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Application Announcement for the assignment of 38 scholarships in cash and services reserved for young people fleeing from Afghanistan due to the 2021 humanitarian crisis and welcomed in Emilia Romagna, who enroll in a University course for the academic year 2021/2022 at the Universities of Bologna, Ferrara, Modena and Reggio Emilia, Parma and, for the Piacenza campus, at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and the Politecnico in Milan.

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Article 1

Purpose - Recipients

The Emilia Romagna Region and ER.GO - Azienda Regionale per il Diritto agli Studi Superiori dell'Emilia Romagna (Regional Authority for the Right to Higher Education of Emilia Romagna), in cooperation with the Universities of Bologna, Ferrara, Modena and Reggio Emilia, Parma, the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - and the Politecnico in Milan – with University Campus in Piacenza - are providing 38 scholarships in cash and services to young people fleeing from Afghanistan due to the 2021 humanitarian crisis and welcomed in Emilia Romagna.

In particular, these scholarships in cash and services are aimed at students, who intend to and are in the position of enrolling at university for the academic year 2021/2022 or young people, who already hold a suitable academic degree, allowing them to undertake a postgraduate course in one of the universities in the Region, as defined above.

The ultimate goal is to welcome and accompany over time those students or young people who already hold a suitable academic degree, allowing them to access a postgraduate course, until they successfully complete their university career at the universities of Emilia Romagna as defined above, activating all the subjects that, in various ways, may contribute to carry out the project.

Article 2

Content

The 38 scholarships in cash and services made available through this Announcement consist of:

- Cash grant including the regional tax for the right to university study, stamp duty and insurance costs;
- Free accommodation service at ER.GO university residences for 12 months (including August), along with a welcome kit (set of crockery, linen, bicycle);
- Prepaid amount for catering service at canteens and premises affiliated with ER.GO for a value of 600,00 euros or similar service for the Piacenza Campus;
- Total exemption from any tuition fee for the academic year 2021/2022, valid also for master's degrees, higher education and lifelong learning courses, only in case these courses can be activated by the University of reference, referred to in this Announcement.
- Laptop on loan for free use.

The following support services are also provided:

- Welcome, counselling service, academic inclusion and integration in the social context of reference;
- Support in the procedures for university enrolment or access to postgraduate university pathways (including research programmes);
- Assisted procedures to access the interventions of the Universities and those of ER.GO;
- Italian language course, also in accordance with local associations;
- Transcultural mediation and psychological support services;
- Tutoring;
- Personalized services for students with disability or Specific Learning Disorders (SLD).

Scholarships in cash and services are managed by ER.GO - Regional Authority for the Right to Higher Education of Emilia Romagna. For the recipients enrolled at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and the Politecnico of Milan in Piacenza Campus, the housing and catering services and the support services are provided in cooperation with EDUCATT – Authority for the right to University Study - of Università Cattolica and other local organisations.

Article 3

Deadlines and access requirements

In order to have access to the scholarships in cash and service as in art. 2, the recipients mentioned in art. 1, must be in possession of the following requirements by the deadline of November 8, 2021 or January 14, 2022 in case of reopening of the call:

- of a qualification suitable for enrolment, in the 2021/2022 academic year, in a degree course, single-cycle degree, master's degree, including single courses, at the University of Bologna, Ferrara, Modena and Reggio Emilia, Parma, the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and the Politecnico of Milan in Piacenza Campus, or appropriate documentation to enrol in the Foundation year preparatory course where activated, or suitable documentation to undertake a postgraduate course in the case of young people already in possession of academic qualifications;
- of the residence permit or of the first application for the issue of a permit for asylum, political asylum, subsidiary protection or complementary protection (e.g. special protection and special cases). The recipients are primarily, but not exclusively, those who have formally applied for a residence permit at the police headquarters of the Emilia Romagna Region. People who have pre-enrolled at the universities of the Emilia Romagna Region as defined above, entering Italy with a visa for study purposes, are also accepted.

Universities, on the basis of the specific nature of their educational offerings and of their conditions of access, reserve the right to evaluate different or additional requirements with respect to those set forth in the present article, also in relation to any decisions made by the competent institutions regarding qualifications for the entry and regular stay in the national territory of people fleeing from Afghanistan due to the 2021 humanitarian crisis.

Article 4

Distribution of scholarships in cash and services

The 38 scholarships in cash and services made available with this Announcement are distributed as follows:

- **n. 30** for students enrolling in the academic year 2021/2022 in a degree course, single-cycle degree, master's degree, including single courses or the Foundation Year preparatory course where activated;
- **n. 8** for young people already in possession of an academic degree, who undertake a postgraduate course (including the development of research programmes lasting a minimum of 9 months at one of the universities in Emilia Romagna, willing to host the researcher, under the supervision of a tutor).

On the basis of the eligible applications and the results of the selection procedure by the deadline of November 8, 2021, the scholarships will be allocated with a breakdown per category and University as defined by the ER.GO - University Joint Commission, according to art. 8.

Any scholarships not allocated by category and/or University by the deadline of November 8, 2021 will be reallocated following the reopening of the call, taking into account the overall framework of eligible applications and in compliance with the maximum total number of 38.

Article 5 Scholarship amount

The monetary amount of the scholarship for students enrolling in a degree course, single-cycle degree, master's degree, including single courses, or the Foundation Year preparatory course where activated, is € 6.500,00.

The amount of the scholarship for students attending a postgraduate course is € 15.500,00.

Article 6 Scholarship Payment

Payment of the scholarship is made in five bimonthly instalments. Payment of the grant is subject to the regularisation of university enrolment procedure for the 2021/2022 academic year, certified by the relevant University. If the beneficiary's enrolment for the 2021/2022 academic year at a university in Emilia Romagna, as defined in article 1, is cancelled for any reason (e.g. renouncement of studies, transfer, etc...), the instalments not yet paid will not be paid. A similar criterion will be used in the case of interruption of the postgraduate course.

The payment of the scholarship may be modulated with different deadlines than those indicated above, taking into account the progress of the student's university career.

The payment of the scholarship for the postgraduate course is subject to the regularisation of the university enrolment for the academic year 2021/2022 or to the presentation of the research programme with the indication of name and contacts of the research tutor and a letter of acceptance by the host university and, for the instalments following the first, to the actual implementation of the program.

Article 7 How and when to apply

Given the peculiarities of the people targeted by this Announcement, in order to ensure maximum accessibility, a first deadline is scheduled for November 8, 2021.

In the event that less than 38 applications are submitted or are found to be eligible by the deadline of November 8, 2021, the call will be reopened from December 13, 2021, expiring on January 14, 2022.

Candidates who are interested in applying must contact ER.GO first, using the dedicated email address afghanistan@er-go.it to request activation of the credentials necessary to access to the USER DOSSIER.

To submit the application, all interested candidates must log in with the credentials assigned to the USER DOSSIER <https://dossier.er-go.it/> Correspondence SECTION - Send documentation and send the **attached form (Annex 1) duly completed and signed, with all the documents listed below**, selecting the option "*Bando Afghanistan-crisi umanitaria /Call Afghanistan-humanitarian crisis*" by November 8, 2021, at 18.00 (6:00 PM) or by January 14, 2022, at 18.00 (6:00 PM), in the case of reopening of the call from December 13, 2021:

1. A copy of a valid identity document;

2. A copy of the residence permit or of the first request for the issue of a permit for asylum, political asylum, subsidiary protection or complementary protection (e.g. special protection and special cases) or of the study visa if any, for people pre-enrolled at the Universities based in Emilia Romagna Region, in accordance with the provisions of art. 3;
3. Qualification to apply (diploma/degree) or, if the candidate does not have one, an equivalent document, accompanied by an official translation in Italian (any difficulties in producing a translation in Italian should be promptly reported to the e-mail address afghanistan@er-go.it);
4. Curriculum vitae;
5. Letter of introduction.

Applications will be considered valid only if the form in PDF format (Annex 1), duly completed and signed, and all the documents referred to in points 1 to 5, with the characteristics indicated on the form, are uploaded on the student's own USER DOSSIER by 6 p.m. on November 8, 2021 or by 6 p.m. on January 14, 2022 (if the call is reopened from December 13, 2021).

Article 8 Selection procedure and evaluation criteria

The selection procedure is carried out by a joint ER.GO-Universities Commission.

The selection procedure involves the evaluation of the documents referred to in art. 7 above by the Commission and a subsequent interview during which the knowledge of Italian and English language will be tested, in the case of enrolment in international courses.

The selection criteria are defined by the Commission, ensuring a fair distribution of gender and with preference given to those who are younger in age. The selection will take into account the coherence and compatibility of the previous studies with the specific educational offerings available at the Universities.

Students who have applied for benefits will receive a personal communication containing the outcome of the request submitted.

Article 9 Assignment

Benefits will be awarded as of November 22, 2021 and of February 1, 2022, if the Call is reopened.

Article 10 Not cumulative

The scholarship and the benefits referred to in this Announcement cannot be combined with other scholarships and other benefits provided by other public and private institutions, provided as part of the right to university study or in any case with the same purpose.

Article 11 Renewal requirements

In the case of enrolment for the incoming academic year 2022/2023 and in order to renew the benefits granted under this Announcement, the winning students must have accrued, by August 10, 2022, the minimum number of CFU established by the Commission, as in art. 8, in the educational pact defined individually in relation to the course of study undertaken, or they must have successfully completed single courses/Foundation year preparatory courses, with the aim of enrolling in a first or second level degree course, or have achieved the educational objectives defined with the University of reference as part of the post-graduate course activated.

The benefits renewal depends on the amount of total financial resources that can be activated for the future financial years by all parties involved.

Article 12 **Inter-university synergy**

The mentioned Universities are willing to share their resources, skills and specific experience in different areas (e.g. qualifications evaluation, offer of the online language courses, etc...), in favour of the recipients of this call, regardless of the University on which they enrol.

Article 13 **Personal data processing**

Processing of the personal data provided along with the applications to participate in the Announcement will be carried out in compliance with the provisions regarding personal data protection and rights to protection of privacy and personal identity (EU Regulation 2016/679 c.d. GDPR, Legislative Decree 30.06.2003, n. 196 and s.m.i.), exclusively for the purposes related to the execution of this Announcement.

For further information on the data processing carried out by ER.GO and the Universities of Bologna, Ferrara, Modena and Reggio Emilia, Parma, the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and the Politecnico of Milan in Piacenza Campus, applicants may consult their respective websites at the following links:

[https://www.er-go.it/index.php?id=7353;](https://www.er-go.it/index.php?id=7353)

[https://www.unibo.it/it/ateneo/privacy-e-note-legali/privacy;](https://www.unibo.it/it/ateneo/privacy-e-note-legali/privacy)

[http://www.unife.it/it/ateneo/protezione-dati-personali;](http://www.unife.it/it/ateneo/protezione-dati-personali)

[https://www.unimore.it/privacy.html;](https://www.unimore.it/privacy.html)

[https://www.unipr.it/ateneo/elezioni-statuto-e-regolamenti/privacy;](https://www.unipr.it/ateneo/elezioni-statuto-e-regolamenti/privacy)

[https://www.unicatt.it/privacy-informativa-sul-trattamento-dei-dati-personali-degli-utenti-del-sito-web-dell-universita-02082018;](https://www.unicatt.it/privacy-informativa-sul-trattamento-dei-dati-personali-degli-utenti-del-sito-web-dell-universita-02082018)

[https://www.polimi.it/privacy.](https://www.polimi.it/privacy)

Article 14 **Publication**

The Emilia Romagna Region, ER.GO and the Universities of Bologna, Ferrara, Modena and Reggio Emilia, Parma, the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and the Politecnico of Milan in Piacenza Campus publish this Announcement on their respective institutional websites and collaborate to ensure maximum publicity of this initiative using different communication channels, including social networks, involving local authorities and also using the network of voluntary associations active on the subject in the different territorial contexts, reception centres hosting refugees, etc..

Article 15 **Information**

From the issue date of this Announcement until the end of its procedure, the dedicated email address afghanistan@er-go.it will remain active to request the activation of credentials, necessary to access the USER DOSSIER and to give further information, to those who request it.

Article 16 **Final provisions**

Given the experimental nature of the project, in the event of reopening for the reasons set out in art. 7, corrective additions will be made, where necessary, to ensure maximum accessibility.