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MANAGEMENT OFFICE

SELECTION NOTICE MEDITERRANEAN STUDENT SUMMIT 5th EDITION 22-24 SEPTEMBER 2026

1 - Object

1. A selection is announced for the assignment of 5 (five) positions for students regularly enrolled in degree courses at the University of Siena within the field of Political and International Sciences. These positions are for participation in the Mediterranean Student Summit, organized by UNIMED in collaboration with the Erasmus Student Network, which will be held at the University of Urbino from 22 to 24 September, 2026.

The fifth edition, titled "The strategic role of students in fostering intercultural dialogue on campus", will focus primarily on the theme of intercultural dialogue and the strategic role students play in fostering its development, both within the academic and social contexts of their universities, as well as their ability to contribute to the creation of more inclusive and participatory academic environments. For further information:

<https://www.uni-med.net/events/unimed-mediterranean-students-summit/>.

2 - Admission requirements

1. This notice is addressed to all students at the University of Siena who are duly enrolled for the 2025/2026 academic year on one of the following degree programmes offered by the Departments of Political and International Sciences and Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences:

- Master's degree in Scienze internazionali;
- Master's degree in Sostenibilità sociale e management del welfare;
- Master's degree in Scienze delle amministrazioni;
- Master's degree in Scienze per la formazione e la consulenza pedagogica nelle organizzazioni;
- Master's degree in Language and mind: linguistics and cognitive studies - Mente e linguaggio: linguistica e studi cognitivi.
- Master's degree in Strategie e tecniche della comunicazione;
- Master's degree in Antropologia della contemporaneità;
- Master's degree in Public and cultural diplomacy;

2. To be eligible for selection, good knowledge of English is required, with a minimum certified level of B2.

3 - Rules of participation

1. Participation in the Mediterranean Student Summit is free of charge. The University of Siena will contribute towards travel and accommodation costs, up to a maximum of € 300,00. Any costs associated with taking part in additional activities or events included in the programme will be borne by the participants.

3. Please note that selected students will be required to attend all of the following parts of the Summit:

- Three online preparatory training sessions ahead of the Summit, to be held in July and September 2026.



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- The three-day in-person Summit in Urbino.
- Two online follow-up meetings after the event.

4 - Selection

1. The Selection Committee will formulate a merit-based ranking list according to the criteria outlined below:

- a) Evaluation of the academic curriculum.
- b) English language proficiency proven by certification.
- c) any participation in mobility programmes abroad, completed and supported by certification.
- d) A personal contribution/reflection on the Mediterranean community and the role that students can play for strengthening the internationalisation of their university.

2. A total of 28 (twenty-eight) points are available for the evaluation.

Each individual criterion is assigned a score according to the following summary table:

- Evaluation of the academic curriculum: 0 to 10 points.
- English language proficiency, which must correspond at least to level B2, proven by certification or resulting from the career: 0 to 5 points.
- Participation in mobility programmes abroad, completed and supported by certification: 0 to 3 points.
- Evaluation of the personal contribution/reflection: 0 to 10 points;

3. The Commission's decision is final. In the event of a tie, the criterion of seniority will be applied (older candidates will be given priority).

4. The selected students will undergo an additional selection process, which will be conducted by a committee composed of members from UNIMED and ESN. This committee will review the applications and carry out the final selection based on the following criteria:

- Relevance/pertinence of the personal contribution.
- Geographical balance between both shores of the Mediterranean.
- Gender balance.
- Balance between the scientific disciplines.
- Candidate's personal experience.

5 - Presentazione della domanda

1. Applications must be completed exclusively on the online form available on the webpage <https://www.unisi.it/internazionale/studio-e-stage-allestero/altre-opportunita>.

2. Applications must be submitted by **12:00 PM on MONDAY 18 MAY 2026**.

The application must be completed in full and duly signed. Applications that are incomplete or lacking the required enclosed documentation will not be accepted.

3. The following documents must be enclosed with the application:

- Curriculum vitae;
- self-declaration of current enrolment at the University of Siena and examinations taken with relative grades, including the weighted average (please use the form available on the segreteria online).
- self-declaration concerning the obtaining of a bachelor's degree, the final grade obtained and the examinations taken with relative grades (please use the form available on the segreteria online);
- documentation proving the level of English language proficiency (certifications or career examinations);
- documentation proving participation in mobility programs abroad;



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- A personal contribution/reflection on the Mediterranean community and the role that students can play for strengthening the internationalisation of their university. The essay should be no longer than two pages and students are invited to use the following guiding questions when preparing their applications:
 - *Why would you like to be a participant in the Mediterranean Student Summit? What do you feel you can contribute?*
 - *How have your international experiences abroad changed your perspective? What have you learned from your international experiences?*
 - *What is your vision for the Mediterranean Erasmus Generation? When you think of students from all across the Mediterranean collaborating together, learning from each other and exchanging ideas?*
 - *What do you see as the biggest challenge and the biggest opportunity for Higher Education in the Mediterranean?*
 - *How do you see your role and responsibility as a multiplier ambassador after the summit back in your university?*

6 - Communications

1. The merit list and any further information on the opportunity that is the subject of this notice will be published on the following web page:

<http://www.unisi.it/internazionale/studio-e-stage-allestero/altre-opportunità>.

2. Selected students will be contacted via their institutional e-mail address (@student.unisi.it).

3. Selected students must confirm their attendance by the date specified in the email. Once this deadline has passed, the merit list will be scrolled through.

7 - Personal data processing and confidentiality

1. Personal data shall be processed by the University of Siena exclusively for institutional purposes and, specifically, for the purposes of managing this call for applications; in strict compliance with the principles established by art. 5 of the EU Regulation 2016/679 on the protection of personal data and, in general, with the provisions of the EU Regulation and Legislative Decree 196/2013 Privacy Code.

2. The Data Controller is the University of Siena, legally represented by the Rector Prof. Roberto Di Pietra (e-mail: rettore@unisi.it; PEC: rettore@pec.unisipec.it). On the basis of the University of Siena's Regulations on the Processing of Personal Data (R.D. no. Rep. 56/2022 prot. no. 14879 of 13/01/2022), the person designated to process the data is the Head of the International Relations Division (e-mail: iro@unisi.it).

3. The provision of data is compulsory for the establishment of the relationship necessary for the award of the scholarship, and any refusal will make it impossible for the award to be carried out.

4. As a 'Data Subject', the grant-holder may exercise all the rights provided for by Article 15 et seq. of the European Regulations with regard to the University of Siena by contacting the Data Processor or the Data Controller. He/she also has the right to lodge a complaint with the Supervisory Authority pursuant to Article 77 of the EU Regulation. In Italy, the function of supervisory authority is exercised by the Garante per la protezione dei dati personali (www.garanteprivacy.it).

5. The detailed information on data processing can be acquired at: www.unisi.it/ateneo/adempimenti/privacy.

8- Person in charge of the procedure

1. Milena Fadda, the head of the International Relations Development and Management Office is responsible for the proceedings; any requests for clarification or reports can be sent to: internazionale@unisi.it.