

Call for 2 All (Adriatic-Ionian Initiative) scholarships for international students Academic Year 2023/2024

Art. 1 - OBJECT

Università Politecnica delle Marche (UNIVPM) offers n. 2 two-year scholarships (academic years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025), funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, to students coming from the EUSAIR-Countries (European Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region), as defined in art. 3 below - Italy and Republic of San Marino excluded. The selected candidates will become eligible for the above-mentioned scholarships after they have enrolled in one of the following Master's Courses at Università Politecnica delle Marche: Biomedical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Food and Beverage Innovation and Management, International Economics and Commerce, Green Industrial Engineering. The above-mentioned courses are totally taught in English.

Enrolment is understood to mean enrolment in the first year of the Master's Degree Course chosen. Enrolment in any year beyond the first, as well as transfers and changes of courses, will not be considered valid.

Each scholarship amounts to € 6.000,00 for each academic year (for a maximum of two academic years), gross of all charges for the beneficiary's account.

Università Politecnica delle Marche will provide support for finding accommodation to scholarship holders who request it, through relevant bodies and/or service agencies with which the University collaborates.

Scholarship holders will also benefit from a tuition fee waiver, except for a regional tax which amounts to \le 140,00 and a stamp duty of \le 16,00.

Art. 2 - INCOMPATIBILITY

The scholarships awarded under this Call are incompatible with any scholarships offered by regional authorities (such as ERDIS), Università Politecnica delle Marche and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI).

Students awarded with the scholarships provided under this Call are eligible to receive additional financial support, such as students' part time jobs (150 hours), tutoring activities, Erasmus+program, tax and tuition fee exemptions.

Candidates who have been selected to receive a AII scholarship can participate in the Erasmus+ Programme (for Study and Traineeship) for maximum 6 months during their Master's Degree course.

Art. 3 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible, candidates must:



- be citizens of one of the countries of the European Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR), namely: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia Italy and the Republic of San Marino excluded.
- not be citizens of Italy or the Republic of San Marino;
- hold a degree valid for the access to a Master's Degree Course released by a Higher Education Institution not located in Italy;
- not have been enrolled in a Bachelor or Master degree course at Università Politecnica delle Marche before.

Art. 4 - APPLICATIONS

Applications shall be submitted by accessing the online admission procedure through the link published at the section "<u>Univpm International Website – Become a student – Useful information – Scholarships</u>".

In order for the application to be valid, candidates shall attach the documents below:

- 1) Identity document (identity card or passport);
- 2) Curriculum vitae;
- 3) Motivation letter;
- 4) Transcript of records;
- 5) English language certificate proving the candidates' proficiency in English
- 6) First-cycle degree certificate;
- 7) Reference letter, optional;
- 8) Any other documents useful to assess the candidates' eligibility (publications, diplomas/certificates, etc.), optional.

The above-listed attachments must be uploaded in .pdf format and not be bigger than 5MB each.

During the procedure, candidates will be asked to declare that the information provided is true and correct. They shall also accept the terms and conditions of this Call.

The deadline for the submission of the applications is set on 24th October 2023 at 1.00 p.m. CET.

At any time, through a substantiated decision, Università Politecnica delle Marche is entitled to exclude those applications who do not comply with the requirements of the Call.

Art. 5 – EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Admission Committee of each of the 4 Master's Courses will assess the applications according to the following criteria:

- academic performance;
- curriculum vitae including learning and working experiences;
- motivation letter;



- outcome of the admission interview (if required)
- geographical balancing, in order to cover the greatest possible number of EUSAIR Strategy Countries.

ART. 6 - RANKING LIST

The Admission Committee will draw up a ranking list in order of decreasing grades.

Those candidates that will have obtained a score of at least 70/100 (70 points out of 100) shall be considered eligible. Score being equal, priority will be given to the youngest candidate.

The ranking list of scholarship winners will be published on the Univpm website from 31st October 2023.

This publication shall be deemed to constitute notification of the selection results; consequently, applicants will not be notified in writing of the outcome of the selection process.

ART. 7 - ACCEPTANCE

Scholarship winners shall send the International Relations Office of Università Politecnica delle Marche their unreserved acceptance of the scholarship within the deadline, in accordance with the terms and conditions that will be notified upon publication of the ranking list.

The allocation of the scholarship is subject to the actual enrollment of the selected candidates to one of the provided Master's Degree courses.

The selected candidates shall observe the terms and conditions of enrolment set by Università Politecnica delle Marche, as well as the rules and regulations governing the admission of international students to Italian university courses, set forth by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research.

Scholarships will be revoked if the conditions set out in this article are not met.

Students requiring a visa must obtain it before they enter Italy. Upon their arrival they will have to apply for a residence permit for study reasons. Scholarships will be revoked if students fail to obtain the entry visa or apply for the residence permit.

ART. 8 – SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

The scholarships will be paid in 3 installments in each of the two academic years. Payments will be subject to the following administrative and academic requirements:

1st installment	Paid upon completion of enrollment, but not before November 2023	€ 2.000,00*
2nd installment	Paid when obtaining 18 credits (CFU), but not before March 2024	€ 2.000,00*
3rd installment	Paid when obtaining 42 credits (CFU), but not before August 2024	€ 2.000,00*
4th installment	Paid upon enrollment in the second year and after the	€ 2.000,00*



	acquisition of 42 CFU before February 2025	
5th installment	Paid after the acquisition of 69 CFU (72 CFU for International Economics and Commerce)	€ 2.000,00*
6th installment	Paid after the acquisition of all the credits required for the Course attended, minus the credits for the final thesis and the traineeship; in any case not later than February 2026	€ 2.000,00*

^{*} gross of all charges for the beneficiary's account

The payment of the first installment is subject to the student's actual arrival at Università Politecnica delle Marche and to his/her enrolment. Students shall fill in and submit the forms that will be provided by the International Relations Office.

Students needing a visa shall send a copy of the receipt of the residence permit application to the International Relations Office.

The scholarships will be credited to the beneficiary's Italian bank account or rechargeable credit cards (with an IBAN code).

To receive the installments, the student shall send an email to the International Relations Office at the email address international@univpm.it requesting the payment of the installment. The International Relations Office will check the student's academic career and instruct the Finance Department to make the payment to the student's current account.

The installments will be received by the student after around 30 days. The above mentioned payment periods are not guaranteed in August and December.

Scholarships will be revoked to those students who do not comply with their academic obligations, incur in disciplinary sanctions or have a low academic performance.

ART. 9 - USE OF THE RANKING LIST

If a student declines the awarded scholarship or an assignee does not complete the enrolment procedure, their scholarships will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking list.

ART. 10 - OFFICE AND PERSON IN CHARGE

In this respect, reference is made to the Regulation on the administrative procedure laid down by Rectoral Decree no. 533 dated 14/05/2019.

ART. 11 - DATA PROCESSING



Pursuant to the provisions of the Legislative Decree no 196 dated on 30/6/2003 and the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation) on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, personal data provided by the candidates will be collected by Università Politecnica delle Marche for purposes related to the management of the call. Providing such data is mandatory for the purpose of the evaluation of the requirements for participation to the call. Failure to provide such data will result in the exclusion from the call.

Additional information on the privacy policy related to personal data collected by Università Politecnica delle Marche can be found at the following link: https://www.univpm.it/Entra/Privacy.

ART. 12 - PUBLICITY

The present notice of call, together with the link to access the online procedure for application, is available on the University website in the section "<u>Univpm International Website – Become a student – Useful information – Scholarships</u>".

ART. 13 – LANGUAGE

The present notice of call is translated into English for publicity purposes only. For enforcing the rules of the call, resolving any dispute and for all legal purposes, only the Italian version is valid.