



Call for admission to the Two-Year Master's Degree in Cellular and Molecular Biotechnologies

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Art. 1 Purpose of this call

1. The University of Trento announces a public selection based on qualifications and (if appropriate) interview, in order to select students for admission to the first year of the Master's Degree Programme in "Cellular and Molecular Biotechnologies" for the academic year 2026/2027.

Entry is restricted to **60 places**¹. This figure includes **2 places** reserved for non-EU citizens living abroad. Any places remaining after the first round of selection will be available for EU citizens and non-EU citizens currently resident in Italy. It is essential to read the definition of "Non-Europeans" given in Note 1 of the present call.

2. The official language of the course is English.

Art. 2 Target Audience and Admission Requirements**1. Categories of Applicants**

For the purposes of this admission Call, two categories of applicants are considered:

- Europeans and Equivalents: Italian citizens, European Union citizens, or those with equivalent status, hereinafter referred to as "Europeans and Equivalents."
- Non-Europeans: Citizens of countries outside the European Union who are not permanently living in Italy, hereinafter referred to as "Non-Europeans."

It is essential to carefully read **Note 1** in this document to determine your category and proceed correctly with the subsequent steps.

2. Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the selection process, candidates must meet the following curricular and language requirements

A. Degree obtained or to be obtained²

- a Bachelor's or higher Degree awarded in Italy in Biotechnologies (L2);
- **or a** Bachelor's or higher Degree awarded in Italy in areas that differs from "classe L-2", the study plan must include at least:

¹ If the candidate has double citizenship, one of which from an EU country, the latter prevails.

² 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.

- 9 CFU in CHIM/01, CHIM/03, CHIM/06;
 - 12 CFU in :MAT/01, MAT/02, MAT/03, MAT/04, MAT/05, MAT/06, MAT/07, MAT/08, MAT/09, FIS/01, FIS/02, FIS/03, FIS/04, FIS/05, FIS/06, FIS/07, FIS/08, INF/01, SECSS/01, SECS-S/02;
 - 40 CFU in BIO/06, BIO/09, BIO/10, BIO/11, BIO/13, BIO/14, BIO/18, BIO/19;
- or bachelor degree obtained under a system that does not provide for ECTS credits, or a degree earned abroad and recognized as eligible. The assessment of curricular requirements is conducted by evaluating the consistency of the content and educational objectives of the courses taken with respect to the aforementioned disciplinary sectors.

Applicants are also eligible for the selection process, provided they obtain the required first-level degree for admission by the following deadlines³:

- **June 30, 2026**⁴, for non-EU citizens;
- **October 31, 2026**, for EU citizens and equivalent categories

B. Good knowledge of the English language, at least B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (4 skills) attested as follows by the application deadline (march 4th, 2026):

- International Certifications;
- or having passed the B2 English language exam or higher in another University (the 4 skills and level must be tested and certified);
- or Bachelor Degree entirely run in English (to be certified).
- or Holding the citizenship of a country whose official language is English.

Candidates participating in the second session who, as of the application deadline, are unable to certify their English language proficiency at the required level, are also eligible for the selection process. In such cases, the final language certification must be submitted by October 31, 2026, without prejudice to the

³ Applicants are required to declare their expected graduation date within the online application.

⁴ For non-EU citizens who obtain their degree from an Italian university and hold a valid Italian residence permit for study purposes, the deadline for obtaining the degree is October 31, 2026.

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3. Upon completion of the admission and/or enrollment process, any unassigned spots may be allocated to eligible EU or equivalent candidates who have not met the requirements by the October 31, 2026 deadline, provided that all requirements are fulfilled by the final enrollment date

Art. 3 Application procedures and deadlines

1. Candidates seeking admission to the selection process must complete the online application form at the [Degree Courses in English Application](#) webpage.

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

- through [identification via SPID](#)
- with an [electronic ID \(CIE\)](#)
- 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. Submission of applications is divided into two sessions, according to the following deadlines:
I session: by March 4th, 2026⁵ at 12.00 noon (CET) only for Non-Europeans
II session: from April 21st, 2026 to June 30th, 2026 at 12.00 noon (CET) only for Europeans and equivalents.
3. Any technical issues encountered during the completion of the online application must be reported promptly to the email address stem.admissions.int@unitn.it. Applications submitted after the deadline or via methods other than those specified in paragraph 1 of this Article shall not be taken into consideration
4. For the proper completion of the online application, the following documents must be attached:
 - a. a copy of valid passport (only pages relating to personal information or Id card for Europeans and equivalents that do not access through Digital identity);
 - b. copy of bachelor's degree certificate⁶, if already awarded (upload an official translation in English if this document is not in Italian or English);

⁵ Admission requirements must be met by the session deadline, with the exception of the university degree, as specified in Article 2

⁶ 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

- c. transcript of records⁷ including a list of all courses⁸, exams and marks awarded (upload an official translation in English if this document is not in Italian or English). The transcript must include: the list of exams for the qualification to be awarded, marks obtained, the weighted average mark and the minimum to maximum range of marks (upload an official translation in English if this document is not in Italian or English);
 - d. curriculum vitae et studiorum in English preferably following the 'European' model (see [Europass](#));
 - e. English Language qualification
 - e. Statement of purpose in English (max 1 page) detailing the candidate's interests and expectations regarding the educational objectives of the Master's;
 - f. URL A URL link to a self-presentation video with a maximum duration of 3 minutes. In the video, the candidates should introduce themselves, explain their interest in the field of Biotechnology, and present any theses or research conducted in the biotechnology or scientific field.
 - g. abstract of the final thesis: a summary of the contents, specifying whether it is a literature review (compilative) or an empirical (experimental) thesis.
5. An application fee of €30.00 (thirty euros) is required for each submission. This fee must be paid by the application deadline in accordance with the procedures specified during the online application process. Failure to pay the fee will result in exclusion from the selection process.

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.
2. 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.
3. The Admissions Committee is made up of three members and ensures that the selection procedures are correctly observed. The Committee may choose to meet via video conference.
4. The evaluation is carried out by allocating points (up to 100) in accordance with the following criteria:

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⁸ Undergraduate candidates must include in this list also examinations not passed yet.

- a. Coherence between the candidate's previous studies and the objectives of the Master (max 20 points);
 - b. curriculum studiorum (GPA, performance and results obtained in previous studies, post-graduate degrees if any, other courses; the personal skills and background of the candidate shall be verified in the interview if applicable) (max 60 points);
 - c. Statement of purpose (max. 500 words), further language competences; video presentation⁹; (max 20 points).
5. In case the documents included in the online application do not allow the Committee to adequately evaluate the candidature, the candidate might be asked to participate in an interview (in person or via videoconference) or to submit further documentations/certificates. S
 6. Candidates who achieve a score of 50/100 or higher shall be deemed eligible. In the event of a tie in scores, priority will be given to the youngest candidate.
 7. Upon completion of the evaluation process, the Commission shall draw up two distinct ranking lists for admission to the Master's degree program. The aforementioned rankings will be published on the degree program's webpage.

Art. 5 Confermation and admission

1. Admitted candidates who have passed the selection procedure will have to pay an Enrollment 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.

⁹ The presentation video will only be evaluated if a minimum score is achieved overall in points a. and b., as determined by the commission. This is due to the fact that candidates who do not obtain a minimum overall score in the first two points will not be able to mathematically reach the eligibility threshold of 50/100, even if they were to score the maximum in the video evaluation.

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 University portal will be communicated by the International Mobility Office. To receive an admission letter from UniTrento, applicants must have completed pre-registration on the University 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 30 September 2026, will be admitted. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of admission to the program.
6. The deadlines and procedures for enrolling 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 €10.000 per academic year. Further details are available at the webpage [Tuition fees](#).
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
3,000€	Application score between 60/100 and 69.99/100
6,500€	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 enrollment fees for the second year, as specified below:



Fee amount or fee waiver	N. of credits achieved by 10 August
Fee waiver	≥ 42
1,000€	$36 \leq \text{CFU} < 42$
3,000€	$24 \leq \text{CFU} < 36$
6,500€	$6 \leq \text{CFU} < 24$
10,000€	$\text{CFU} < 6$

Art. 7 Scholarships for non-European students

1. 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 Tuition Fees and scholarships for Europeans and Equivalentents

1. The amount of tuition fees for Europeans and Equivalentents students is available at the webpage [Tuition fees](#). The amount can be partially or totally reduced according to the economic situation of the student's family (ISEE).
2. Information on scholarships, accommodation and tuition fee waiver for Europeans and Equivalentents are published on the page [Scholarships](#).

Art. 9 Second year admission

1. Candidates who have already successfully completed first-year examinations within the Master's Degree in Cellular and Molecular Biotechnology, or equivalent courses from previous academic careers at other universities, may apply for admission to the second year of the degree program.
2. □ Admission to the second year is subject to the availability of places and compliance with both the general entry requirements and the specific criteria established by the Guidelines for degree program changes, transfers, and second-year admission for the Master's Degree in Cellular and Molecular Biotechnology, as published on the program website.
3. Individuals interested in applying for a degree program change (passaggio), a transfer from another Italian university, or admission to the second year, may submit their application in accordance with the procedures available on the program website starting from May 2026, and no later than the specified deadlines.
4. In the event that admission to the second year is not granted, applicants may be admitted to the first year of the program for the 2026/2027 academic year only if they have submitted an application under the current call for applications and have been ranked as eligible for admission

Art. 10 Useful information and contacts

1. 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 [Universitaly](#) 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 [Enic-Naric](#) 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-enrollment



procedure outlined in Article 5 of this Call for Applications. 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 [European Union](#), 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 [European Union](#), 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 residing in Italy¹⁰ 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

¹⁰ Residency must be certified by the municipality and it is necessary to be in possession of a valid Italian identity card



- Stay permit for subsidiary protection
- Stay permit for religious reasons
- Stay permit related to the recognition or revocation of refugee status, as regulated by [Legislative Decree No. 25 of January 28, 2008](#)
- Non-EU citizens permanently residing in Italy who have obtained a secondary school diploma in Italy.
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- Non-EU citizens permanently residing in Italy who have obtained a secondary school diploma in Italy.

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.