



Notice of selection for the award of "SMILE NOW" scholarships - Academic Year 2021/2022 - for university students who left Ukraine after 24.02.2022 as a result of the international war conflict.

### THE RECTOR

- HAVING REGARD TO the current University Statute issued by Rector's Decree no. 765 of 9 July 2019 and subsequent amendments and additions;
- HAVING REGARD TO Council Directive 2001/55/EC of 20 July 2001 on minimum standards for giving temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons granting temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons, and on measures promoting a balance of efforts between the EU Member States in receiving displaced persons and bearing the consequences of receiving them;
- HAVING REGARD TO the Implementing Decision of the Council of Europe, (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022 establishing the existence of a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine, under the Article 5 of Directive 2001/55/EC, which has the effect of introducing temporary protection for Ukrainian refugees throughout the Community;
- HAVING REGARD TO the University Teaching Regulations issued by Rector's Decree 696 of 13\_06\_2014 and amended by R.D. 570 of March 16, 2016;
- HAVING REGARD TO the Student Administrative Career Regulations, issued with Rector's Decree no. 1330 of 28.12.2020, and in particular Article 20 related to enrolment in single courses;
- HAVING REGARD TO the General Manifest of Studies for the academic year 2021/2022, issued by Rector's Decree 748/2021, and in particular Article 13 which provides that EU and non-EU citizens residing abroad, for whom the provisions issued annually by the University are applicable, may enrol in individual courses, activated at the Faculties of the University, applied provisions are issued annually by the Ministry;
- HAVING REGARD TO the MUR (Ministry of Universities and Research) circular of 29 April 2021 on procedures for the entry, residence and enrolment of international students and the related recognition of qualifications for academic courses of higher education in Italy for the academic year 2021/2022;
- HAVING REGARD TO the University Regulations on student contributions for the academic year 2021/2022, issued by Rector's Decree no. 729 of 01.07.2021, and in particular Article 19 which provides for exemption from payment of the annual all-inclusive contribution and exemption from payment of the registration fee for individual courses also for foreign students who have obtained the refugee status or have subsidiary or humanitarian protection;
- HAVING REGARD TO the resolution of 21.12.2021 with which the Board of Directors approved the international student mobility plan for the academic year 2021/2022 and provided 10 two-year SMILE NOW scholarships for the same number of foreign students, who intend to enrol for the academic year 2021/2022 in the first year of a Master's degree course at the University of Cagliari to promote international cooperation and the dissemination of knowledge of UNICA all over the world;
- CONSIDERED that the SMILE NOW grants, amounting to €6,250.00 per year, gross of taxes payable by the beneficiary, are offered to international students with a qualification obtained



abroad and coming from other non-Italian universities, with priority given to refugee students or students in difficult economic conditions;

CONSIDERED the note from the Minister for Universities and Research Maria Cristina Messa of March 11, 2022, in which she reminded universities of the government's active commitment to promoting the reception of those who are forced to leave the conflict areas, in order to facilitate their integration into our community, inviting them to undertake a series of actions aimed at this propose;

HAVING REGARD TO the Rector's Decree no. 291 of 17 March 2022 whereby, for the above-mentioned reasons, the Board of Directors' resolution of 21 December 2021 on the "**SMILE NOW**" international scholarship project was supplemented and it was established that Ukrainian university students who, as a result of the current war conflict, benefit from temporary protection within the European Union and those who intend to enrol in courses at any level or in individual courses offered by this University for the academic year 2021/2022, may apply for these scholarships;

CONSIDERED that the higher education system of Ukraine provides for eleven years of schooling;  
CONSIDERED that the beforementioned MUR circular on the enrolment of foreign students provides that, to enrol in degree courses, it is necessary to have twelve years of schooling and a certificate attesting to having passed the academic aptitude test that may be required for admission to the university of the country of origin;

CONSIDERED that article 20 of the Student Administrative Career Regulations and article 13 of the General Manifest of Studies state that to enrol on individual courses at this University, it is necessary to meet the same requirements as those laid down for enrolment on degree courses;

CONSIDERED that to allow Ukrainian students who do not satisfy the twelve years of schooling to enrol in single courses, also to be able to acquire the requirements for access to degree courses, it is necessary to derogate from the provisions of the aforementioned Article 20 of the Regulations for students' administrative careers and Article 13 of the General Manifest of Studies insofar as they provide for the same requirements for enrolment in single courses as for access to degree courses;  
RETAINED NECESSARY to derogate from the application deadlines set in Article 13 of the General Manifest of Studies for the submission of applications for enrolment on single courses, given the time needed to issue this notice;

CONSIDERED that students with eleven years of schooling will in any case be required to attend preparatory courses necessary to be able to enrol in degree courses in the following academic year;

CONSIDERED that the students who have been awarded Smile Now grants have the possibility of enrolling free of charge in the Italian language courses provided by this University in the period between June and August 2022;

CONSIDERED the availability in the 2022 budget of the following: unit of account for teaching projects didactics - student interventions - UA 00.01.06 - EU 00.01 - level 09.07.01.02.03 - project: DIDACTICS\_SMILE\_NOW;

HAVING EVALUATED that the circumstances indicated above constitute a situation of necessity and urgency which allows the Rector to adopt, under his responsibility, measures that are the



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responsibility of the competence of the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors,  
requesting their ratification in the session immediately following;  
all the other reasons of expediency and urgency;

## DECREES

### ART. 1 - Subject, amount, and duration of the scholarships

Selection procedure based on qualifications only, within the framework of the project called "SMILE NOW", is hereby launched, to award 10 two-year scholarships to university students with Ukrainian citizenship who, due to the ongoing war conflict, benefit from the following conditions in Italy:

- ✓ have applied for or hold a residence permit for temporary protection under the Italian and European legislation in force in the field of immigration following the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine since 24 February 2022 as defined by Decision CE 2022/382;
- ✓ are already enrolled in bachelor's or master's degree courses at universities based in Ukraine and intend to enrol in this University, having the right to do so, in single courses for the academic year 2021/2022.

The above-mentioned students may be enrolled for the academic year 2021/2022 in individual courses at this university, even if they have not completed twelve years of schooling and do not possess the academic certificate attesting to having passed all the exams required for the first year of university studies in Ukraine, by way of derogation from the provisions of Article 20 of the Student Administrative Career Regulations and Article 13 of the General Manifest of Studies, insofar as they provide for the same requirements for enrolment in single courses as for access to degree courses, provided that they attend Italian courses and any preparatory courses necessary to be able to enrol in degree courses offered by this University for the academic year 2022/2023. a. 2022/2023.

In addition, the beforementioned students, by way of derogation from the deadlines set in article 13 of the General Study Manifesto for the submission of applications for enrolment on individual courses for the academic year 2021/2022, may submit applications for enrolment in the mentioned courses by **01.06.2022** in consideration of the time required to issue the present call.

The period of benefitting from the **SMILE NOW** grants runs from **June 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023**; their renewal will start on **April 1, 2023**.

The grant is paid monthly as follows:

- the first year (€ 6,250.00 in 10 months, gross of taxes);
- the second year (€ 6,250.00 in 10 months, gross of taxes) referring to the 2022/2023 academic year, when the following conditions are satisfied:
  - the residence permit for temporary protection is confirmed;
  - students enrolled in the academic year 2021/2022 in single courses at this University have attended and passed the profit tests for single courses, Italian courses and, if necessary, the preparatory courses and have enrolled in the academic year 2022/2023 in a course of study at this University.



“SMILE NOW” scholarship students will be exempt from paying university fees and taxes, and will only have to pay stamp duty and, if required, the regional tax for the right to study. This exemption is also provided for the following year (2022/2023) for all those who are eligible for the second year of the scholarship.

To awarded students, the support of services listed below will be guaranteed:

- ✓ participation in Italian L2 courses, offered free of charge by the University Centre for Italian to foreigners (CIS);
- ✓ enrolment in single courses for the 2021/2022 academic year and free participation in the preparatory course necessary for enrolment in degree courses.

### **ART. 2 - Incompatibility**

The study grant in question cannot be used with the following other benefits:

- grants awarded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- grants awarded by the CRUI for students with international protection status;
- scholarships awarded by the ERSU of Cagliari;
- any scholarships granted by other institutions, based on agreements with the University of Cagliari, aimed at supporting the enrolment of international students (e.g. FORMED, AICS).

### **ART. 3 -Requirements for admission to the selection**

In order to participate in the competition, the following requirements must be met, under penalty of exclusion, on the expiry date of the competition notice (**May 18, 2022**):

students with Ukrainian citizenship, who are already enrolled in undergraduate or master's degree programmes at universities located in Ukraine and who have left Ukraine as a result of the recent emergency, as of 24.02.2022, may apply for the “SMILE NOW” scholarship.

### **ART. 4 - Submission of the application**

Applicants must submit, under penalty of exclusion, the following documents:

1. the application form, duly completed by the attached model (Annex 1), which forms an integral part of this notice;
2. copy of a valid identity document;
3. copy of the request for temporary protection submitted by the Ukrainian student at the competent police station based on the applicant's place of residence;
4. a certificate, issued by the university of origin, documenting the possession of the qualification necessary for admission to the chosen course of study or, if the applicant does not possess it, an equivalent document;
5. the list of exams passed with the relative grades.

**All the documents submitted must be in English or Italian.**



The application must be submitted from the day of publication of the present decree until **18.05.2022**, by sending all the documents to the following e-mail address: **foreignstudents@unica.it**, specifying the subject: **Project “SMILE NOW UCRAINA”**.

#### ART. 5 - The selection process

The ranking list will be drawn up by the Commission, composed of the following members:

- ✓ Prof. Alessandra Carucci, Pro-Rector for Internationalisation, *Commission President*;
- ✓ Prof. Giorgio Giacinto, Coordinator LM Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence, *Member*;
- ✓ Prof. Christian Rossi, Coordinator LM for International Relations, *Member*;
- ✓ a representative staff of the Student Mobility Sector for the Directorate Didactics and Orientation acting as secretary to the minutes.

The evaluation of the documentation will be carried out by the Selection Committee based on the following criteria:

- academic background and average exams (score: 0-15)
- evaluation of the C.V.: professional experience and personal skills (score 0-15)
- personal motivation and coherence between previous studies and the choice of study course (score: 0-10).

In the absence of the required documents, being people fleeing from the war conflict, an interview with the candidates will be carried out by the members of the **“SMILE NOW UCRAINA”** Selection Committee. The candidates will be asked, based on the specificity of the educational proposal and the relative conditions of access, to clarify the contents and the learning outcomes of the previous study programmes, information about texts used and exams, the study method of the institution of origin and the projects carried out during the former study period.

In this case, only marks relating to personal motivation and coherence between previous studies and the choice of course of study will be awarded (score: 0-40).

Candidates who do not reach the minimum score of 21/40 will not be included in the final ranking. Priority will be given to the youngest candidate.

The lists of successful candidates and those eligible under the reserve list will be published by May 31, 2022, on the following website: [https://www.unica.it/unica/it/ateneo\\_s04\\_ss020.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/it/ateneo_s04_ss020.page)  
The winners will be notified about the awarding of the scholarship by e-mail.

#### ART. 6 - Acceptance and modalities of assignment and maintenance of the study grant

Within the peremptory term of 7 days from the date of notification about the awarding, scholarship holders must send, by e-mail to [foreignstudents@unica.it](mailto:foreignstudents@unica.it) a declaration of acceptance of the SMILE NOW scholarship under the conditions established in this selection notice without reservation, under penalty of forfeiture. In this declaration, the beneficiary of the scholarship must also give explicit assurance, under his/her responsibility, that he/she will not be subject to the incompatibilities



provided by art. 2 of the present call and shall undertake to communicate any changes that may occur in the current calendar year 2022 concerning what has been previously declared.

Grant recipients will receive detailed information on the scholarship and related benefits by email, provided they meet the deadlines and requirements.

Payment of the grants will be made by UNICA prepaid card with Italian IBAN, to the beneficiary student. The scholarship and the related benefits may be suspended if the student does not attend classes, is not tracked down for more than a week by the teachers and/or the staff of UNICA and has left the study centre without any valid justification.

#### **ART. 7 - Renounce the scholarship**

Renounce of the grant must be communicated by e-mail to the following address:  
[foreignstudents@unica.it](mailto:foreignstudents@unica.it)

#### **ART. 8 - Processing of personal data and person in charge of the procedure**

The University of Cagliari is the controller of personal data, following the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of individuals regarding the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data and with the Italian legislation in force. The information on data processing is published on the website: [https://www.unica.it/unica/it/utility\\_privacy.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/it/utility_privacy.page).

The data are processed in the first instance and for the fulfilment following the end of the competition procedure by the staff of the Student Mobility Sector for the Directorate for Didactics and Orientation of this University.

The right of access to the acts of the competition procedure may be exercised by candidates who have an interest in the protection of relevant legal situations. The Administration has the right to postpone, employing a reasoned decision, the exercise of access to the competition procedure at the end of the procedure if it considers that it may constitute a cause of serious delay, irregularity, impediment or obstacle to the competition procedures in progress.

The person in charge of the procedure, under Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, is the official responsible for the Student Mobility Sector/Erasmus Office, Anna Maria Aloï, who may be contacted by e-mail at the following address: [erasmus@unica.it](mailto:erasmus@unica.it)

Appeal against this measure may be lodged with the Regional Administrative Tribunal with territorial jurisdiction within 60 (sixty) days of knowledge of the publication, following the procedures set out in Legislative Decree no. 104 of July 2, 2010. For citizens residing in a European State other than Italy, the beforementioned term is increased by 30 (thirty) days. For citizens residing outside of Europe, the same term is increased by 90 (ninety) days. Alternatively, you may lodge an extraordinary appeal with the President of the Republic, according to Presidential Decree no. 1199 of November 24, 1971, within 120 (one hundred and twenty) days of the same deadline.



The Administration reserves the right to carry out checks on the truthfulness of the declarations. Without prejudice to the criminal sanctions provided for by art. 76 of DPR 445/2000, if the check reveals that the content of the declaration is not true, the declarant will lose the grant.

#### ART. 9 - Transitional rules

The present measure shall be ratified at the next relevant meetings of the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors for the parts concerning the following exceptions:

- waiving of article 20 Student Administrative Career Regulations and article 13 Manifesto degli Studi, insofar as they provide for the same requirements for enrolment in single courses as for access to degree courses;
- waiving from the deadlines laid down in Article 13 of the Manifesto degli Studi for the presentation of the application for enrolment in single courses, given the timeframe within this call for applications was issued

Variations to the present notice will be promptly communicated on the Erasmus+ page of the University website: [https://www.unica.it/unica/it/ateneo\\_s04\\_ss11.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/it/ateneo_s04_ss11.page)

Section: "all notices of the student mobility sector (ISMOKA)".

HAVING REGARD

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The Rector  
Francesco Mola  
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