



THE UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA

FC&K: FUND FOR COOPERATION & KNOWLEDGE

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The University of Pavia (UNIPV), in order to promote international cooperation with the Developing Countries, offers 5 scholarships of 8.000 Euros each as scholarships to study at the University of Pavia during the academic year 2017-2018. Each scholarship will cover also the travel to Italy and back (economy class).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Only the following candidates can apply for a scholarship: only citizens of a **Developing Country** classified as a [low-income economy](https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups) or as a [lower-middle-income economy](https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups) by the World Bank (see <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>).

Only students born on/after the 1st January 1982 can participate.

APPLICATION

Interested candidates must submit an application (available on the website of UNIPV <http://www.unipv.eu/site/en/home/fees-and-funding/fund-for-cooperation-and-knowledge.html>) which has to include:

1. a complete application form (completed in all its parts): it must be filled in English using the computer; then it has to be printed, signed, completed with a passport-size picture, and scanned; candidates must indicate a Skype contact;
2. a motivation letter written in English;
3. a transcript of records in English or translated into Italian by an accredited Italian authority;
4. a recent letter of reference (written in English after the 1st May 2017) hand signed by a university professor and dated;
5. a curriculum vitae in English (European format: available on [this Web page](#));
6. a recent health certificate (issued after the 1st May 2017 in English or translated into Italian by an accredited Italian authority) attesting that the applicant is in good health conditions and is not suffering from physical or mental illnesses;
7. a photocopy of a valid passport (or of a valid identification document, ID) of the applicant.

AVAILABLE COURSES

Applicants may select only a master course degree taught in English, selected among those listed below:

- Electronic Engineering
- Industrial Automation Engineering
- Economics, Finance and International Integration
- International Business and Entrepreneurship
- Molecular Biology and Genetics
- World Politics and International Relations

Information about the courses are available at the following link:

<http://www.unipv.eu/site/en/home/study/course-catalogue/articolo11717.html>

Applying for this scholarship Program does not mean to apply automatically also for one of the Master courses listed in the above link. To answer to this call for applications means applying for a scholarship. Successful candidates will have to be admitted to the course degree they selected in their application form by doing what the Secretary of that course requires. If they fail and they are not admitted, they will not receive the scholarship. Consequently, applicants are warmly invited to check the admission criteria for the courses listed above by reading the information available on the related websites. However, candidates might not contact the coordinators of these courses during the application process to ask them to check their CVs.

DEADLINE

Applications must arrive only by e-mail (just **one PDF file**: maximum size 5MB ; the name of the PDF file must report exactly the surname, then a dot, then the name of the applicant, e.g: *surname.name.pdf*) by 12.00 o'clock p.m. (Italian time) of the **12 June 2017** and must be sent to the following email address:

fund.cooperation@unipv.it

IMPORTANT

The PDF file should be of 5 MB at most and it must contain all the required documents **in the exact order above shown**, that is: application form; motivation letter; transcript of records; recent letter of reference; curriculum vitae (European format); recent health certificate; photocopy of the passport. Application form must be filled in English. All the attachments have to be in English or translated into Italian by an accredited Italian authority. The PDF file must be named after the surname and the name of the applicant, e.g: *surname.name.pdf*

PDF file containing the required documents in a different order will be not accepted. PDF not named exactly after the surname and the name of the candidate will not be accepted. PDF file larger than 5 MB will not be accepted. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications sent by means other than email will not be considered. Applications and attachments in a language other than English (or translated into Italian by an accredited Italian authority) will not be accepted.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Applications will be assessed by the Commission that manages the *Fund for Cooperation and Knowledge*. Scholarships will be awarded by this same Commission. Some candidates may be contacted through Skype for a video call: it shall be a quick test for their English and their academic skills. The decision of the Commission will be final and will be transmitted only to successful applicants.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARDING OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships will be awarded according to the following modalities:

1. Successful candidates will have to confirm their acceptance of the scholarship and of its conditions within the time limit set in the letter communicating the awarding of the scholarship. If a candidate fails to confirm his/her acceptance, the scholarship will be awarded to the following candidate in rank.
2. Selected candidates will have to pre-enrol to the course they wish to attend at the University of Pavia through the competent Italian diplomatic authority in their country **by the 21 July 2017**; in order to proceed with the enrolment to the University of Pavia, selected students will have to submit a *dichiarazione di valore in loco* of their academic transcripts.

3. Once received the declaration of acceptance of the scholarship, the University of Pavia will:
 - send a prepaid travel ticket to Italy and provide for the travel expenses back to the developing country of origin. Visa requirements will be care of the candidate;
 - provide the candidate with the scholarship according to the final decision of the Commission: the Commission will decide who will be awarded with the 8.000 Euros;
 - arrange an accommodation in one of the University Residences of Pavia (lodging expenses will have to be paid by the candidate; if the candidate does not accept the proposed lodging, s/he will have to find another one by him/herself);
 - provide a card for meals at University canteens (the candidate will get the student discount for the meals, which will be at his/her expense);
 - guarantee all the facilities required during the period of residence - libraries, computer facilities, etc.;
 - help the candidate to settle in Pavia through the services offered for free by the Welcome Point of the University of Pavia, which will provide also the information about applying for a student residence permit.
4. Insurances will be direct care of the selected candidates. In particular, health insurance might be bought by the candidate before leaving the country of origin, being this usually mandatory while applying for the Visa.
5. In order to receive the scholarship, once in Italy, selected students will have to enrol, every year they spend in Pavia, to the Italian National Health Service by following the instructions received from the University of Pavia. Selected students will have to provide the International Office of the University with a copy of their enrolment to the Italian National Health Service. Enrolment fee for the year 2017 is about 149,57 Euros (whenever you pay it, your inscription to the Service ends on the 31 December of the year).

CONTACTS

Candidates are invited to read very carefully the FAQs on the Fund's web page (<http://www.unipv.eu/site/en/home/fees-and-funding/fund-for-cooperation-and-knowledge.html>). Requests to receive further information may be sent to fund.cooperation@unipv.it . **Only questions sent to fund.cooperation@unipv.it which cannot be answered by reading very carefully the Call for Applications, the Application Form and the FAQs section, will receive an answer by email, otherwise they will not be answered.**

THE RECTOR
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA
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