

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

1. The Purpose and Aim of this Initiative

Four Scholarships are being offered as part of the University of Malta's commitment to provide support for international students to join its various courses for academic studies at the Foundation level.

The Foundation Studies Scholarships will be offered through the [International School for Foundation Studies](#) in the following streams:

1. Science, Engineering and ICT
2. Business Studies

Applicants are encouraged to explore our [website](#), [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#).

2. The International School for Foundation Studies

The International School for Foundation Studies offers a one-year bridging course, taught entirely in English. Successful students are guaranteed a place on various undergraduate courses at the University of Malta. Details of these courses are found [here](#).

The Certificate in Foundation Studies Course will:

- Provide the knowledge, personal and interpersonal skills, and organisational framework upon which to base future studies;
- Engage and stimulate while giving the appropriate support needed to move from a fully structured educational environment in high school to the knowledge, skills and attitudes required of degree students;
- Enable successful progression to academic programmes of study by offering specific training and support in those core areas where further assistance may be required.

A more detailed description of the course structure of each stream may be viewed at:

- [Science, Engineering and ICT](#)
- [Business Studies](#)

The detailed course bye-laws may be viewed [here](#).

3. Entry to Undergraduate Studies

These two streams prepare students for various degree courses at the University of Malta in the fields of Engineering, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Built Environment (Architecture), Science (Maths, Physics, Statistics & Operations Research); and Economics and Accounting respectively.

4. Scholarship Proposal and Eligibility Details

Four full-tuition scholarships for the Certificate in Foundation Studies **and** a selection of the degree courses that are listed below are being offered to students seeking to enrol at the University of Malta commencing in October 2018.

The scholarships will be offered for the following courses:

- Foundation Science, Engineering and ICT (1 year) and subsequent Undergraduate Courses (3/4/5 years): Engineering (Electrical/Electronics and Mechanical), ICT, Architecture or Science (Maths, Physics, Statistics & Operations Research) (2 students); and
- Foundation Business Studies (1 year) and subsequent Undergraduate Courses (4 years): Accounting and Economics (2 students).

The application deadline is Midnight Central European Summer Time, May 15, 2018.

5. Funding for the Scholarship

The scholarships will cover the full tuition Fees for the Certificate in Foundation Studies Course (1 year) as well as the subsequent degree courses as per the following:

(1) For a three-year course:

90% waiver for the first year
75% for the second year
50% for the third year

(2) For a four-year course:

100% waiver for the first year
80% on the second year
60% on the third year
40% on the fourth year

(3) For a five-year course:

50% waiver for every year

The scholarships will **NOT** cover travel expenses to and from Malta, living expenses, bench fees or books.

Details of the fee structure are found [here](#).

The scholarship holders will be requested to attend the Orientation Programme that is organised for all new international students joining the University of Malta. This will be held towards the end of September 2018.

6. Instructions to Applicants and Conditions of Selection

In order to be considered eligible, applicants should be Nationals and current residents of **any** non-EU country.

Applicants who wish to be considered for these scholarships are required to complete the on-line application form available [here](#) for the Science, Engineering and ICT Foundation Course and [here](#) for the Business Studies Foundation course. In the Scholarship section of the online application form, Non-EU applicants wishing to be considered for this scholarship should select " *ISFS Scholarship (Business/ Science)*" from the drop-down menu. Applicants may also be required to attend an online interview.

Scholarship holders who successfully complete the Foundation Studies Course will be required to submit an application for the degree course they are eligible for as follows:

Science, Engineering and ICT Stream: Engineering, ICT, Science (Maths, Physics, Statistics & Operations Research) or Architecture;

Business Stream: Accounting or Economics.

Scholarship holders who are unsuccessful in completing the Foundation Studies Course will not be eligible for possible future Foundation scholarships.

Applicants for the above-mentioned courses who intend to apply for the scholarship must meet the entry requirements set out by the University of Malta as below:

Eligibility Requirements

- Secondary and/or high school certificate issued outside of Malta;
- One of the following qualifications in English: GCSE (O level) English language, Minimum IELTS overall score of 5.5, with a reading and writing score of at least 5.0; TOEFL Internet-Based Test (iBT) with an overall Score of 61, and a minimum score of 17 in the reading and writing components; Cambridge First Certificate at grade C or better;
- Qualifications which allow access to an undergraduate course in the selected discipline in the country where such qualifications originate;
- Any other qualifications approved by the Admissions Board.

The scholarship holders will be requested to enter into an agreement with the University of Malta for the duration of their studies in Malta. The agreement will be binding in terms of the observation of rules and regulations of the University and host country, to seriously engage in studies (including regular attendance), and complete the Certificate in Foundation Studies Programme within ONE academic year in order to be considered for the degree programme of their choice.

Further information is available through: The Director, International School for Foundation Studies, University of Malta on isfs@um.edu.mt.

APPENDIX 1

More Information About the University of Malta

The University of Malta is the highest teaching institution in Malta. It is publicly funded and is open to all those who have the requisite qualifications. Over the past few years, the University has reviewed its structures in order to be in line with the Bologna Process and the European Higher Education Area. Conscious of its public role, the University strives to create courses which are relevant and timely in response to the needs of the country. The supreme governing bodies of the University are the Council and the Senate. The present structure of the University was established by the 1988 Education Act. There are some 11,000 students following full-time or part-time degree and diploma courses, all of which run on the modular / ECTS credit system. The University is geared towards the infrastructural and industrial needs of the country so as to provide expertise in crucial fields. Over 3,000 students graduate in various disciplines annually. The degree courses at the University are designed to produce highly qualified professionals, with experience of research, who will play key roles in industry, commerce and public affairs in general.

The University today has fourteen faculties: Arts; Built Environment; Dental Surgery; Economics, Management & Accountancy; Education; Engineering; Health Sciences; Information & Communication Technology; Laws; Media & Knowledge Sciences; Medicine & Surgery; Science; Social Wellbeing and Theology.

Lying at the cross-roads of the Mediterranean, the University of Malta has, over its 400-year history been the hub for international academic exchange on the island. This legacy has been carried on to the present day as the University hosts close to one thousand international students from 86 different countries, active collaborations with universities in Europe, Asia, the United States, Africa and Australia and a host of international visitors, experts and external examiners from different parts of the globe which have turned the University into an international campus which celebrates the diversity and cultural richness of all those who frequent it. With English as its language of instruction and wide-ranging support services to meet the needs of its local and international community, the University consistently seeks to embark on projects and initiatives in order to continue boosting its international student figures and extending its network to new partners in order to create sustainable collaborations in diverse fields of interest.

The University of Malta currently hosts over 11,000 students, of which 10% are international students from around 100 different countries, following courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level. The University typically hosts more than 500 students on Erasmus (European) and other exchange programmes with the US, Japan, Australia, Canada and China whilst more than 800 international students are currently reading for a degree at undergraduate or postgraduate (Masters or Doctoral) level.