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Selection notice for scholarship renewal for international students *at risk* benefitting from the “*Students at Risk 2023/24*” scholarship

ART.1 - Students at risk

In accordance with the Board of Administration resolution no. 32/2023 Reg. n. 36277 of 28 February 2023, which resulted in the publication of the “*Selection notice to award scholarships for international students at risk 2024/25*” (Rectoral Decree rep. no. 1527/2023 reg. no. 59473 of 06/04/2023), the University of Padua has financed, with its own resources, 22 scholarships for international students “*at risk*” enrolled in a degree programme at the University of Padua in the academic year 2023/24.

As further decided in its meeting held on 27 February 2024 (resolution no. 61/2024, reg. no. 37926), the Board of Administration authorised the renewal of the above-mentioned “*Students at risk*” scholarships activated in the academic year 2023/24 in the event that the beneficiary students will not be awarded the Veneto Region Scholarship for the academic year 2024/25.

The scholarship includes a yearly allowance of € 7,987.82 (gross for the recipient) and a tuition fee waiver per academic year. The only amount to be paid by scholarship recipients is the admission fee, consisting of the regional tax for the right to education and the revenue stamp, corresponding to € 202.00. Such an amount is not refundable. Reimbursement of travel, insurance or other expenses is not included in the scholarship and will not be covered by the University of Padua.

Renewal is valid for one academic year for students enrolled in Master's degree programmes and two academic years for students enrolled in bachelor's degree programmes according to the terms and requirements defined in art. 6.

Students at Risk scholarships cannot be combined with any other grant awarded by other public institutions. If a candidate has been awarded more than one scholarship, he/she must choose which one to accept. Candidates are responsible for notifying the Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office (unipd.rescuefund@unipd.it) of any incompatibility with other scholarships.

ART. 2 - Admission requirements

To be eligible for selection, under penalty of exclusion, applicants must:

- be a beneficiary of the “*Students at Risk*” scholarship awarded in the academic year 2023/24;
- have applied for the Regione Veneto scholarship for the a.y. 2024/25 and result eligible but not awarded;
or
- be unable for objective reasons to apply for a Veneto Region Scholarship for the academic year 2024/25 (by way of example because of the impossibility of obtaining the necessary documentation for the ISEE Parificato);

- have obtained at least 25 credits by 10/08/2024 as well as they must have fulfilled any additional learning requirement (*OFA*) where foreseen upon admission to the programmes, for students enrolled in a Bachelor's degree programme;
Or
- have obtained at least 30 credits by 10/08/2024 for students enrolled in a master's degree programme.

Applicants who fail to meet one or more of these requirements are not eligible for selection of the scholarships.

Specific duly reasoned situations where the aforementioned merit requirement threshold is not reached shall undergo examination by the designated University Committee appointed for the selection and award procedure of the scholarship in question.

ART. 3 – Selection procedure and awarding criteria

The scholarship will be renewed automatically once the *Admissions and Welcome Unit* of the *Global Engagement Office* has established that the admission requirements as defined in Article 2 have been met.

Beneficiaries will receive a specific communication by the *Admissions and Welcome Unit* concerning the confirmation of the scholarship renewal.

ART. 4 - Payment methods and requirements to maintain scholarship eligibility A.Y. 2024/25

The scholarship shall be paid via bank transfer in 2 equal instalments for a total amount of € 7,987.82 (gross for the recipient) per academic year.

Students shall be credited with the first instalment of the A.Y 2024/25 only after:

1. completing the enrolment at the University of Padua for the a.y. 2024/25, by paying the first instalment of the tuition fees, which corresponds to the regional right to study tax and the revenue stamp in the amount of € 202.00;
2. signing the Declaration of acceptance, through which students undertake to accept the scholarship terms and conditions and confirm that no incompatibility arises within the meaning of article 1 of this call for applications.

Students shall be credited with the second instalment of the A.Y. 2024/25 upon registering at least 42 credits by 31 March 2025 (winter examination session – A.Y. 2024/25).

ART. 5 - Scholarship renewal and requirements to maintain the scholarship eligibility A.Y. 2025/26

Students enrolled in a Bachelor's degree programme lacking the eligibility requirements or not benefiting from the Regione Veneto scholarship in the A.Y. 2025/26, may renew the Students at risk scholarship for one (1) academic year.

The subsequent instalments will be paid out on the basis of the fulfilment of the following merit requirements:

- First instalment of A.Y. 2025/26: at least 80 ECTS credits by 10th August 2025 (summer examination session - A.Y. 2025/26);
- Second instalment of a.y. 2025/26: at least 92 ECTS credits by 31st March 2026 (winter examination session - A.Y. 2025/26).

Specific duly reasoned situations where the aforementioned merit requirement threshold is not reached shall undergo examination by the designated University Committee appointed for the selection and award procedure of the scholarship in question.

ART. 6 - Revocation of scholarship

If the aforementioned merit requirements are not met within the deadlines, the payment of the scholarship shall be stopped.

The University of Padua is entitled to revoke scholarships if beneficiary students decide to transfer to another University or withdraw from studies. In such circumstances students shall pay back the amount of the scholarship already received.

Specific duly reasoned situations shall undergo examination by the designated University Committee appointed for the selection and award procedure of the scholarship in question.

ART. 7 - Processing of personal data statement

Personal data shall be processed in compliance with the principles and provisions of EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation) and for the sole purposes of competition procedure. For detailed information: <https://www.unipd.it/en/privacy> .

The Administration reserves the right to check the truthfulness of the admission and incompatibility requirements. Without prejudice to the criminal sanctions provided for in art. 76 of Italian Presidential Decree DPR no. 445/2000, should checks prove statements to be false, the scholarship recipient shall lose the benefit eligibility.

ART. 8 – Dispute resolution

This call for selection is translated into English for informational purposes only. Should any disputes arise and for all legal purposes, only the Italian version shall be considered valid.

ART. 9 – Final Provisions

The person responsible for the procedure is Mattia Gusella, Director of the Global Engagement Office.

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The Rector
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digitally signed pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree no. 82/2005