of the following formats: .pdf, .doc, .docx.;
- d) any certificate proving knowledge of the required foreign language. The document must be uploaded in the designated section of the online application in one of the following formats: .pdf, .doc, .docx, gif, .jpeg, .png;
- e) in the case of a degree earned in foreign country, a copy of the diploma indicating the final grade (if available) and/or the GPA (*Grade Point Average*). The document must be uploaded in the designated section of the online application in one of the following formats: .pdf, .doc, .docx, .gif, .jpeg, .png;
- Candidates with special educational needs are invited to contact in advance the offices at the addresses indicated in Art. 10 to receive support in submitting the application and to identify any necessary assistance.

Art. 5 - Selection Procedures and Ranking Criteria

- 1. The selection process is based on qualifications and an eventual interview. Before the selection process, the following will be verified through the offices:
 - a) the validity of the required documents attached to the completed applications as referred to in Art. 4;
 - b) that the candidates satisfy the admission requirements referred to in Art. 2.
- 2. The candidates who do not meet the admission requirements referred to in Art. 2 or who have incomplete or incorrectly submitted applications by the deadline will be excluded from the selection.
- Following the verification of the admission requirements, suitable candidates will be evaluated by a Commission for each Study Area appointed according to the Rector's Decree.
- 4. The Study Area selection rankings will be formulated by applying the following criteria:
 - a) Video-presentation, study project abroad, and eventual interview: maximum 50 points out of 100;
 - b) Weighted average of grades registered in the academic career **by October 31, 2025**, or final grade of the previous qualification or GPA in the case of a foreign qualification: maximum 30 points out of 100;



c) ECTS Credits achieved/theoretical ECTS credits achievable (60 ECTS per year): maximum 20 points out of 100⁷.

The weighted average (criterion b) will only be considered if the candidate has acquired and registered at least 18 University Formative Credits (CFU/ECTS) with a grade on a thirty-point scale in their academic career by October 31, 2025. In the case of credit recognition or career shortening, the actual date the exam was successfully passed will be considered for the calculation, should the registration in the academic career be after October 31, 2025. For students enrolled in single courses or in a Master's degree who have not acquired at least 18 registered credits with a grade by October 31, 2025, the final grade of the previous qualification will be considered, converting the value to a thirty-point scale. For foreign qualifications, if the final grade is not available, the GPA (Grade Point Average) will be considered, converting the value to a thirty-point scale.

- 5. If the Commission considers that, after an evaluation of the qualifications, the candidates who best correspond to the chosen destination are not already identified, it may decide to carry out an oral interview for specific destinations which may be conducted on-line. The candidates invited to any interviews (even online) will be contacted via email by the International Mobility Offices at least 3 days before they take place.
- 6. The Commission of each Study Area will draw up a specific ranking based on the sum of the scores achieved by each candidate for each of the categories listed above. The minimum score required to be deemed eligible for participation in the program is 70 points.

Art. 6 - Drafting the Rankings and Scholarship Assignment

- The final rankings of candidates will be published on the UniTrento webpage Open Selection Calls by March 31, 2026.
- 2. The selection rankings will be published anonymously, with only the reference to the Application ID. The Application ID can be found in the confirmation email automatically sent by the system after submitting the application, or on MyUnitn under the My Applications section. Next to the Application ID, the score obtained by each candidate will be displayed.
- 3. The students who are to be awarded the scholarships will be notified by email via their UniTrento email address. Each candidate must send a declaration of acceptance and confirmation or withdrawal of their

⁷ For students enrolled in the first year of a Master's degree or graduates enrolled in single courses for access to a Master's degree, 180 ECTS out of 180 ECTS achievable will be considered as already acquired.



participation in the mobility program by the deadline specified in the notification. The order of preference expressed by the candidate will be entirely binding.

- 4. The assigned destination will be chosen from those listed by the candidate in the application, in accordance with the results of the selection process and the corresponding ranking, the order of preferences, and the availability of destinations.
- 5. Pursuant to Art. 1, paragraph 1, a maximum total of **90 scholarship-funded places** are available. No assignments of places without a scholarship are foreseen. The procedures for drawing up the rankings and assignment will vary, depending on the total number of candidates eligible for assignment (hereinafter referred to as "potential winners") across all Study Areas, as follows:
 - a. If the total number of potential winners is less than or equal to 90: Each Study Area Commission will draw up specific rankings per destination for the candidates belonging to their Study Area. The assignment will occur based on the destination ranking order, the candidate's preference order, and available places. In case of withdrawal, the scholarship made available may be assigned to eligible students according to the order of the specific ranking list for the reference destination, within the limits of the available places for that destination and the time limits imposed by the deadlines of the host University.
 - b. If the total number of potential winners is greater than 90: The 90 scholarships will be distributed among the Study Areas and a different awarding method will be applied. The 90 available scholarships will be allocated among the Study Areas proportionally to the number of potential winners from each Study Areas, considering the available places for each chosen destination pertaining to that Study Areas. For the assignment of the scholarships, each Study Area Committee will formulate a single merit-based ranking list (no longer specific to a single destination). The destinations and the relative scholarships will therefore be awarded following the order of merit reported in the single Study Area ranking list, starting from the highest scores, until the quota of scholarships assigned to that Study Area is exhausted. In case of withdrawal, the scholarship made available may be assigned to eligible students by scrolling down the single merit-based Study Area ranking list (overall ranking, and not per single destination). The assignment will be constrained by the absolute order of merit, the places still available for each destination, until the exhaustion of the scholarship quota assigned to the Study Area and the time limits imposed for registration at the chosen destination University.
- 6. If there are unassigned scholarships for one or more destinations, these may be allocated to other destinations, subject to verification of the partner University's availability and considering the ranking order.



If the list of eligible candidates within one Study Area is exhausted, any remaining scholarships may be assigned to eligible candidates from other Study Area/s based on the absolute merit score.

- 7. In the event of a tie (equal scores), priority will be assigned based on the following criteria and order:
 - a. The highest weighted average of exams.
 - b. The highest ratio between credits obtained and credits obtainable.
 - c. The highest score attributed to the video presentation and the study project.
- 8. Assignment of the mobility scholarship is definitive only after the chosen Partner University accepts the selected student. Some partner universities may reserve the right to carry out further language tests or further evaluations of applications and/or request additional documentation and may reject the application. Therefore, please check the Partner University's website and their Fact Sheet ahead of time as indicated in Annex 1.
- 9. It is the responsibility of the scholarship winners to verify the deadlines and procedures for submitting documentation regarding the fulfillment of curricular and linguistic requirements to the partner university, by consulting their websites or contacting the universities directly. It should be noted that such documentation might be required as early as the phase of sending one's data to the host university (application deadline).
- 10. The scholarship winners who have also registered for another mobility within another international program during the same study abroad period must withdraw from the previously accepted mobility before sending confirmation of their participation in the mobility referred to in this announcement.

Art. 7 - Activities to be carried out during the mobility period

- The students to whom the scholarships are awarded must remain regularly enrolled at the University of Trento for the entire duration of their mobility period.
 - 2. The University guarantees to those who carry out a period of mobility abroad, pursuant to this call, the recognition of the educational activities certified by the foreign host institution through the Transcript of Records (ToR) and previously approved in the Learning Agreement for studies (study plan abroad) and any subsequent amendments. It will not be possible to reject the grades of exams included in the Transcript of Records as passed and previously included in the Learning Agreement for studies. At the end of the student's mobility, UniTrento must receive the Transcript of Records from the partner University reporting the exams taken.
 - 3. Scholarship winners are invited to:
 - a) check the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation website for any notices regarding travel safety and areas at risk;



- b) review and accept potential mobility conditions at the Partner University, such as the payment of any fees required by the host university, methods of conducting online teaching, any access restrictions to basic services such as university student housing and canteens, etc. due to epidemics, pandemics or other causes of force majeure or limited availability of accommodation and services at the host university;
- c) acquire adequate international health insurance that explicitly covers hospitalization and treatment costs due to epidemics and pandemics;
- d) acquire travel insurance in the event of cancellations or delays due to epidemics, pandemics or other causes of *force majeure*;
- e) independently inquire about the requirements for issuing a visa for the destination country;
- f) in case of possession of a residence permit or temporary protection, inquire about the Italian and host country legislation. If necessary, arrange for the renewal of documents in time for the start of the mobility;
- g) inquire in advance about the cost of living in the destination country and, also for the purposes of issuing a visa, about the economic guarantees required for the entire period of mobility (proof of solvency).
- 4. For the period of study abroad, students continue to pay university tuition fees to the University of Trento, and therefore the host University cannot request payment of enrollment fees. However, the host university may still require contributions to cover expenses for services and management of incoming mobility.

Art. 8 – Scholarship Disbursement and Credit Recognition (CFU)

- 1. Awarding of the scholarship is conditional upon actual physical mobility to the host country and course attendance at the Partner University. The scholarship will be paid in a single instalment within two months following the receipt of the arrival certificate at the destination (*Attendance certificate*).
- 2. For students participating in physical mobility under the Bilateral Agreements program, the following contributions are provided:
 - Base scholarship for each semester of mobility: €3,500 gross⁸;
 - b. An additional €1,250 gross per semester, only if the socio-economic condition is confirmed by an ISEE value for University 2026 <= €25,000.

⁸ Some Japanese universities offer Japanese government scholarships to exchange students. One of the eligibility requirements is typically that the candidate must not already be receiving another scholarship exceeding a certain amount. Therefore, if a Japanese government scholarship is awarded (confirmation will be provided before departure for the exchange), the base scholarship from UniTrento will be reduced from 3,500 euros gross to maximum 1,000 euros gross. This adjustment ensures compatibility with the requirements of the Japanese government scholarship.



To be eligible for the ISEE integration, students must calculate their University ISEE 2026 at a CAF (tax assistance center) by June 30, 2026, for first-semester departures and by August 31, 2026, for second-semester departures.

Note: Students who do not submit the ISEE declaration by the specified deadlines or those whose ISEE value exceeds €25,000 will not be eligible for this additional contribution.

- c. a one-time lump sum contribution for travel expenses is provided in the amount of 1,500 euros.
- 3. Students with special needs can use the services provided by the Inclusion Service and can apply for additional contributions from UniTrento allocated for students with special needs. Such additional contributions will be paid at the end of the mobility period on the basis of costs actually incurred.
- 4. The scholarship is considered to be a contribution to the student's physical mobility period in order to help cover travel and living expenses abroad (it is not intended to be used for the payment of any costs incurred before the start of the mobility if any). In the case of virtual mobility, the disbursement of the scholarship will be canceled or suspended. Candidates should inquire in advance about: the cost of living in the host country; demonstrating guarantee of personal financial means required for the entire mobility period (if requested); and costs related to issuing a visa (if required). There are no additional contributions to cover any university fees required by partner universities.
- 5. The scholarship does not give entitlement to social security benefits nor consideration for legal and economic purposes and is subject to fiscal regulations provided for by law.
- 6. The scholarship must be returned if the student does not earn a minimum of 12 ECTS credits during their mobility period.
- 7. In case of withdrawal or interruption of the mobility period the first 2 months without a justified reason, the scholarship winners will be required to return any money received. Return of the scholarship amount is a condition for the student's renewal of enrollment in the next academic year of their degree program or for earning their degree.

Art. 9 Processing of Personal Data

- The University of Trento will process the personal data provided pursuant to the Selection Call in accordance with the University's policies, in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 ("GDPR") and Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, as amended.
- Pursuant to Articles 12, 13, and 14 of the GDPR, information regarding the processing of personal data
 has already been provided in the "Information on the processing of student personal data", given at the
 time of enrollment, and available on the official website Privacy and Data Protection.



Art. 10 – Information and Contacts

1. For more information about the call, application and destinations, please refer to the following contacts:

International Mobility Office - Science and Technology Area

Via Sommarive, 5 Povo - 38123 Trento

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