



International Student Office

**Call for application for 4 scholarships
reserved to International Students from the
Somali National University (SNU)
enrolling in a Master's Degree Programme
in the academic year 2024/2025**

Deadline: 19 July 2024 at 11.59 pm (CEST)

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Art.1 Object

The University of Tuscia announces a public selection for the admission of international students of Somali nationality in possession of a qualification issued by the Somali National University (SNU) to the International Master's Degree Courses for the academic year 2024/2025. The University of Tuscia will draw up a single ranking and will award 4 scholarships to the most deserving students who enrol for the first time in an Italian university.

The Med-Or Foundation will fund 3 of the aforementioned scholarships. The University will finance n. 1 scholarship.

Enrolment in years subsequent to the first, transfer from one degree programme to another or transfer from one university to another, is not considered "*first enrolment*" in one of the degree programmes of the University of Tuscia in the academic year 2024/2025.

For the academic year 2024/2025, scholarships are available for the following Master's degree programmes taught in English at the University of Tuscia:

1. Circular Economy (Civitavecchia)
2. Forestry and Environmental Sciences
3. Marine Biology and Ecology (Civitavecchia)
4. Mechanical Engineering
5. Plant biotechnology for food and global health
6. Resilient Agriculture in Mediterranean Environment (RAGriMed)

Art.2 Declaration of value

Upon their arrival in Italy, candidates must deliver the original **school certificates, in Italian or English, authenticated by the Italian Diplomatic Representation competent for the territory or with an Apostille, and the Declaration of Value issued by the Italian Diplomatic Representation in charge of their territory or, alternatively, the certification issued by the ENIC-NARIC (www.enic-naric.net) centers in Italian or English, such as the Certificate of Verification (as an alternative to legalization or Apostille) and the Certificates of Comparability and foreign qualifications (as an alternative to the Declaration of Value) issued by CIMEA, with which the University of Tuscia has an agreement.**

The student can then request the aforementioned documents of the qualifications from the link <https://cimea-diplome.it/>. The original documents must be submitted to the **Student Secretariat**, Via S. Maria in Gradi n. 4, Viterbo, **within 30 days of arrival and in any case no later than the first exam session of the academic year 2024/2025** (30 January 2025). Failure to submit the aforementioned documents within the deadline will result in the interruption of enrolment operations and therefore the impossibility of taking the exams. Enrolment operations can only be completed after the presentation of the aforementioned documents.



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Art.3 Language requirements

Students enrolling in Master's degree programs taught in English must present a minimum B2 level English certificate or prove that their bachelor's degree was delivered entirely in English.

Art.4 Admission requirements

The call is reserved for international students who:

1. are born after 31/12/1999;
2. are of Somali nationality;
3. hold a bachelor's degree or post-secondary degree awarded by Somali National University (SNU) after 31/12/2020;
4. are not enrolled at the University of Tuscia or at other Italian universities in first-cycle, second-cycle, or single-cycle degree courses;
5. have obtained, at the end of the first-cycle degree course, an average grade point (GPA) corresponding to at least 27/30 of the Italian evaluation system, calculated with the [formula](#) provided by the Ministry of University and Research;
6. have received the Letter of Acceptance issued by the Dean of the Master's Degree Course, as a positive response to the admission interview.

Art.5 Scholarships

Scholarship holders will benefit from:

- tuition fee reduction (value € 1,000.00), in any case the student must pay € 156.00 for duty stamp and regional tax;
- scholarship of € 8,000 (gross of IRAP 8.5% to be paid by the Institution), i.e. € 7,373.27 per academic year for two academic years (2024/2025 and 2025/2026) net of IRAP paid by the Institution. The scholarship is not among those exempt and will be subject to taxation according to current tax rules based on the amounts progressively disbursed during the year, with the application of the deductions provided for income assimilated to employment which may reduce or eliminate the gross tax applied. The costs of room and board are the responsibility of the student.

To receive the scholarship also for the second academic year, students must obtain at least 18 credits by 23 July 2025.

The scholarship does not include accommodation. The International Student Office can provide information on accommodation agreements, but is not responsible for finding accommodation.

The scholarship will be disbursed in three instalments. The 1st instalment will be paid within 45 days of enrolment; the 2nd instalment will be disbursed by 31 March 2025 after the completion of 12 credits in the

first semester; the 3rd instalment will be disbursed by 31 July 2025, after the University has verified that the scholarship recipient has regularly paid the rent and accommodation bills.

If the beneficiary obtains 18 credits by 23 July 2025, the University will allocate the amount of the scholarship for the second academic year (2025/2026), with the same schedule as for the first year.

In addition, selected students will be required to take an Italian language course at the University of Tuscia, once they arrive in Italy, and to pass the final level exam held by the University of Tuscia.

The amount of the scholarship will be calculated pro-rata based on the student's actual period of attendance at Unitus, starting from the date of arrival.

Selected students must bear living expenses, travel expenses, health insurance (which must cover the entire duration of their stay in Italy), and other administrative expenses during the study program.

Art.6 Incompatibility with other scholarships and/or contributions

The scholarships covered by this call cannot be combined with:

- Erasmus+ scholarships for incoming mobility;
- scholarships issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI (Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities) contributions to beneficiaries of international protection;
- scholarships issued by foreign government bodies or institutions aimed at encouraging the enrolment of international students in Italian universities;
- scholarships provided by the institution for the right to study (LazioDiSCo).

Art.7 Commission

Candidates are selected on the basis of the merit requirements indicated above (art. 4 Admission requirements).

The evaluation, based on the criteria set out in a preliminary report, will be carried out by a Selection Committee composed of the professors in charge of the Master's Degree Courses concerned and any other professor or collaborator designated by the Rector of the University of Tuscia.

Art.8 Documents for admission

Candidates are required to submit the following documentation translated into English or Italian (*it is not*

necessary to provide an official translation - sworn/certified - in English or Italian when submitting the application).

nor the relative legalization or "declaration of value" of the title). The legalized translation must be submitted only at the time of enrolment.

Required documents:

1. The online form is available at the following link: <https://forms.gle/trL6XvmreGg1rifM8>
2. copy of a valid Passport or Identity Card;
3. previous certificates of study (degree certificate);
4. *Diploma supplement or transcript of records* with the complete list of exams passed and their grades, including the grading scale (minimum and maximum grade in the corresponding education system);
5. B2 level English language certificate (Ielts, CAE, Toefl, Pitman, ESD, Pearson) or proof of having attended a three-year degree course entirely taught in English;
6. a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV);
7. a motivational letter (maximum one A4 page);
8. Letter of admission received from the Dean of the chosen master's degree course.

Art.9 Submission of the application

The application must be submitted by filling out the *online* form available at this link <https://forms.gle/trL6XvmreGg1rifM8> where students must upload the required documents, by **July 19, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. (Italian time)**, exclusively through the [available form](#). In case of technical problems, please contact the following address: international@unitus.it

Incomplete applications, applications that are not correctly completed, applications received after the deadline or sent by e-mail will not be accepted. In case of multiple applications sent from different email addresses, the first application submitted in chronological order will be considered.

Art.10 Selection procedure

Candidates are selected on the basis of merit requirements and the evaluation process is held by the Examining Committee.

The Commission will determine the weight of the following criteria at its first evaluation meeting:

- Educational background and GPA (score: 1-10)
- Language certificates and/or other qualifications (score: 1-10)
- Evaluation of CV, motivational letter and other personal skills (score: 1-10)
- Admission interview grade (score: 1-10)



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Establishment and approval of the final ranking list

The rankings are organized in descending order of score and the scholarships will be assigned according to the ranking.

The commission reserves the right to award scholarships for an equal geographical and gender distribution.

In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the youngest candidate.

The list of eligible candidates will be communicated by email and published on the <https://www.unitus.it/profilo/international/> website by **09 August 2024**.

In the event of an insufficient number of applications, the University reserves the right to admit eligible students from other current rankings.

Art.11 Acceptance

Within 10 days of receiving the communication from the University, the winners must accept the scholarship and non-EU students must pre-enrol on the [Universitaly web portal](#). Failure to respond within the deadline will result in forfeiture from the ranking.

The student fully and unreservedly accepts services and economic benefits under the conditions set out in this announcement. By accepting the scholarship, the student confirms, under his/her own responsibility, that he/she is not in any of the conditions of incompatibility provided for by art. 7 of this call. It must also notify the University of any changes to the declared data that may occur during the year.

Art.12 Pre-enrolment on Universitaly

Upon acceptance of the scholarship, non-EU students must complete pre-enrolment on the Universitaly web portal: <http://www.universitaly.it>. For more information on the pre-registration procedure at the Italian diplomatic representations, please consult <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>.

Art.13 Enrolment

The enrolment process is completed in person by registering on the University's Student Portal Web and paying the enrolment fee of € 156.00 through the online Portal. Payment must be made by the deadline for enrolment (29 December 2024), after submitting the original documents (see art. 2) to the *International Students* desk at the Student Secretariat.

Selected candidates are not automatically enrolled in their chosen master's degree program.

Selected candidates are required to comply with the applicable provisions and deadlines, including the enrolment rules established by the Circular of the Ministry of University and Research on the access of foreign students to university degree programmes.

The successful candidates will receive the benefits on a current account of the SEPA circuit only at the end of the enrolment procedures, which take place upon their arrival in Viterbo, and after paying stamp duty and regional tax. Applicants will receive detailed information from the International Students Office on the procedure to follow to complete their enrolment.

Art.14 Medical Insurance

The scholarship holder, who does not already have one, is required to independently take out a health insurance to cover any expenses for illnesses and accidents in Italy.

Art.15 Ranking lists and assignment of available places

In the event of vacancies, the University reserves the right to assign benefits to candidates who meet the admission requirements indicated above (Admission Requirements) by scrolling through the ranking list.

In the event that the ranking list of a course is exhausted, the University reserves the right to admit eligible students from other current rankings. The ranking will end on 31 August 2024.

Art.16 Withdrawal

Candidates selected as winners can withdraw from the scholarship by sending an email to international@unitus.it by 20 August 2024. In case of withdrawal, the scholarship will be awarded to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

Art.17 Information on the processing of data

In accordance with the European data protection policy, the personal data collected is processed as described on the following page available at <https://www.unitus.it/ateneo/privacy/>.

Applicants give their consent to publish their passport/identity card number in the final list of applicants admitted to the project on the website: <https://www.unitus.it/profilo/international/>.

The Administration reserves the right to verify the veracity of the information provided. Without prejudice



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to the penal sanctions referred to in Article 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, in the event of the detection of fraudulent information as a result of such verification, the candidate forfeits the right to the scholarship.

Art.18 Publication of the announcement

This call and the application form will be published on the <https://www.unitus.it/profilo/international/> website.

The call is also translated into English for dissemination purposes only.

For the application of the notice, for the resolution of any dispute and for any legal effect, only the Italian version is valid.

Art.19 Person in charge of the procedure

The person in charge of the procedure for this call is Dr. Marcella Barone, Head of the International Students Office, University of Tuscia.

The Rector
Prof. Stefano Ubertini