NOTICE
Hardship Fund 2019

Art. 1 - Subject and scope
1. The fund is made available to students coping with special or unexpected personal or family circumstances that have determined an immediate and substantial change to their personal and/or family finances.
2. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following cases:
   • personal illness;
   • a serious personal accident or surgery;
   • death or grave illness of a member of the family or of a non-cohabiting sibling;
   • parent or other family member who contributed to the family income in the previous fiscal year and is now unemployed or has been temporarily made redundant or is receiving redundancy compensation payment;
   • loss of the home of residence due to a judiciary proceeding for the forced recovery of debts or because it is unfit for use due to a seismic event or a natural disaster.
3. Support consists in the total or partial exemption from payment of university fees and dues or of any late payment fees, except for the regional DSU tax and the virtual stamp required by the laws in force.

Art. 2 – Recipients
1. Students enrolled in first cycle, long single cycle or second cycle degree courses who do not already hold an equivalent university degree may apply;
2. Students resident in areas affected by seismic events and/or natural disasters, as long as the building in which the student resides has been declared unfit for use, may apply; exemption is granted for the academic year in which the event took place or in the subsequent year.
3. Students who, at the start of the academic year, have a certified level of disability of between 50% and 65% may also apply.

Art. 3 – Renewal and incompatibility
1. Support is granted in special circumstances and cannot be renewed; it is only available for completion of the first awarded qualification for each level of study.
2. For the same reason, the benefit cannot be granted more than once during a degree course;
3. Students in receipt of DSU benefits cannot request support from the fund in the years in which they are in receipt of the benefits.

Art. 4 - Application procedure and deadlines
1. Applications must be submitted using the special form attached to this notice and sent by e-mail only to fondo.solidarieta@unisi.it from the personal University e-mail address ( @student.unisi.it ).
2. The **deadlines for applications** are:

   - **FIRST DEADLINE** 13 May 2019
   - **SECOND DEADLINE** 8 November 2019

3. The following must be attached to the application:
   - analytical documents attesting to the grave personal, family or financial difficulties (e.g. ISEE certificate, specialist medical certificates, unemployment certificate of the family member, notice of dismissal, etc.);
   - copy of a valid identity document.

It is incumbent on the interested party to check that the application was received correctly by the **Ufficio borse e incentivi allo studio** - Financial support Office, www.unisi.it/borse; the University of Siena declines any responsibility for the failed submission of the application due to third party liability or possible technical difficulties in transmission.

**Art. 5 - Assessment of applications**

4. Applications will be assessed by a special Committee composed of a person delegated by the Rector, the student members of the University Council, and the head of the **Ufficio borse e incentivi allo studio**, acting as minute taker.

5. The Committee may also include the Rector’s Delegate to University Access to Disabled Students should students with a certified level of disability of between 50% and 65% submit an application.

6. The Committee will also take into account grades and the actual need for assistance in relation to the possibility of completing studies.

7. The Committee also takes into consideration any other forms of assistance granted by the University or by other Italian or foreign institutions.

8. The Committee may request any other element of use in the evaluation process.

**Art. 6 - Final provisions**

1. The procedure manager is the head of the **Ufficio borse e incentivi allo studio** - Financial support Office (tamara.movilli@unisi.it).

2. The notice may be viewed on the University on-lineregister at: https://www.unisi.it/borse.

3. The applicant's personal data will be processed exclusively for the purpose of managing the procedure pertaining to this notice and shall be stored in accordance with the laws in force regarding the protection of personal data.