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HAVING SEEN articles 2 and 12 of Prime Ministerial Decree of 9 April 2001, "Equal treatment in the right to university studies" under art. 4 of Law 2 December 1991, no. 390.

HAVING SEEN the Regulation for Administration, Finance and Accounting of the University issued with Rectoral Decree no. 828 prot. no. 7766 of 14/03/2014 and particularly art. 79;

HAVING SEEN the "Reorganisation of the Merit Fund" proposal approved by the Board of Governors on 22/07/2014;

HAVING SEEN the resolution of the Board of Governors of 29/09/2026;

DECREES

The first call for application for the 2026/2027 academic year to award **50** scholarships to carry out, all or part of a Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) thesis at international academic and research institutions, hereafter "Thesis abroad."

Art. 1 – Recipients

For the 2026/2027 academic year, "Thesis Abroad" scholarships are for students who were regularly enrolled by the deadline of this call for applications to Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) single-cycle Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) programmes at Politecnico di Milano and who have agreed with the supervisor ***to develop all or part of their thesis abroad, at institutions, bodies, EU, supranational or international companies.*** Students who are up-to-date with the payment of tuition fees and are "graduating" and do not have to enrol in the 2026/2027 academic year can participate.

Art. 2 – Scholarship amount and features

A "Thesis abroad" scholarship is **€ 2.000 gross** for a stay abroad not less than eight consecutive weeks.

An increase of the scholarship is foreseen for periods of stay abroad for a further eight weeks. The following is granted:

- an increase in the "basic" scholarship of € 500 for a stay abroad of at least 16 consecutive weeks;

- an increase in the 'basic' scholarship of € 1.000 per stay abroad for at least 20 consecutive weeks;
- an increase in the 'basic' scholarship of € 1.500 per stay abroad for at least 24 consecutive weeks.

The scholarship holder will receive a contribution for travel expenses of € 200 for European countries and € 500 for non-European countries. "European countries" refers to countries located in geographical Europe, regardless of whether they belong to the European Union.

The above amounts are **gross and include the costs** to be paid by Politecnico di Milano.

Art. 3 - Admission requirements

The following can participate:

- students enrolled in Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) programmes from the 2024/2025 academic year;
- students enrolled in single-cycle Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) programmes from the 2021/2022 academic year;
- students enrolled in a combined internal Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) programmes starting from the 2023/2024 academic year.

Applicants must have the following requirements by the call deadline:

- at least 50 ECTS credits towards obtaining the qualification and regularly registered in the academic profile if enrolled in the Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) programme;
- at least 230 ECTS credits towards obtaining the qualification and regularly registered in the academic profile if enrolled in a single-cycle Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) programme;
- at least 110 ECTS credits towards obtaining the qualification and regularly registered in the academic profile if enrolled in a combined internal Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) programme;
- weighted average of the recorded exams not less than 26/30.

Art. 4 - Participation terms and conditions

Applications must be submitted **without exception**

before 12 noon (Italian time) on 13th November 2026

using the appropriate Online Services function. Based on the following:

Benefits and Agreements > Economic benefits

Applicants must enclose the following documentation in pdf format with their online application:

1. European format curriculum vitae;

2. outline description of the thesis indicating the period of stay abroad, countersigned by the supervisor, drawn up using the form attached to this call for applications (**Form A**);
3. declaration by the foreign contact person with a signature, certifying the willingness to welcome the student carrying out the project, drawn up using the form attached to this call for applications (**Form B**);
4. supervisor's signed declaration explaining the project objectives and the need for the student to travel abroad for thesis development.

For the declarations referred to in points 2, 3 and 4, digital signatures are allowed.

Files must be named with Surname-First Name-Document Type.pdf (for example, Rossi-Mario-CV.pdf)

Completion of the online application occurs by clicking on 'Participate' and means submitting the application to participate in this call and implies acceptance of its contents.

It is the Applicant's responsibility to check that the process was correctly completed.

Once the application has been finalised and submitted, it may no longer be modified. The applicant can delete the application and submit a fresh one before the deadline set out in this call for applications.

Failure to complete and submit the application or submitting an incomplete application will result in the applicant being excluded from the assessment.

Applications submitted after the deadline or in a manner different from that provided for in this Call for Applications will not be considered.

Art. 5 - Selection Committee

Granting the scholarships is decided based on a ranking drawn up by a Selection Committee appointed by managerial decree following the deadline of the call for applications.

A preliminary ranking will first be drawn up using the following priority.

1. academic year of enrolment, giving priority to applicants with a regular course of studies at the time of enrolment in the 2026/2027 academic year;
2. the average number of exam scores towards obtaining the qualification and regularly registered in the academic profile by the call for applications deadline;
3. the highest number of ECTS credits towards obtaining the qualification and regularly registered in the academic profile by the call for applications deadline (180 ECTS credits will be subtracted in the case of a single-cycle Master's degree and 60 ECTS credits will be subtracted for a combined internal Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to Master of Science) programme, to bring the ECTS credits count to the same starting level).

Following the preliminary ranking, the Selection Committee will consider projects submitted by several applicants equal to one and a half times the number of available scholarships. It will assess the project's originality and validity based on thesis outline description and other documents submitted.

The score will be given based on:

- the expected results' relevance;

- cultural-technical-scientific value;

- the thesis' impact on a broad international collaboration;

- general evaluation of the sustainability of the thesis project idea;

- other career elements already used in the drafting of the first ranking.

At the end of the assessment, the Committee will draw up the final ranking of scholarship winners and suitable applicants.

The ranking will be posted on the university website in the following section:

https://www.polimi.it/en/students/tuition-fees-scholarships-and-financial-aid/scholarships-and-graduation-awards-non-dsu

Art. 6 - Incompatibility

The "Thesis abroad" scholarship is incompatible with:

- international mobility grants for the same location and period during which the experience abroad takes place;
- the Diritto allo Studio grant for the same period in which the experience abroad takes place;
- other financial international mobility benefits funded by any other University department or institution;
- contributions and aid provided by the host institution/company for the same period and location.
- all the scholarships assigned with the contributions issued by Fondo Merito of Politecnico di Milano during a.y. 2026/2027.

Art. 7 - Scholarship awarding

After the publication of the ranking, winners of the scholarship will be notified, via the institutional e-mail address. **Within 10 days** of receipt of this notice, the winner must return the relevant forms attached to the award notification, signed for acceptance.

The non-acceptance by one of the winners, or waiving the scholarship after the acceptance, means it will be assigned to the next eligible applicant who follows in the ranking. This only applies if non-acceptance occurs **within a month** from the ranking publication.

Waivers occurring after the available month will not cause the “next-ranking” mechanism.

Waiving the "Thesis Abroad" scholarship is irrevocable.

Failure to return the acceptance forms within the indicated deadline is equivalent to non-acceptance of the scholarship.

Any changes in the thesis supervisor, place of destination/hosting body, or thesis project will result in a failure to award the scholarship.

Art. 8 - Time and method of scholarship disbursement

The scholarship will be paid in **two instalments**: The **first instalment,** equal to € 1,000 gross plus the contribution for travel expenses, **is paid within 60 days from the acceptance of the scholarship.**

The balance will be paid upon presentation of the "Final report on the work carried out" (Form C) countersigned by the supervisor and the host contact, possibly accompanied by appropriate documentation certifying the actual duration of the stay abroad.

This documentation must be sent **by e-mail within 30 days** to e-mail address borse-tesiestero@polimi.it after the return to Italy, when the experience is concluded, under penalty of losing scholarship entitlement.

The payment of the balance will be made only after verifying that the winner has not received other financial benefits while abroad. If other financial benefits were issued, the first instalment and the contribution for travel expenses will be refunded.

Revocation: if the student has not actually spent a period abroad as indicated in art. 1 of this call for applications or if there are any changes in the thesis supervisor, place of destination/hosting body, thesis project, or if the student graduates without returning the "Final report on the work carried out" (form C) document duly completed, the scholarship will be revoked. Consequently, the scholarship’s first instalment and the contribution for travel expenses must be returned.

Art. 9 - Taxation

The amount paid as a scholarship is considered the equivalent of employment income, and as such is subject to the same taxation. The charges borne by Politecnico di Milano correspond to the applicable IRAP rate for that year.

Art. 10 – Insurance and Safeguard measures for exceptional cases

The student must investigate whether health insurance is necessary in the country of destination. The student must be informed about the possible existence of risk situations in the country of destination, by consulting the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.viaggiaresicuri.it).

If existing of new exceptionally serious situations - in Italy or the foreign country where the thesis work is to be carried out - prevents the student from leaving within the project deadlines, the student must notify the DSU Service through the specific email address borse-tesiestero@polimi.it.

Every single situation will be examinated in order to arrange new deadlines.

Art. 11 - Personal data processing

The processing of personal data is carried out in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation of 27 April 2016, no. 679 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR). The "Data Controller" is Politecnico di Milano.

The full policy is available from the Data Controller or by consulting the relevant webpage on the University website: https://www.polimi.it/privacy

By submitting the application, the student consents the processing of his/her personal data, including particular data, collected for the purposes identified in this Call.

Art. 12 - Head of the selection process

Under Art. 5 of the Law of 7 August 1990, no. 241, the persons responsible for the procedure governing this call for applications is Dr. Gabriella Rega, Head of Financial aid Unit/Campus Life Division.

Art. 13 - Publication

This call for applications is published in the University Official Register and on the website:

https://www.polimi.it/en/students/tuition-fees-scholarships-and-financial-aid/scholarships-and-graduation-awards-non-dsu

Art.14 - Transparency Fulfilments

The measure granting the 'Thesis abroad scholarships' falls among the subsidies and economic benefits subject to publication obligations in accordance with Articles 26 and 27 of Legislative Decree as of March 14th 2013, no. 33.

The list of DSU scholarship holders will therefore be published in the specific 'Amministrazione Trasparente' section of the website at the following path: Sovvenzioni, contributi, sussidi, vantaggi economici > Atti di concessione.

For more information, please contact: *borse-tesiestero@polimi.it*

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