

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
CALL FOR APPLICANTS-SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
Master Degree in SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS
Academic year 2023/24

Art. 1 Announcement

The Department of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II (UNINA), within the Program “Dipartimenti di Eccellenza”, invites applicants for its scholarship programme for the academic year 2023-24 as established by the Departmental Board, meeting n. 4 held on June 26th, 2023. Scholarships will be awarded to up to 10 graduate students who enroll in the 2-year Master programme in Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) -entirely taught in English - offered by the Department of Agricultural Sciences.

Art. 2 - Requirements for admission

Applicants must hold a Bachelor’s degree, including a degree awarded according to the system prior to Italian Ministerial Decree 509/1999, or a three-year University Diploma or other equivalent degree awarded abroad. The course is open access, but it is necessary to meet the minimum curricular requirements and be in possession of adequate personal preparation as reported at <https://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). Ten two-years scholarships will be awarded.

Art. 3 – Application submission

Applications must be emailed to infosfs@unina.it together with the following documents in a .pdf file (preferably, a single file):

1. Application form (see Annex 1);
2. Curriculum Vitae (see Annex 2);
3. Official transcript of his/her 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 attached. Not yet graduated applicants can proceed with the enrollment, but he/she must send a statement that the official transcript, or its translation, will be provided **by October 31st 2023**, date on which the applicant must be graduated;
4. A certificate of good working knowledge (B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) of written and spoken English (e.g. TOEFL, First Cambridge Certificate, Proficiency in English, IELTS or equivalent). Applicants who already have a certificate at the B2 level can deliver a copy attached to the application. Alternatively, applicants must take a placement exam at the CLA (University Language Center at University of Naples Federico II) in one of the dates that will be made available through the course’s website (<https://www.en.agraria.unina.it/sfs>). Placements exams are also available as online tests. Those who pass the exam will have the opportunity to enroll, while those who fail 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 English enhancement course;
5. Motivation letter (one page, no more than 2.000 characters, space included);

6. Passport scan.

Applicants must provide a postal address, an e-mail address and a phone number, where they will receive information regarding the selection procedure. The Department will not be responsible for communication problems connected to an incorrect address or phone number. Please note that according to Italian Law false statements are punishable.

Deadline for application submission is September 30th 2023, 5 P.M. (Central Eastern Time).

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 Applicants.

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 applicants will be ranked according to their total score. The ranking of qualified candidates will include those who receive a minimum score of 50 and will be published on the University's website in the section "Prizes and scholarships for enrolled students" and on the website <https://www.en.agraria.unina.it/sfs> starting from **October 15th 2023**. This posting will represent official notification to the candidates.

Art. 6 – Winners' obligations

Winners will have to communicate the acceptance of the scholarship to the following email addresses infosfs@unina.it no later than **October 30th 2023**.

Art. 7 - Tuition fees and scholarship

Candidates can expect scholarships of 12,000 euro (6,000 euro per year) in two instalments:

- 50% after the enrolment of the recipient in the first year, subject to submission of an enrolment certificate;
- 50% after the enrolment of the recipient in the second year, subject to submission of an enrolment certificate. In order to receive the second instalment, the student must have successfully passed no less than 28 university credits (CFU).

Tuition fees are waived for foreign citizens but taxes need to be paid separately and amount to €156,00 (a regional tax on higher education and stamp duty).

All recipients are responsible for their own travel 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 Student Union. To receive the scholarship,

recipients must hold a checking account in the euro area.

At the time of official enrolment, all foreign students must provide a certificate (dichiarazione di valore) issued by the Italian consular authorities as a recognition of academic qualifications.

For any further information please contact infosfs@unina.it

Portici (Naples-Italy), July 27, 2023

Department Head
Prof. Danilo Ercolini

Annex 1

UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES FEDERICO II

Department of Agricultural Sciences

CALL FOR APPLICANTS – SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Application form

The undersigned

_____ *(indicate last name and first name)*

APPLIES

for the **two-year scholarship for foreign students** programme 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 programme (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 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;
- 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). Alternatively, applicants must provide a personal declaration that they will be able to take the placement exam at the CLA (University Language Center at University of Naples Federico II) in one of the dates that will be made available through the course's website (<https://www.en.agraria.unina.it/sfs>), and/or 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 English enhancement course;
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Date _____

Signature

CURRICULUM VITAE**Personal data**

Last name	
First name	
Middle name	
Birth date	
Birthplace	
Citizenship	
Address	

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

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

* 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). <i>Indicate total time</i>	Years _____	Months _____	

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

Starting date	Duration (months)	Description	Institution, country

Relevant work experience AFTER 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.*

Date _____

Signature