

Call for applications for 9 scholarships awarded by Nuova Ompi S.r.l. for the Academic Programmes in Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies [CT7], Engineering Physics [CT8], Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies [CM7] and Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials [CM14]

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

A.Y. 2023/2024

The Director of the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems

HAVING REGARD TO the Statute of Ca' Foscari University of Venice;

HAVING REGARD TO the University Educational Regulations;

HAVING REGARD TO the University Regulations for the awarding of scholarships, study awards and incentives for enrolment and specific educational activities;

HAVING REGARD TO the Regulations of the Academic Programmes;

HAVING REGARD TO the Agreement entered by the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems and Nuova Ompi S.r.l for the establishment of the joint research laboratory called Materials Science Hub (MaSH - Giovanni Stevanato), aimed at fostering the study and characterisation of the properties of materials - primarily glass - and their subsequent modification following industrial treatments, interaction with drugs and environmental factors (rep. no. 332/2023 prot. no. 255134 III-14 13/11/2023), and providing funding for:

- 3 three-year sponsored scholarships of € 3,000.00 each (€ 1,000.00/year) for Bachelor's Degree students in Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies and Engineering Physics for the a.y. 2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026

- 3 two-year sponsored scholarships of € 2,000.00 each (€ 1,000.00/year) for Master's degree students in Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies for the a.y.2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027

- 3 two-year sponsored scholarships of € 2,000.00 each (€ 1,000.00/year) for Master's degree students in Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials for the a.y. 2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027;

HAVING CONSIDERED the University's commitment to encourage female students to take up STEM disciplines within the scope of the LEI - Leadership, Energy, Entrepreneurship project;

HAVING REGARD TO the Decree of the Director of the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems rep. No. 617/2024 Prot n. 169974 on 08/07/2024 authorising the selection procedures for 9 scholarships awarded by Nuova Ompi S.r.l. for the Academic Programmes in Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies [CT7], Engineering Physics [CT8], Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies [CM7] and Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials [CM14] - Ca' Foscari University of Venice - A.Y. 2023/2024;

DECLARES

Art. 1 - Number and amount of scholarships

For the academic year 2023/2024 and with funding provided by the agreement establishing the Joint Research Laboratory MaSH - Giovanni Stevanato, of Nuova Ompi S.r.l., the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems (DSMN) of Ca' Foscari University of Venice announces a selection for the awarding of:

- 3 three-year scholarships, gross amount € 1,000.00 per year (total amount for each scholarship: € 1,000.00 × 3 years = € 3,000.00) for students who in the academic year 2023/2024 are enrolled in the first year of the degree programmes in Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies [CT7] or Engineering Physics [CT8]
- 3 two-year scholarships, gross amount € 1,000.00 per year (total amount for each scholarship: € 1,000.00 × 2 years = € 2,000.00) for students who in the academic year 2023/2024 are enrolled in the first year of the Master's degree programme in Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies [CM7]
- 3 two-year scholarships, gross amount € 1,000.00 per year (total amount for each scholarship: € 1,000.00 × 2 years = € 2,000.00) for students who in the academic year 2023/2024 are enrolled in the first year of the Master's degree programme in Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials [CM14]

The scholarship ranking is based on merit (weighted average of exams, motivational letter and interview), and payment is subject to specific university career requirements.

The scholarships fall within the scope of the actions provided for by the partnership agreement entered by the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems and Nuova Ompi S.r.l. to establish MaSH—Giovanni Stevanato Joint Research Laboratory. The initiative promotes student enrolment in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) academic programmes.

Three available scholarships, one for each type, are reserved for deserving female students enrolled in a STEM academic programme offered by the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems. Recent research shows that significantly fewer girls and women than men are enrolled in STEM degree programmes nationally and internationally. To increase the representation of women in STEM, particularly in technology and engineering, action needs to be taken on various aspects, primarily social and educational.

If one or more reserved scholarships are not awarded to female students in this category, the scholarships will be considered vacant and awarded to the candidates with the best ranking.

The Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems, where the above-mentioned Academic Programmes are taught, welcomes Nuova Ompi's initiative. This is also in light of the University's commitment to promoting STEM disciplines for young female students as part of the LEI **Leadership, Energy, Entrepreneurship** project— (www.unive.it/lei).

Art. 2 – Application Requirements

1. The call for applications is open to students who in the 2023/2024 academic year are enrolled in the first year of one of the following academic programmes:
 - Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies [CT7]
 - Engineering Physics [CT8]
 - Sustainable Chemistry and Technologies [CM7]
 - Science and Technology of Bio and Nanomaterials [CM14]
2. The application requirements may vary depending on the academic programme where applicants are enrolled, as specified in Annex A.
3. Applicants must not hold another first or second-level degree (under the old or new Italian University regulations) obtained in Italy or abroad, a diploma issued by a Conservatory/Academy of Fine Arts or an Italian diploma issued under Ministerial Decree 508/1999.

Art. 3 - Submission of applications

To participate in the selection, recipients described in Art. 2 above **must**:

1. Submit their application **using the online procedure** specified in Annex A **by 12:00h (Italian time) on 30/09/2024**.
2. Candidates must attach to the application, **in pdf format**:
 - a) A copy of a valid identity document (front/back);
 - b) A motivational letter explaining why they chose their specific academic programme;
 - c) *Curriculum vitae et studiorum*;
 - d) If the candidate is enrolled in a Degree Programme: Self-declaration of enrolment in the Degree Programme and a list of all their exams and grades;
 - e) If the candidate is enrolled in a Master's Degree Programme: Self-declaration of enrolment in the Master's Degree Programme and a list of all their exams and grades

Please note that applications and attachments submitted in any other way will not be accepted.

3. When they apply, candidates agree to participate in the competition and to the processing of their data, including any communication to Nuova Ompi S.r.l. (limited to the transfer of the relevant annual amounts).
4. Applications that are: a) received after the deadline; b) incomplete or incorrect; c) not sent via the required online procedure; d) containing untrue declarations will be automatically excluded.

Art. 4 - Admission to the interview

1. In each selection, as per Annex A, the first six ranking candidates in the evaluation of qualifications (weighted average of exams and motivational letter) are admitted to the interview as per Art. 6. If more than one student obtains the same score as the sixth ranking candidate, they will all be admitted to the interview.
2. The list of students admitted to the interview will be published on the programme site > Enrol > Stevanato Group scholarships within 10 days of the application deadline, together with any other necessary information. Any delays in the publication of the ranking will be announced on the same web page.

Art. 5 – Evaluation Panel

1. The selection will be carried out by a Panel appointed for this purpose by the Director of the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems with a subsequent provision. The Panel will be composed of faculty from the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems and one or more members of Nuova Ompi.

Art. 6 - Interview

1. The Panel referred to in Art. 5 will engage admitted candidates in a motivational interview and discussion of their curriculum vitae, which will take place on the date, time and place indicated in the notice, also containing the ranking (as specified in Art. 4).

Art. 7 - Ranking

1. The Panel referred to in Article 5 shall draw up the ranking based on merit, with one list for each section, as indicated in Annexe A. Results will be expressed in thirtieths, divided as follows:
 - Weighted average of grades from exams taken by the 2024 January-February exam dates:
max 6 points
 - Motivational letter explaining the reasons for enrolling in a specific academic programme:
max 12 points
 - Interview: **max 12 points**
2. Scholarships will be awarded to the top-ranking candidates (there will be the same number of winners and scholarships); all candidates who pass both tests will be considered for assessment.
3. Within a few days after the interviews and the end of the selection procedure, the ranking will be published on the programme site > Enrol > Stevanato Group scholarships as specified in the notice with the calendar of the oral interviews (art. 4).

Art. 8 Appointment of the winners

1. The director of the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems needs to approve the resulting ranking and appoint the winners. The selected candidates must submit a declaration of acceptance of the scholarship within 7 days of the publication of the selection results. Failure to do so may result in the candidate's exclusion from the scholarship.

The Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems reserves the right to verify the truthfulness of the data.

2. If one or more successful candidates waive, even after the deadline described in this article, the scholarships shall be awarded to another eligible candidate (s) according to ranking.
3. If winners do not meet the conditions set out in Article 9 for receiving the scholarships, the latter will be awarded to other candidates according to ranking as long as they meet these conditions and acknowledge that they accept the scholarship.

Art. 9– Payment of the scholarship and how not to lose it

1. The payment of the scholarship set out with this call will be awarded to the winning candidate or any students taking over under art. 7 above and enrolled in the Academic Programmes of Ca' Foscari University of Venice covered by this call for applications.
2. The payment will be issued by the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems for an annual gross amount of € 1,000.00. The scholarship amount is subject to the tax regulations in force.
3. The scholarship will be paid in annual instalments. Details are laid out in Annex A.
4. To receive the second instalment of the scholarship, students must have regularly paid all university fees and contributions required by the University for the academic year 2024/2025.
5. In the event that one or more winners waive their right to receive an instalment on account of other incompatible scholarships, transfer to another university, interruption of studies, etc., they shall lose the right to receive said instalment and shall not be required to reimburse any instalments already received.
6. The instalment or instalments that have not been awarded due to a waiver may be so, by scrolling the ranking to the first of the eligible candidates who meets the requirements.
7. In the event that one or more winners do not achieve the minimum number of credits or the weighted average required for an instalment, they shall lose the right to receive said instalment.
8. The single instalment not awarded due to a failure to meet the requirements may be so, by scrolling the ranking to the first of the eligible candidates who meets the requirements.
9. Any unawarded instalment may be granted to the student who obtains the highest average for the academic year in question.
10. Payment of the scholarship instalments will be made only through Ca' Foscari CartaConto according to the schedule in Annex A.

Art. 10 Person in charge of the procedure

1. Under the provisions of Art. 5 of Law no. 241 of 07/08/1990, as amended, the person in charge of the procedure for this selection is the Department Executive Officer - Ms Sonia Barizza.
2. For further information, please get in touch with the Departmental Secretary Office of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems (tel. 041 234 8688 / 8509 - e-mail: didattica.dsmn@unive.it).

Article 11 Data management

The data manager of the candidates' data is Ca' Foscari University of Venice, address Venice, Dorsoduro no. 3246, represented by the *pro tempore* Rector (protocollo@pec.unive.it). The University has a Data Protection Officer (DPO), who can be contacted by e-mail at dpo@unive.it.

The personal data collected will be processed, also by using computer tools, in compliance with the principles set out in Article 5 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) exclusively within the scope of the procedure for the award of the scholarships referred to in this call for applications and other activities strictly related to it. The data will be kept for the duration of this call for applications (a.y. 2023/2024) and the following two years. The legal basis for such processing is Article 6.1.e) ("performance of a task carried out in the public interest or the exercise of public authority").

When strictly necessary, the personal data of successful candidates will also be shared with the company financing the scholarships, Nuova Ompi S.r.l., which will process such data as an independent data controller according to the principles set out in Article 5 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR), exclusively to report and promote the initiative. The data may also be shared with the Ministry of Education, University and Research in aggregate form and for statistical purposes.

Agreeing to share one's data for the purposes indicated above (including communication to Nuova Ompi S.r.l.) is compulsory for participation in this call for applications. Refusal to provide such data will result in exclusion.

Data subjects, in their capacity as interested parties, are entitled to be informed about their data, their content and source; to request access, rectify or delete them; to request their limitation or to object to their processing; and to lodge a complaint with the Italian Data Protection Authority. To exercise these rights, please get in touch with the University DPO at the following e-mail address: protocollo@pec.unive.it

Art. 13 Final Provisions and Information

This call for applications will be publicised on the programme site > Enrol > Stevanato Group scholarships, on the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems website (www.unive.it/dsmn), and other University communication channels, as well as on various communication channels selected by Nuova Ompi.

Issues not covered by this call for application are subject to the legislation in force.

Mestre (VE), 15/07/2024

The Director of the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems

Professor Maurizio Selva

(Signed digitally, under art.24 of Legislative decree 82/2005 (CAD, Digital Administration Code) as amended and supplemented)

ENDORSED BY: THE HEAD OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

THE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Ms Sonia Barizza

Annex A - Eligibility requirements