



Dear Student,

In these moments of great uncertainty and concern for the future, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore has decided to offer concrete support to the students and their families, to face the heavy economic consequences of the epidemic caused by the Coronavirus and to help prevent the risks of dispersion of a valuable Human Capital.

The University, through the establishment of the Agostino Gemelli's Education Fund to support studies, intends to offer a facilitation for the payment of university contributions to students enrolled in the 2019/20 academic year who have found themselves in situations of serious economic difficulty.

The purpose of the Fund has been illustrated in the Rector's presentation communication ([link](#)).

Students who are regularly enrolled in a Undergraduate or Graduate programme or a Single Cycle programme, whose families have suffered a sudden deterioration in their economic condition and are in a situation of serious difficulty due to the health emergency, may apply for a benefit to pay tuition fees.

Students who in the academic year 2019/2020 are excluded from this form of benefit are:

- the students who, during the current academic year, have already obtained special benefits by Commissions for first and second levels.
- international students who received LT/LM/LCU International Scholarship special benefits.
- students who, during the current academic year, have received one or more scholarships.
- students who are not, at the time of application, regularly enrolled in a year of the course.
- students already exempted, for various reasons, even partially, from university contributions.

The acceptance of applications will be at the unquestionable discretion of the Agostino Gemelli's Education Fund to support Studies Commission, presided over

by me and made up of representatives of the Pastoral Centre, the teaching staff and the technical-administrative staff of the University.

In order to obtain the funds, applicants must meet the requirements specified below.

ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS

The causes of the sudden deterioration of the family economic condition should, as a rule, belong to one or more of the following cases concerning a family member receiving income:

- Termination of employment
- Suspension or reduction of working time (lay-off and other social security benefits)
- For the self-employed and freelancer, a substantial reduction in turnover as a result of the closure or restriction of the activity carried out in implementation of the provisions adopted by the competent authority for the coronavirus emergency
- Death or severe illness

The above must be carefully substantiated through employer documentation for employees, self-certification for self-employed and freelance workers and, where necessary, through health-related documentation.

The self-certifications must report, if the deterioration of the economic conditions of the family depends on negative events of an economic activity carried out in a corporate form, the data of the financial statements for the period January-April 2020. It will also be necessary to provide the financial statements as at 31 December 2019.

The Commission may also request additional documentation or make requests for further information, where necessary, for a more accurate reconstruction of the situation.

EDUCATIONAL CREDITS

Students, with the exception of those enrolled in the first year of the course, must certify that they have acquired and recorded, by 30 October 2019, the following minimum number of educational credits (ECTS minimum) for their entire academic career:

| FACULTY | COURSE | ECTS | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | 2° | 3° | 4° | 5° | 6° | FC |
| | YEAR | | | | | | |
| All | Undergraduate programme | 35 | 80 | == | == | == | 135 |
| All | Graduate programme | 35 | == | == | == | == | 80 |
| All | Single-cycle programme | 35 | 80 | 135 | 190 | == | 245 |
| EXCEPTIONS | | | | | | | |
| Psychology and Medicine and Surgery | Undergraduate programme | 35 | 88 | == | == | == | 148 |
| Psychology and Medicine and Surgery | Graduate programme | 35 | == | == | == | == | 88 |
| Medicine and Surgery | Single-cycle programme in Dentistry | 35 | 103 | 165 | 211 | 273 | 333 |
| Medicine and Surgery | Corso di laurea magistrale a ciclo unico in Medicina | 30 | 69 | 127 | 180 | 236 | 296 |
| Medicine and Surgery | Single-cycle programme in Medicine and Surgery | 35 | 78 | 149 | 192 | == | == |

To submit your application, please fill in the enclosed [form](#), together with the [supporting documentation](#), and send it to <mailto:fondosalvastudi.gemelli@unicatt.it> by and no later than 24:00 on Monday 8 June 2020.

The payment of the benefit and the extent of the benefit will be decided at the discretion of the Commission, taking into account the economic situation of the applicant, as reflected in the information provided and the supporting documentation, the comparative assessment of the applications and the availability of the Fund.

The President of the Commission
Antonella Sciarrone Alibrandi