

Public selection for admission to the Master's Degree in

Agrifood Innovation Management

Class LM - 69 R

Academic year 2026/2027

(English translation)

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Art. 1 Purpose of this Admission Call

- 1. The University of Trento announces a public selection based on qualifications and interview, in order to select students for admission to the first year of the Master's Degree Programme in Agrifood Innovation Management for the academic year 2026/2027. The Master's in Agrifood Innovation Management is offered by the Center Agriculture Food Environment of the University of Trento. Entry is restricted to 10¹ positions reserved for non-European citizens living abroad as defined in Note 1 of this announcement.
 - It is essential to carefully read **Note 1** of this announcement and verify which category you belong to in order to proceed correctly with the subsequent steps
- 2. The official language of the course is English.

Art. 2 Admission Requirements

- 1. Applications are accepted to the selection process from non-European citizens living outside Italy as per the definition given in **Note 1** and who satisfy the following requirements:
- i. a bachelor's degree of at least 3 years duration awarded in Italy belonging to the following classes:
 - L-25 Agricultural and forestry sciences and technologies (ex D.M. 270/04 or class 20 ex D.M. 509/99)
 - L-26 Food sciences and technologies (ex D.M. 270/04 or class 20 ex D.M. 509/99)
- ii. if the Bachelor degree is different from the above listed classes, applicants are required to have at least 66 ECTS in the following Academic Disciplines (*Settori Scientifico-Disciplinari SSD*, for degrees obtained in Italy). See the webpage of the master degree (Admission requirements) for a full description of the following areas):

At least 18 ECTS in SSD:

AGR/01, AGR/02, AGR/03, AGR/04, AGR/05, AGR/06, AGR/14, AGR/15, AGR/17, AGR/18, AGR/19, AGR/20, VET/01, VET/02, VET/03, VET/04, VET/07, MED/49

¹ If the candidate has double citizenship, one of which from an EU country, the latter prevails and the candidate must refer to the admission procedures reserved to European and equivalent applicants.



At least 18 ECTS in SSD:

AGR/07, AGR/11, AGR/12, AGR/16, MED/07, MED/42, VET/05, VET/06, BIO/01, BIO/02, BIO/03, BIO/04, BIO/05, BIO/07, BIO/09, BIO/10, BIO/11, BIO/13, BIO/18, BIO/19

At least 12 ECTS in SSD:

MAT/01, MAT/02, MAT/03, MAT/04, MAT/05, MAT/06, MAT/07, MAT/08, MAT/09, INF/01, ING-INF/05, FIS/01, FIS/02, FIS/03, FIS/04, FIS/05, FIS/06, FIS/07, FIS/08, SECS-S/01, SECS-S/02, SECS-S/06

At least 6 ECTS in SSD:

CHIM/01, CHIM/02, CHIM/03, CHIM/04, CHIM/05, CHIM/06, CHIM/07, CHIM/10, CHIM/11, AGR/13, BIO/10

At least 6 ECTS in SSD:

AGR/08, AGR/09, AGR/10, ICAR/06, ICAR/15, ING-IND/09, ING-IND/10, ING-IND/11, ING-IND/22

At least 6 ECTS in SSD:

AGR/01, ICAR/22, ING-IND/35, IUS/03, IUS/04, IUS/13, IUS/14, SECS-P/01, SECS-P/06, SECS-P/07, SECS-P/08, SECS-P/09, SECS-P/10, SECS-P/13

- iii. OR a bachelor's degree awarded abroad² recognized as suitable according to the regulations of the master; the Selection Committee will evaluate if the study plan of the Bachelor Degree obtained abroad meets the above-mentioned binding requirements.
 - The degree obtained abroad is considered valid if the selection committee assesses that the curriculum includes content and knowledge comparable to what is required under this paragraph for candidates holding a degree obtained in Italy.
- iv. good knowledge of the English language, at least B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages certified as follows:

² UniTrento reserves the right to request candidates to submit the documentation for the verification of requirements (statement of verification and/or statement of comparability).



- English Language qualification awarded from an internationally-recognized entity3:
- or having passed the B2 English language exam or higher in another University, provided all four linguistic abilities (reading, listening, writing, speaking) were tested;
- or declaration issued by the university where the Bachelor's or Master's degree was awarded, proving that the degree was entirely taught in English;
- or declaring in the on-line application to be a citizen of an English-speaking country.
- v. **basic knowledge of the Italian language**; non-native speakers of Italian will hold part of the interview in Italian. If the selection committee considers the level of Italian insufficient, the student will have to include an elective or extra-curricular course in Italian in his/her study plan if admitted to the master's programme;
- vi. candidates who do not hold the degree at the time of application may apply provided they obtain their bachelor's degree within 30 June 2026⁴.

Art. 3 Application procedures and submission dates

1. The application form must be completed online and is available on the <u>Degree Courses in English</u>
Application webpage.

It will be possible to log into the application system as follows:

- through a username "@unitn.it"
- through a temporary username "@guest.unitn.it" that can be created inserting personal details and an email address in the online system.
- 2. The deadlines for submitting the online application is: 4 March 2026 at 12.00 noon (CET).
- 3. Applications submitted after the deadline and using methods other than those specified in paragraph 1 of this article will not be considered. Any technical problems in completing the online application must be promptly reported via email to stem.admissions.int@unitn.it. Candidates using a temporary

³ See accepted certificates on the webpage of the UniTrento Centre for Languages – CLA. The selection committee might also consider certificates not responding to these criteria and evaluate their eligibility.

⁴ For those who have non-European citizenship, obtain the qualification from an Italian university and are in possession of a valid Italian study residence permit, the deadline for obtaining the qualification is 31 October 2026.



username (@guest.unitn.it) are advised to create it at least 48 hours before the deadline set by the call for applications.

- 4. To complete the online application correctly, candidates must upload the following documents:
 - a. a copy of valid passport (only pages relating to personal information);
 - b. copy of Bachelor's Degree Diploma, if already awarded ⁵ (attach an official translation if this document is not in Italian or English);
 - c. academic transcript⁶ including courses, credits, marks awarded and GPA (weighted average). Candidates who do not hold a degree yet should also provide the list of courses not passed yet, if any. The transcript must include the grading scale, i.e. minimum to maximum range of marks, if the degree was not obtained in Italy. If the degree was obtained in Italy it must also include the Academic Disciplines (Settori Scientifico Disciplinari SSD). An official translation has to be provided if this document is not in Italian or English;
 - d. curriculum vitae et studiorum in English preferably following the <u>Europass model</u>; any optional attachment candidates consider useful for the selection has to be uploaded together with the CV in one single pdf file;
 - e. English Language qualification, as per art. 2;
 - f. Italian language qualification, if applicable.
- 5. Applicants are required to pay an application fee of €30,00 (thirty) using one of the methods requested during the online application process within the given deadline for applications (March 4th 2026). Failing to pay the application fee within the given deadline will automatically lead to the exclusion of the applicant.

Art. 4 Selection and ranking

1. Only after the closing of the call (March 4, 2026 at 12.00) will the selection and admission process begin.

⁵ Students and graduates from an Italian University have to submit a self-declaration according to DPR 445/2000. UniTrento students/graduates do not have to upload this document.

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- Those who do not meet the minimum admission requirements (knowledge of the English language and/or degree required for access) and/or who have not paid the application fee of €30.00 (thirty) by the deadline will be considered not eligible.
- The selection Committee is made up of at least three members chosen from among the teaching staff
 of the Centre Agriculture Food Environment and is nominated via Rectoral Decree. The Committee
 meetings may be conducted electronically.
- 4. The selection Committee evaluates the possession of the curricular requirements and the adequacy of the candidates' personal preparation as defined by the Academic Regulations of the Master's Degree Program in Agrifood Innovation Management
- 5. The evaluation is carried out by allocating points (max. 100) in accordance with the following criteria:
 - a. Curriculum studiorum and coherence between the candidate's previous studies and the objectives of the Master's Degree in Agrifood Innovation Management: evaluation of firstlevel career, e.g. final grade, GPA, professional experiences, courses etc. (max. 60 points);
 - b. Further language competences in English if the level is higher than B2 (max. 10 points).
 - c. Interview in English, which aims at ascertaining the personal preparation and background of the student with respect to the Master's learning objectives (max. 30 points)

In case the documents included in the online application do not allow the selection committee to adequately evaluate the application, the candidate might be asked to send further documentation (e.g. programmes of the courses taken).

- 6. Candidates will be admitted to the interview only provided the evaluation as per point a. will be above a minimum threshold of 40 points. Candidates that will not reach this threshold for the evaluation related to point a. will be automatically excluded from the selection process and will not be further evaluated.
- 7. Candidates who are absent from the interview will also be excluded from the selection process.
- 8. The date and time of the interview will be notified on the website with at least 3 days' notice.
- 9. Candidates awarded a score of **50/100 or more** will be considered eligible.
- 10. In the event that two or more candidates obtain the same score in the ranking list, preference will be given to the youngest one.



11. At the end of the evaluation process, the ranking list of admitted candidates will be published on the master programme webpage.

Art. 5 Admission and enrolment

- 1. Admitted candidates who have passed the selection procedure will have to pay an Enrolment confirmation fee of €100.00 (one hundred euro) within the deadline indicated in the ranking list or communicated alongside the ranking list to confirm their acceptance of the place. This fee is non-refundable under any circumstances and is not included in the tuition fees due in the event of enrollment in the course of study.
- 2. Successful candidates who fail to complete the steps set out in the point above shall be considered as having renounced their place. Candidates who intend to renounce their place for whatever reason are required to notify the committee as soon as possible, by e-mail to stem.admissions.int@unitn.it
- 3. Should any places become available due to withdrawals or for any other reasons, these will be awarded based on the order of the ranking list.
- 4. All non-European candidates who confirm and pay the enrolment confirmation fee must pre-register at the competent Italian diplomatic representation in their country, following the instructions that will follow after notification of admission. Pre-registration is mandatory in order to obtain a visa. The deadlines for pre-registration on the Universitaly portal will be communicated by the International Mobility Office. To receive an admission letter from UniTrento, applicants must have completed preregistration on the Universitaly portal.
- 5. Students must be present in Italy by the start of classes. In the event of delays due to visa issuance, only those who obtained an Italian visa no later than 31 October 2026, will be admitted. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of admission to the program.
- 6. Information about the enrolment to the Master in Agrifood Innovation Management will be notified after publication of the ranking list.



Art. 6 Tuition fees for Non-European students

- 1. The maximum amount of annual tuition fees for non-EU citizens living abroad is €6.000 per academic year. Further details are available at the webpage <u>Tuition fees</u>.
- 2. The amount of tuition fees for admitted students can be reduced on the basis of the application score as follows:

Tuition Fees Amount	Application score
Tuition waiver	Application score between 90/100 and 100/100
€ 1.000	Application score between 70/100 and 89,99/100
€ 2.000	Application score between 60/100 and 69,99/100
€ 4.500	Application score between 50/100 and 59,99/100

3. In the second year of the program, students who have paid tuition fees in the first year may be fully exempted by acquiring at least 42 ECTS credits by the deadline of 10 August 2027 (summer exam session in June-July). Conversely, students who fail to acquire the required minimum number of credits by 10 August will be required to pay the tuition fees for the second year, as specified below:

Fee amount or fee waiver	N. of credits achieved by 10 August
	≥ 42
Fee waiver	
	36 ≤ CFU < 42
1.000€	
	24 ≤ CFU < 36
2.000€	
	6 ≤ CFU< 24
4.500€	
	CFU < 6
6.000€	

Art. 7 Scholarships for non-European students

- Non-European candidates ranked at the top of the list, provided they achieve a score of at least 70/100, may be awarded a scholarship. The number of available scholarships and their allocation will be disclosed at the same time as the publication of the ranking.
- 2. The candidate who receives a scholarship, even following a shift in the ranking, will be exempt from paying tuition fees.



- 3. The scholarship is intended as a partial contribution to mobility expenses and will be paid only after arrival in Italy. The scholarship may be awarded for the following academic year if the student meets the merit requirements established by the University.
- 4. The UniTrento scholarship is not compatible with other scholarships (MAECI scholarships, Università a colori-Unicolor, Invest your Talent in Italy project).

Art. 8 Useful information and contacts

For information on the admission process:
 International Mobility Office – Science and Technology Area

tel. +39 0461 282587 - 3236

email: stem.admissions.int@unitn.it

2. It is recommended to carefully research the cost of living in Trento.

3. Degrees Obtained Abroad

Degrees obtained abroad that are valid for admission to higher education institutions in Italy are specified in Annexes 1 and 2 of the Ministerial Circular, published on the <u>Universitaly</u> website. Degrees issued by officially recognized institutions for attending courses accredited within the education system of the foreign country are considered eligible: further details can be found on the <u>Enic-Naric</u> website. UniTrento reserves the right to request the submission of documentation necessary for the evaluation of requirements (statement of verification and/or statement of comparability).

The verification of degrees obtained abroad is carried out only after the completion of the admission and pre-enrolment procedure. UniTrento does not assess the eligibility of the degree in any way prior to the completion of this procedure.



Note 1 - Italian, European, Equivalent, and non-European candidates.

Candidates belonging to the category "Non-European candidates residing outside Italy"

This category includes the following candidates:

- Citizens of countries outside <u>European Union</u>, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, the Republic of San Marino, or the Vatican City State who are not permanently residing in Italy (hereafter referred to as "non-European citizens");
- non-European citizens who hold an Italian stay permit for study purposes and who are not permanently living in Italy;
- non-European citizens who are in Italy with a temporary protection permit but are not permanently
 residing in Italy and have not obtained a secondary school diploma in Italy. However, if a
 secondary school diploma has been obtained in Italy and the individual permanently lives in Italy,
 such candidates fall under the category of "European and equivalent candidates" and must
 therefore follow the instructions designated for that category in this admission call for applications.

Candidates belonging to the category "European and equivalent candidates"

Individuals who meet the following requirements are considered "European and equivalent candidates" and are not eligible to apply through this call for applications:

- Italian citizenship, even if it is one of two citizenship held in case of dual citizenship, the Italian citizenship prevails on the non-Italian one;
- Citizenship of one of the countries of the <u>European Union</u>, even if it is one of two citizenships held in case of dual citizenship, the European citizenship prevails on the non-European one;
- Citizenship of Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, the Republic of San Marino, or the Vatican City State;



- Citizenship of any country not listed in the above sections (hereafter referred to as "non-EU"), who
 are permanently residing⁷ in Italy and hold one of the following types of stay permits. These
 permits must be valid at the time of application to this selection call and must be renewable until
 the completion of the degree or master's degree for which the candidate is applying.
- Stay permit for study reasons
- Long-term stay permit
- Stay permit for salaried employment or self-employment
- Stay permit for family reasons
- Stay permit for political asylum
- Stay permit for subsidiary protection
- Stay permit for religious reasons
- Stay permit related to the recognition or revocation of refugee status, as regulated by <u>Legislative</u>
 <u>Decree No. 25 of January 28, 2008</u>
- Non-EU citizens permanently residing in Italy who have obtained a secondary school diploma in Italy.

⁷ Residency must be certified by the municipality and it is necessary to be in possession of a valid Italian identity card



Note 2 – Information on the processing of personal data

Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the "General Data Protection Regulation" (hereinafter "GDPR"), provides that everyone has the right to the protection of personal data concerning him or her.

In compliance with Article 13 of the EU Regulation 2016/679, the University of Trento provides the present notice to persons who want to participate in this selection procedure (hereinafter "data subjects").

1. Data controller

The Data controller is the University of Trento, via Calepina 14, 38122 Trento; email: ateneo@unitn.it; ateneo@pec.unitn.it.

2. Contact details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO)

The DPO can be contacted to request information on personal data at the following email address: dpo@unitn.it.

3. Purpose of the processing and legal basis

The University of Trento shall process personal and particular data exclusively for the management of this selection procedure, as part of the performance of its public interest tasks as well as for the fulfilment of legal obligations (article 6(1), points e) and c), article 9(2), point. g) of the GDPR and article. 2 (1) sexies, points. aa) and bb) D.lgs. 196/2003 and following amendments).

4. Acquisition of data

The provision of personal data for the purposes indicated above is mandatory to participate in the selection procedure; failure to provide it will make it impossible to participate. The provision of particular data is optional and failure to provide it will make it impossible for the University to guarantee the use of the facilities requested.

5. Data processing methods

The processing of personal data shall be carried out manually and by automated means by authorised staff, according to their tasks. Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and transparently,



confidentially, in a manner that is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed (GDPR, article 5(1)).

No profiling is carried out, and decision are not taken by automated means.

6. Recipients of personal data

Personal data will be disclosed to all the University personnel acting for the above-mentioned purposes.

In any case, personal data must be disclosed in compliance with legal obligation and/or a provision of the judicial Authorities.

7. Data retention period

Personal data will be stored as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which they were collected, and in any case as long as it is necessary by law. In any case, the data will be stored as long as necessary by the regulations in force and/or by University regulations on the storage of administrative documents relevant to the performance of its services.

8. Rights of the data subjects

At any time the data subject can exercise the rights referred to in article 15 et seq. of the GDPR towards the Data Controller, at the contact details indicated above, and in particular: the access to his/her own personal data and to other information as mentioned in art. 15 of GDPR; the request of rectification of his/her own personal data when inaccurate and/or their integration when incomplete; the erasure of his/her own personal data, except when the University is obliged to data storage to comply with article 17 (3) of the GDPR; the restriction of processing as per article 18 of the GDPR; the object to processing of personal data concerning him or her when allowed as per art.21 GDPR.

This is without prejudice to the right to lodge a complaint with the Supervisory Authority pursuant to Art. 77 of the GDPR and/or to take the appropriate judicial offices.