

## Call for applications for thesis and internship abroad scholarships 2026

*The Italian language version of the act “Call per l’assegnazione di borse di studio per stage e tesi all’estero 2026” is prevailing with regard to the exact interpretation of the rules contained within, also in case of potential disputes.*

### Art. 1 General information

The purpose of this Call is to encourage student mobility abroad through a form of support designed to promote mobility aimed at learning and at strengthening cooperation between the world of education and training and the world of work.

It is addressed to students enrolled on Master’s degree programmes within the **Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies “SPGI”** who are required to undertake a **credited internship (hereinafter referred to as an internship) or an internship aimed at the preparation of their final thesis.**

The amount of funds, € 20.000,00, will be allocated **following the chronological order of the applications’ submission**, within budget. Activities must begin after the 1st of January 2026 and be carried out within the 31st of December 2026.

In case of unavailability of the funds, an announcement will be promptly published in the Department’s web page [www.spgi.unipd.it](http://www.spgi.unipd.it).

### Art. 2 Admission requirements and selection criteria

In order to be eligible for the call for applications, the application can be submitted by those who:

- Are duly enrolled in a Master’s degree programme of the SPGI Department;
- have regularly paid the due tuition fees;

- **have submitted the internship project or a thesis research proposal coherent with the academic study plan, according to the procedures detailed at the following link: <https://www.unipd.it/en/internships-abroad>;**
- do not simultaneously take advantage of other financial grants for thesis or internship abroad granted by the University of Padua;
- have completed any periods of mobility for study abroad, even if the remaining part of the study mobility is self-funded.
- are not currently undertaking any other form of European or non-European mobility, even where this does not involve financial support;
- are not resident in the country where the thesis research / internship takes place.

The scholarship will be disbursed after the verification of the student's acceptance from the host institution / the thesis's supervisor approval, and of the coherence with the student's academic study plan. Neither the collection of materials for the dissertation nor the internship may be carried out in the country of residence or in the country of habitual residence.

### **Art. 3 Application procedure**

For application, it is necessary to submit, alternatively, depending on the case:

- the form named "**STAGE**" with the academic Tutor's approval signature (a teacher chosen from the Master's degree programme) and send it to the Secretariat at: [didattica.spgi@unipd.it](mailto:didattica.spgi@unipd.it);
- the forms named "**Thesis and Thesis Supervisor**" with the signature of the supervisor and the Academic Director of the Master's degree programme and send it to the Secretariat at [didattica.spgi@unipd.it](mailto:didattica.spgi@unipd.it).

**Simultaneously, it will be necessary to submit the internship initiation documentation with academic credits or initiation documentation for thesis writing** as per the instructions of the Career Service (see: <https://www.unipd.it/en/internships-abroad>).

The documentation required to start the thesis/internship must be sent to [stage@unipd.it](mailto:stage@unipd.it) at least 15 working days prior to the start, **specifying that an application has been submitted to the SPGI Department Call to the Secretariat. The eligible period for the thesis/internship for the purposes of obtaining the grant runs from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026, and the final deadline for submitting the application, subject to the availability of funds, is 7 November 2026.**

Each applicant will receive an email containing the tax form to be completed in order to request payment, in the event of a successful outcome of the application. If the application is unsuccessful, an email will be sent stating the reason for exclusion from the procedure.

Please note that boarding passes must be submitted as proof of the actual period spent abroad and must be sent in advance by email at the time the tax forms are submitted.

Funding may be awarded **for a minimum period of one month and up to a maximum of three months** in the case of an **internship** abroad (not in Italy and not in the country of residence). The internship must be completed no later than **31 December 2026**.

For the thesis, the amount awarded is a **one-off payment** and is not linked to the duration of the stay abroad, which must fall **within the 2026 calendar year** (01/01/2026 – 31/12/2026).

**PLEASE NOTE: Those who are abroad for an internship period will not be permitted to apply for dissertation funding in order to extend their stay in the same location. Accordingly, it will be possible to submit only one application, either for an internship or for dissertation research.**

The University of Padua will ensure insurance coverage for accidents at work and civil liability for students during internships or thesis work, upon the signing of an agreement with the hosting organisation and approval of the training project.

To review the insurance policies and coverage limits, please refer to the website [www.unipd.it/assicurazione](http://www.unipd.it/assicurazione).

For health insurance coverage during stays abroad in European Union countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway, it is generally sufficient to carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) issued by the Ministry of Health. For countries outside the European Union and those without bilateral agreements on healthcare, students are advised to seek information from their local health authority.

**Attention: non-EU citizen students enrolled and covered by the National Health Service (SSN) are encouraged to contact their local health authority (ASL) for information regarding health insurance coverage abroad.**

Additional specific information for each country can be found on the page [http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2\\_4.jsp?area=Assistenza%20sanitaria](http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2_4.jsp?area=Assistenza%20sanitaria); for broader coverage, please consult your local health agency (Uss) or insurance company.

**It is the responsibility of the student to handle visa issuance procedures, if necessary according to the legislation of the host country; take care of any additional insurance requirements; and ensure that personal and banking information is up-to-date in Uniweb.**

#### **Art. 4 Scholarship amount and payment**

It is foreseen a funding of:

- €500.00 (gross amount) **per month for a maximum of 3 months in case of internship abroad,**
- €500.00 (gross amount) **as a one-time payment in case of thesis abroad.**

The payment will be made in a single instalment for theses, while for internships, 80% will be paid upon departure and the remaining 20% upon return, upon delivery, as a binding precondition, of the appropriate internship completion documentation to the Career Service (see: <https://www.spgi.unipd.it/en/teaching/current-students/lessons-exams-and-internships/internships>).

**For activities ending after 30/11/2026, the balance will be disbursed by March 2027.**

Grants will be exclusively paid on the beneficiary's bank account (or joint account). The fund will be disbursed on the basis of the personal data and bank details the student declares in their personal area in UNIWEB. **Therefore, the student has to verify all data provided through UNIWEB and update them if necessary.**

In order to receive the fund, the student must comply with the following conditions:

- do not interrupt the mobility except for reasons of certified force majeure;
- send the final documentation to [stage@unipd.it](mailto:stage@unipd.it) **no later than 10 days after the end of the internship** in order to ensure compliance with the timetable for the final payment;
- send the boarding passes to the Department in order to receive the funding.

In case of interruption, the portion of the grant exceeding the period effectively spent abroad will not be paid.

**Please note that these funds are incompatible with any other form of funding provided by the University, and it will not be possible to request more than one grant for the same activity.**

## **Art. 5 – Final provisions**

In accordance with Article 4 of Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990 (New rules on administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, Professor Sergio Gerotto, Director of the SPGI Department, is appointed as the Responsible for the Administrative Procedure.

Candidates have the right to access the documents related to the competition procedure in accordance with the procedures outlined in the current Regulation for the exercise of the right of access to data, information, and administrative documents held by the University of Padua.

Pursuant to Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 – General Data Protection Regulation, and in relation to personal data, the "Controller" of the processing is the University of Padua, located at Via 8 Febbraio, 2 - 35122 Padova. The complete information is available from the Controller of the processing or on the page [www.unipd.it/privacy](http://www.unipd.it/privacy).

The personal data of the candidates will be processed, in paper or electronic form, solely for the purposes of this procedure and the acts connected and consequent to this announcement, in compliance with current regulations.