



RECTORAL DECREE No. 1492

Notice of competition for the access to the *Dual Career* Programme and the determination of no. 4 scholarships worth € 1,000 each, disbursed by scaling down from the university contributions due to be attributed to matriculated student-athletes of the undergraduate, graduate, integrated cycle and specializing Master's degrees of I and II level of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - a.y. 2025/26, under the programme "University and Sport: *Dual Career* at Università Cattolica"

THE RECTOR

Given the Statutes of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, issued by Rector's Decree October 24, 1996, as amended and supplemented;

having regard to the University Teaching Regulations of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, issued by Rector's Decree October 29, 1999;

having regard to the "Proposed guidelines for programs of *Dual Career* in Italian universities" prepared by the Working Table established by the Presidents of the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI), Italian University Sports Center (CUSI) and UNISPORT ITALIA based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Rome on July 2, 2020;

having regard to the resolution of the National Council of the Italian Paralympic Committee (CIP) dated December 16, 2022, by which the same Committee joined the project by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with CONI signed in Rome on February 23, 2023;

having regard to the resolution adopted by the Academic Senate at its meeting on September 21, 2020, November 14, 2022, and July 28, 2023;

having regard to the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors at its meeting on September 30, 2020, and July 26, 2023;

having regard to the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors at its meeting on November 16, 2022,

DECREES

Art. 1 – Subject matter and recipients

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, with the scientific collaboration of the Graduate School of Psychology "Agostino Gemelli" - ASAG, announces for the academic year 2025/26, a competition for the access to the *Dual Career* Programme and the determination of no. 4 scholarships worth € 1,000 each, disbursed on a sliding scale from the due university contributions, to be awarded to matriculated student-athletes of the undergraduate, graduate, integrated cycle and specializing Master's degrees of I and II



level of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, as part of the Programme "University and Sport: *Dual Career* at Università Cattolica."

Access to the Programme provides student-athletes with individualized academic coaching, guidance and monitoring services by a professional expert in Sport Psychology and Career Guidance.

Art. 2 – Requirements of participation

For the a.y. 2025/2026 a maximum of 30 places are being offered for new admissions to the Programme.

Registered student-athletes of Università Cattolica (undergraduate, graduate, integrated cycle and specializing Master's degrees of I and II level) who meet at least one of the following athletic requirements are eligible to apply for the Programme:

1. be officially summoned to the Italian National Team for participation in preparation programs and/or official competitions in the respective disciplines being part of the National Sports Federations (FSN) officially recognized by the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) or being part of the Federations recognized for Paralympic sports (Paralympic Sports Federation - FSP and National Paralympic Sports Federation - FSNP) by the Italian Paralympic Committee (CIP);
2. to be summoned to official competitions in the National Representative of the Associated Sports Disciplines (DSA) recognized by CONI or the CIP-recognized Sports Disciplines (Discipline Sportive Sportive Paralimpiche - DSP and Discipline Sportive Associate Paralimpiche -DSAP);
3. to be officially summoned to the National Teams to which they belong (other than the Italian National Team) for participation in preparation programs and/or official competitions in the respective disciplines that are part of the Sports Federations officially recognized by the National Olympic Committee to which they belong or that are part of the Federations recognized for Paralympic sports (Paralympic Sports Federation - FSP and National Paralympic Sports Federation - FSNP) by the Paralympic Committee to which they belong;
4. for team sports - in sports belonging to CONI recognized FSNs - be regularly registered with a club participating in one of the three major federal championships. For Soccer, the fourth series is also validating. For team sports - in disciplines belonging to the FSP or FSNP - be regularly registered with a club participating in one of the Italian championships of the two major federal series. For athletes on DSA, DSP and DSAP teams, membership in the highest relevant league only will be considered;



5. be formally recognized as an "Athlete of National Interest" by the respective FSN officially recognized by CONI or the respective FSP and FSNP officially recognized by CIP for Paralympic activity;
6. be an athlete representing the University in international level competitive competitions (Universiade, World/European University Championships);
7. be a member of a military sports group with "athlete role";
8. for those in youth categories (under 20, under 21, Primavera etc.) the previous criteria apply.

The student-athlete, in addition to the above athletic requirements, must meet the following general requirements:

1. not be subject to disqualifications or final sports bans totaling more than one year, by FSNs, DSAs and Sports Promotion Bodies, CONI or recognized international sports bodies;
2. not be subject to sanction as a result of a finding of a violation of the CONI Anti-Doping Sports Rules or the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Art. 3 – Student-athletes already enrolled in the Programme in the previous academic years

Student-athletes already in the *Dual Career* Programme through selection in previous academic years are entitled for continuation in the Programme until they receive their degree, without the need to participate in this Call for Applications, provided they meet the permanency requirements of the Programme in Article 4.

Art. 4 – Requirements of permanence

Student-athletes admitted to the Programme are entitled to remain in it for subsequent years until they obtain the degree for which they matriculated in the academic year of their application for admission to the Programme, provided they meet the following academic and athletic requirements.

These are requirements for staying in the Programme:

1. renew enrolment at Università Cattolica each academic year;
2. confirmation of continued fulfillment of the sports requirements described in Article 2;
3. confirmation of continued possession of the general requirements described in Article 2;



4. possession of the university career requirement corresponding to the acquisition for each academic year after the first one of at least 18 undergraduate credits (ECTS) out of the planned 60 annual ECTS or, alternatively, 36 ECTS in two consecutive years.

Therefore, those who lapse from participation in the Programme are disqualified:

1. do not meet the requirements to stay in the Programme;
2. for any reason lose membership/membership to CONI-recognized FSNs or DSAs, or to FSPs, FSNPs, DSPs or DSAPs;
3. are not in good standing with the payment of university fees and contributions;
4. do not respond to communications and do not show up for meetings with their *Dual Career* tutor for a period of 6 months.

Art. 5 – Modalities of admission

Applications for admission to the competition should be completed online from the iCatt portal or by clicking on the link <https://icatt.unicatt.it/> starting September 1, 2025, no later than October 17, 2025.

If the online completion of the application does not allow the option of attaching your resume and sports resume, both should be sent to the e-mail address dual.career@unicatt.it no later than October 17, 2025.

In addition, in case the student-athlete has not completed the enrolment process and thus does not have access to the iCatt portal, he/she may request information at the e-mail address dual.career@unicatt.it to alternatively submit their application for admission. The latter will be considered valid only if the student-athlete is duly enrolled at Università Cattolica and in possession of the student ID by October 30, 2025.

There are no income-related participation requirements.

The scholarship application can only be made by students who do not already benefit from other forms of support for the 2025/2026 academic year, such as financial concessions or exemptions from paying university fees.

Art. 6 – Diary, object and competitive test

The competitive test will be held on October 30, 2025. Any changes about the conduct of the test will be communicated with appropriate notice on the website <https://www.unicatt.it/cattolicaperlospport/>. The test consists of a motivational interview, which will be conducted online.



Art. 7 – Evaluation Committee

The evaluation of the competitive examination will be carried out by the Programme Committee (*Dual Career Committee*), appointed by the Rector.

It will be the responsibility of the aforementioned Committee to draw up rankings for access to the Programme, up to the number of available places, and for the allocation of scholarships.

Additional facilities may possibly be established by the *Dual Career Committee*.

It will, finally, be the prerogative of the Committee whether student-athletes with high curricular/sports standards who do not fit the previously listed criteria may be included in the Programme.

Art. 8 – Ranking and confirmation of scholarships

Access to the Programme and the awarding of scholarships will be determined on the basis of the outcomes of the competition, according to a merit ranking graded in hundredths.

The evaluation will focus on the student-athlete's curriculum vitae and sports record, with particular attention to the current and highest level of competition achieved, and what emerged during the competitive examination. *Participation* in the Ministry of Education and Merit's Experimental Student-Athlete High Level Secondary School Educational Project (Ministerial Decree No. 43 of March 3, 2023) will also be considered and valued.

In the case of ex-aequo, preference will be given to the student who is younger in age.

The merit ranking will be published on the website of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (<https://www.unicatt.it/cattolicaperlospport/>).

The No. 4 scholarships worth € 1,000 each will be disbursed out of the university fees due for the academic year 2025/26.

Art. 9 – Forfeiture from right to grant of scholarship

Recipients who lose the requirements of Art. 2 and Art. 4 forfeit their right to the scholarship. In case one or more recipients lose their right to the scholarship, an allocation measure will be taken for the benefit of the first eligible non-beneficiary candidate according to the ranking list. There will be no awarding of the scholarship by sliding the ranking list beyond January 2026.



Art. 10 – Treatment of personal data

Pursuant to the current legislation on the protection of personal data and, in particular, pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR), the personal data provided by candidates will be collected Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, as Data Controller, through the competent Offices and processed for management purposes expressed in the Foreword (art.1). The information regarding the processing of personal data is made available on the web page www.unicatt.it/privacy-informativa-generale-di-ateneo.

Art. 11 – Notices

For anything not specified in this notice and for any additions to it, please refer to the appropriate notices that will be published on the website of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (<https://www.unicatt.it/cattolicaperlospert/>).

Art. 12 – Common standards

In the event that false or mendacious statements or the formation or use of false documents are found in the documentation submitted by the candidate, the interested party will forfeit any benefits that may have been granted to him or her, without prejudice to the penalties provided for by the Criminal Code and the special laws on the subject (Articles 75 and 76 Presidential Decree 445/2000).

Person in charge of the proceedings of this notice, pursuant to Law No. 241/1990: Dr. Mario GATTI.

Milan, July 8, 2025

THE RECTOR
(Prof. Elena Beccalli)
Signed: E. Beccalli

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
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Signed: P. Nusiner