

Call for applications for the awarding of 18 scholarships to students who are admitted through EU/Schengen direct admission on the basis of SAT, ACT or IB certification to the first year of a bachelor's degree or single-cycle master's degree programme at Luiss University for the 2026/2027 academic year

As approved by the Luiss Executive Committee during its meeting on 12 December 2025, as part of its initiative to value excellent students, Luiss University announces a competition for the awarding of **18 scholarships** to students who hold EU citizenship or that of a country in the Schengen Area and who are admitted through EU direct admission on the basis of SAT, ACT or IB certification to the first year of a bachelor's degree or single-cycle master's degree programme in the 2026/2027 academic year.

This call for applications will result in two separate rankings: one for those admitted with SAT/ACT certification and one for those admitted with IB certification.

The 18 scholarships will be distributed as follows:

- **16 scholarships** will be allocated to the ranking for EU students admitted with **SAT/ACT certification**;
- **2 scholarships** will be allocated to the ranking for EU students admitted with **IB certification**.

The scholarships consist of **50% partial tuition fee waivers**, to be calculated on the second and third instalments of the University's annual single tuition fee. Therefore, scholarship winners will have to pay the first instalment in full by the deadline that the University sets. The scholarships can be renewed for the entire standard duration of the degree programme.

The student is responsible for paying any taxes imposed by the State or the Lazio Region, such as the regional tax "Contributo Suppletivo Legge 18-dic 51 n.ro 1551".

The students who will be awarded a scholarship will receive no additional benefits beyond those provided for in this call for scholarships and communicated in the awarding email. All expenses not specifically covered by the scholarship will be borne by the student.

1. Eligibility

The competition is open to students who are:

- citizens of Italy
- citizens of an EU Member State
- citizens of a Schengen Area country

admitted through EU direct admission on the basis of SAT, ACT or IB certification to a bachelor's degree or single-cycle master's degree programme for the 2026/2027 academic year.

For more information on admission procedures, students can read the relevant call for applications:

<https://www.luiss.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions>.

2. Submission of Applications and Publication of Rankings

Applications to take part in the competition can be submitted via the online form available on the Financial Aid Office's webpages from **27 January 2026 until h. 12:00PM (noon, Italian time) on 25 March 2026**. Upon submission of the application online, candidates will receive a confirmation of successful submission at their e-mail address, as indicated during their registration in the web area of the Financial Aid Office.

Only complete applications actually received by the deadline will be considered. Luiss University disclaims any liability in relation to applications that are not received due to technical issues or reasons attributable to third parties.

The outcome of the application will be published in each candidate's own personal area by the end of April 2026.

3. Criteria for Awarding the Scholarships

Two rankings will be compiled for the purposes of awarding the scholarships:

3.1. Ranking for SAT/ACT score

One first ranking will be based on SAT/ACT scores. To create a single ranking, ACT scores will be converted to SAT scores as shown in the table available online at:

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/act-sat-concordance.html>

Benefits will be awarded in order of ranking, regardless of the degree course chosen by the candidate.

If two or more candidates have the same score, priority will be given to the youngest student.

When preparing the ranking, the Commission appointed by the competent University bodies will review the preliminary investigation of the Financial Aid Office and the applications received by the same Office according to the procedures described in this competition announcement. The final version of the ranking elaborated by the Financial Aid Office, will be validated by the above-mentioned Commission, composed of the Deputy Rector for Education and Dean Undergraduate School or his/her delegate, the Deputy Rector for Internationalization, and the Director of Academic Affairs.

Students awarded the scholarship will receive an email regarding the type of scholarship awarded, and how to accept it. Failure to accept the scholarship by the deadline indicated in the email will result in the scholarship's automatic revocation.

3.2. Ranking for IB grade

One second ranking will be based on IB grade, as declared in the application for the a.y. 2026/2027, for the purpose of admission.

For students with an IB diploma, the scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the stated provisional grade. Should the student obtain a lower final grade than the stated one but valid for the Luiss admission for the a.y. 2026/2027, the student's ranking will be adjusted on the basis of the actual grade achieved and the results of the competition will be recalculated; this may revoke the scholarship awarded on the basis of the stated provisional grade.

If, on the other hand, the student obtains a final IB grade higher than the stated one, the student's ranking will remain unchanged.

Benefits will be awarded in order of ranking, regardless of the degree course chosen by the candidate.

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4. Renewal of the Scholarship in Subsequent Years

The scholarship may be renewed for the entire standard duration of the degree programme on condition that the recipient student, by the end of the summer exam session of each year (July), has earned at least 70% of the ECTS credits required under their study plan for graduation purposes and also has a weighted average grade of not less than 27/30.

The end of the summer session is set annually by the University and does not include the months of August and of September.

5. Incompatibility

The aid envisaged by this competition is incompatible with other tuition fee waivers or scholarships held for any reason whatsoever, except for those awarded by Italian or foreign institutions designed to support, through periods abroad, a student's education for the academic years covered by this competition.

Should the student participate in an international mobility programme while remaining the holder of a scholarship during the period of study abroad, the student will not be able to benefit from the exemption if the host university does not have a mutual relationship with Luiss University. Therefore, all expenses inherent in participation in the mobility programme will have to be borne by the student.

6. Revocation

The aid envisaged by this competition will be revoked upon the occurrence of any one of the following:

- the student fails to enrol at Luiss University for the 2026/2027 academic year;
- the student enrolls as a repeat or off-track student;
- the student withdraws from the University (*rinuncia*);
- the student transfers to another university;
- the student no longer fulfils the requirements necessary for renewal, as specified in Article 4 above;
- the student fails to comply with the following Luiss codes: “Code of Ethics” and “Code of Conduct for the prevention and combating of discrimination as well as moral and sexual Harassment”.

7. Information and Clarification

Any requests for further information or clarification on the scholarships can be addressed to the Financial Aid Office by e-mailing financialaid@luiss.it

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