CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL TALENTS @UNINA - SFS

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

MASTER DEGREE IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS (SFS)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30th 2024

Art. 1 Announcement

The Department of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II, in the framework of the Italian Funding Program "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" - Project funded "Center for futuRE SusTainable AgRifood sysTems (RESTART)" CUP E63C22003650006, invites international students to enroll in the Master degree Course for the academic year 2024-25 offering them scholarships, as approved by the Departmental Board, meeting n. 6 held on July 25th, 2024.

Scholarships will be awarded to students who will enroll in the 2-years Master degree Course in Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) – entirely taught in English at the Department of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II.

Art. 2 - Requirements for admission

Applicants must be foreign citizens holding a Bachelor's degree, including a Degree awarded according to the Italian Law prior to Italian Ministerial Decree n. 509/1999, or a three-year Degree awarded according the Italian Ministerial Decrees n. 509/1999 and n. 270/2004 and following, or other equivalent degree awarded abroad. The Course is open access, but it is necessary to meet the minimum curricular requirements and adequate personal preparation as reported at www.en.agraria.unina.it/sfs ("how to enroll" section).

In order to enroll in SFS, applicants must also have a good command of the English language (B2 level). **Ten one-year scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants enrolling in the first year of the Master Degree Program.**

Art. 3 – Application submission

Applications must be emailed to sfs.scholarship@unina.it **by September 30th, 2024,** along with the following documents enclosed in a single pdf file:

1. Application form (see Annex 1);
2. Curriculum Vitae (see Annex 2);
3. Official transcript of their undergraduate degree, displaying the final grade (if applicable), the list of exams taken and their grades. If certificates are written in a language different from Italian or English, a certified English translation must also be provided. Not yet graduated applicants can proceed with the enrollment, but they must send a statement showing that the official transcript, or its translation, will be provided **by September 30th, 2024,** date on which the applicant must be graduated;

4. A certificate of knowledge of written and spoken English (B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, e.g. TOEFL, First Cambridge Certificate, Proficiency in English, IELTS or equivalent). Applicants who already have a certificate at the B2 level can enclose a copy to the application. Alternatively, applicants must take a placement exam organized by the Department of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II in dates that will be made available through the Course's website (www.en.agraria.unina.it/sfs). Placement exams are also available as online tests upon request. Those who pass the exam will have the opportunity to enroll, while those who fail it will have the opportunity to take a 30-hour enhancement course (at the Department of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II) with a final exam at the end of the enhancement course;

5. Motivation letter (one page, no more than 2.000 characters, space included);

6. Passport scan.

Deadline for the application submission is September 30th, 2024 - 5 P.M. CET (Central European Time).

All information regarding the selection procedure will be notified on the University Website in the section "Scholarships" at the link www.unina.it/en_GB/didattica/opportunita-studenti/borse-di-studio, on its Official Noticeboard at the link www.unina.it, and on the Course website www.en.agraria.unina.it/sfs ("important dates" section, at the bottom of the landing page).

This posting will represent official notification to the candidates.

Art. 4 - Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be formed by three members of the Department of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II. In case the fund is not completely fulfilled after the first allocation, the Committee is authorized to publish a second (and, if needed, a third) Call for Applications.

The composition of the aforementioned Committee will be notified in a published notice on the University Website in the section "Scholarships" at the link www.unina.it/en_GB/didattica/opportunita-studenti/borse-di-studio, on its Official Noticeboard at the link www.unina.it, and on the Course website www.en.agraria.unina.it/sfs ("how to enroll" section).

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Art. 5 - Assessment of qualifications

The Selection Committee will award each applicant up to 100 points based on the following criteria:

1. Bachelor's degree final grade and/or final assessment
2. Transcript of records
3. English proficiency
4. Motivation letter

5. Other titles (summer schools, internships, etc.)

Each scholarship applicant will be ranked according to their total score. The ranking of qualified candidates will include those who received a minimum score of 50 and it will be published on the University Website in the section "Scholarships" at the link www.unina.it/en_GB/didattica/opportunita-studenti/borse-di-studio, on its Official Noticeboard at the link www.unina.it, and on the Course website www.en.agraria.unina.it/sfs, starting from **October 15th, 2024**. This posting will represent official notification to the candidates.

Art. 6 – Successful applicants' obligations

Successful applicants will have to communicate the acceptance of the scholarships to the following email address: sfs.scholarship@unina.it **not later than November 11th, 2024.**
If the confirmation of acceptance will be not received within the deadline, or in case of withdrawals received by November 11th, 2024, the scholarships will be awarded to the next suitable applicants in the list. This University will notify the updated ranking list on the University Website, on its Official Noticeboard and on the Course website, after November 11th, 2024.

Art. 7 –Scholarships and tuition fees

The successful applicant will receive a scholarship for the total amount of 6,000 euro (gross amount) in two instalments as indicated in the contract, including all taxes borne by the beneficiary. The resulting IRAP will be paid by the Department of Agricultural Sciences based on current Italian tax legislation.
Applicants who will not obtain VISA and, therefore, will not be able to enroll for the course, will not retain any entitlement on the scholarship for the current and subsequent academic years.
The scholarship recipient is required to sign a contract at the Head of the Department's Office located in Portici (Naples), Piazza Carlo di Borbone, 1 – Royal Palace, 1st floor. The scholarship amount and the payment methods will be indicated in the contract.
Tuition fees are waved for foreign citizens, but taxes (regional tax on higher education and stamp duty) need to be paid separately. The amount will be communicated at the enrollment.
All recipients are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and health care provision arrangements. They will receive assistance with all administrative procedures (visa procedures, permit of stay request, bank account opening, etc.) by ISU, the International Students' Union (International Welcome Desk www.isu-services.it/it/universities/universita-degli-studi-di-napoli-federico-ii). To receive the scholarship, recipients must hold a checking account in the euro area.
At the time of official enrollment, all foreign students must provide a certificate (named "dichiarazione di valore") issued by the Italian consular authorities as a recognition of academic qualifications.

For any further information please visit the Course's website www.en.agraria.unina.it/sfs or please contact: infosfs@unina.it.

ART. 8 – Incompatibility

The scholarship cannot be combined with any other scholarships/awards provided for the same purpose by the University of Naples Federico II.

ART. 9 – Privacy and information on personal data

Personal data will be processed for the performance of Institutional activities according to the principles of lawfulness, in compliance with Italian Legislative Decree no. 33/2013 and subsequent amendments, and in accordance with the Privacy policy for participants in the University's competitive selection procedures, available at www.unina.it (section "Privacy"). In accordance with the art. 13 of the EU Regulation 679/2016, the personal data collected will be processed for the purposes of the procedure for which they are released and will be used exclusively for this purpose and in any case within the Institutional activities of the University, in compliance with the provisions of the Regulation of the University of Naples Federico II regarding the processing of personal data, in accordance with the Code on the protection of personal data, Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 integrated and amended by Legislative Decree no. 101/2018.

The data controller is the University of Naples Federico II, in the persons of the Rector and the General Manager, in relation to their skills. Exclusively for problems concerning the non-compliant processing of personal data is possible to contact the Data Controller or the Data Protection Officer to their contact details available on the University website www.unina.it/ateneo/statuto-e-normativa/privacy

The concerned parties have the rights refereed to the articles 15-22 of the aforementioned EU regulation. The complete information related to the collection of the personal data processed is reported on the aforementioned link.

Art. 10 – Responsible for the administrative procedure

Pursuant to Law no. 241/90 and subsequent amendments and additions, and the University Regulations on administrative procedures, the person in charge of this administrative procedure is Maria La Sala, MD MA – Department of Agricultural Sciences –Piazza Carlo di Borbone, 1 Portici (Naples) - Royal Palace, 1st floor, next door to the Head of the Department's Office - e-mail: sfs.scholarship@unina.it.

ART. 11 – Resolution of disputes

This Call is translated into English for dissemination purposes only. For the application and resolution of any disputes the place of arbitration is Naples.

Portici (Naples-Italy)
July 26th, 2024

Head of Department
Prof. Danilo Ercolini
(Digitally signed)

DANILO ERCOLINI
Firmato digitalmente da DANILO ERCOLINI

Annex 1: Application form
Annex 2: Curriculum Vitae

Annex 1

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<u>APPLICATION FORM</u>

The undersigned

_____

(indicate last name and first name)

APPLIES

for the **one-year scholarship for foreign students'** program offered by the Department of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II for the academic year _____ / _____

1) PERSONAL DATA

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Place of Birth _____

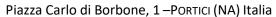Date of Birth _____

Country _____

Passport No. _____

2) EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Undergraduate degree in _____

Name of the University: _____

Address of the University (city and country): _____

Official duration of the program (in years): _____

Time for graduation: years _____ months _____

From: month_____year _____   To: month_____year _____

Final Grade\GPA obtained: _____

Official language: _____

3) CONTACTS

Phone no. (including country code): _____

Mobile no. (including country code): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home address: _____

Street name and number: _____

Zip code _____ City/Province/Region: _____ ___

Country: _____ _____

(Changes in address should be immediately communicated)

4) ATTACHMENTS:

- Curriculum Vitae (see Annex 2);

- Official transcript of applicant undergraduate degree, displaying the final grade (if applicable), the list of exams taken and their grades. If certificates are written in a language different from Italian or English, a certified English translation is also attached. Not yet graduated applicants can proceed with the enrollment, but applicant must also attach a statement showing that the official transcript, or its translation, will be provided by the date indicated in the Call, date on which the applicant must be graduated;

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Date _____   Signature

Annex 2

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<u>CURRICULUM VITAE</u>

Personal data

Last name	
First name	
Middle name	
Birth date	
Birthplace	
Citizenship	
Postal Address	
Email address	
Phone number	
Mobile phone number	

Grade Point Average (GPA) of Bachelor and other degrees (up to 3)

Degree	University, Country	Course title	GPA*	Reference GPA^
Master				
Bachelor				

* GPA is the weighted average of all exam grades obtained during the study

^ Maximum score that can be obtained for the GPA (for example, in Italy this is 30).

Total duration of academic studies (please refer only to the Bachelor degree)

Date of graduation		actual ___ or expected ___
Time for graduation	Years: _____	Months: _____
Official duration of studies	Years _____	
Career breaks, if any (e.g., health issues, national service, maternity/paternity leaves). *Indicate total time*	Years _____	Months _____

Time abroad <u>DURING</u> University studies (e.g., Erasmus, Time, thesis, etc.). Up to 5

Starting date	Duration (months)	Description	Institution, Country

<u>Relevant</u> work experience <u>AFTER</u> graduation (internship periods, employment). Up to 3

Starting date	Duration (months)	Description	Institution, Country

Scientific awards, research grants, scholarships (relevant to the Curriculum). Up to 3

Date	Description	Institution, Country

Other information relevant for the current application

Relevant scientific publications. Up to 3

Type Journal, Conference, Patent, Other (e.g., book chapter)	ISI-Scopus reference or indicate any other database	Bibliographical information Including a DOI if available**

**For accepted manuscripts, provide the DOI.

VISA and Resident Permit Information

	VISA	Resident Permit
Requested/Not requested		
Received/Not received		
Other (Specify)		

Date _____ Signature