



Scholarship for foreign students of the Master's degree in Molecular Biology and Genetics

(Approved during the Department Board on February 18, 2020)

The Department of Biology and Biotechnology, in order to promote international cooperation, offers one scholarship to an excellent foreign student to be enrolled in the Molecular Biology and Genetics Master Programme (academic year 2020-2021). The duration of the scholarship is 2 academic years. The fellowship will include 10,000 €/year (gross amount) and free accommodation in a University College.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Bachelor's Degree or higher in Biology, Biotechnology or related disciplines awarded not before 2015 by a foreign University (European or Extra-European) and deemed appropriate by an appointed Commission.

APPLICATION

Students must submit an online application to the Master Programme in Molecular Biology and Genetics through the website <https://apply.unipv.eu/courses/course/36-molecular-biology-and-genetics?search=14722> and tick the option "I intend to apply for the Scholarship".

In the online application, the requested information, documents and actions are:

1. Two reference letters. Students must fill a specific section of the application form, then an e-mail will be automatically sent to referees.
2. A curriculum vitae in European format in English.
3. Copy of a valid passport or identification document.
4. Copy of an original transcript of records issued by the home university in English or translated into Italian by an accredited Italian authority. The transcript of records must contain a list of exams taken, marks and number of associated credits. **An explanation of the grade system must be included. If this explanation is not included the application will not be evaluated.**
5. Scan of the Diploma (if available). Students who did not obtain their Bachelor degree and are expected to graduate before September 2020 must send a transcript listing the exams taken and the expected date of graduation.



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Students who applied for the Master Programme in Molecular Biology and Genetics (academic year 2020-2021) before the activation of this call, were admitted and decided to compete for the scholarship must contact mbg@unipv.it to reopen the application form to mark the option “I intend to apply for the Scholarship”. These students will be able to enroll in the Master Programme and will be evaluated for their eligibility for the scholarship as indicated in paragraph “EVALUATION AND SELECTION”.

DEADLINE

May 29, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) (Italian time).

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Applications for the scholarship will be assessed by an appointed Commission.

Evaluation and selection of the candidates will take place in two steps:

1. evaluation of the documents sent by each candidate and of the reference letters. The Commission will select candidates eligible for a Skype interview. The Commission will send to the selected candidates an e-mail to set up the date of the interview by June 15.
2. Skype interview. During the Skype interview the Commission will ask questions concerning basic concepts in Genetics, Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Cell Biology and Microbiology.

The Commission will communicate the results of the interview by e-mail.

Through the Skype interview the Commission will select the student who will be the recipient of the scholarship, students who will be admitted to the Master Course without the scholarship and students who are not admitted to the Master Course.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARDING OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded according to the following conditions:

1. The selected student will have to confirm his/her acceptance of the scholarship and of its conditions within the deadline indicated in the e-mail sent by the Commission.



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2. Travel expenses will be care of the student.
3. If the selected candidate is from an extra-EU country, he/she will have to apply for a student VISA and to pre-enroll to the University of Pavia through the competent Italian diplomatic authority in his/her country; in order to proceed with the enrolment to the University of Pavia, the student will have to submit a “dichiarazione di valore in loco” of their academic transcripts.
4. Insurances will be direct care of the student. In particular, for extra-EU students, health insurance might be bought by the student before leaving the country of origin, being this usually mandatory while applying for the VISA.
5. The selected student must enroll in the Master Programme in Molecular Biology and Genetics and pay tuition fees (<http://mbg.unipv.eu/how-to-enroll/tuition-fees-and-exemptions/>).
6. The first six months of the scholarship will be paid in advance and subsequent payments will be made every six months after evaluation of the student's profit.
7. This scholarship is not compatible with having any other fellowship or position.

CONTACTS

For further information candidates may send an e-mail to mbg@unipv.it.

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