

DOMPÉ FOUNDATION ETS

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

PREMISE

The knowledge economy, in its broadest sense, is profoundly changing our society in every aspect at an unprecedented speed. Specifically, we are going through a phase of technological transition driven by various factors: the accessibility to shared computational resources that were once unimaginable (Cloud Computing and, in perspective, Quantum Computing); the vast amount of data generated by an increasing number of interconnected smart devices (Big Data and Internet of Things); and the rapid advancement of sophisticated data analysis techniques and methodologies (Machine Learning, Deep Learning), as well as Artificial Intelligence.

In this context, science and the resulting innovation represent the most fruitful sources of the ongoing transformation. This process begins in universities and research centers, eventually expanding and consolidating in the business sector. It represents a *continuum* that draws its value precisely from its inseparable coherence.

The Dompé Foundation ETS has chosen to be an active player in this change by investing in the scientific education and training of promising young individuals in STEM fields. Today, students embarking on the path of science must be able to learn within an environment that combines specialized knowledge with a multidisciplinary approach. Their education should encompass not only biology and life sciences, but also new perspectives offered by technological fields, such as computer science, artificial intelligence, engineering, and nanotechnology. The university programs selected by the Dompé Foundation ETS for its scholarships are guided by these principles. The Foundation's commitment adds up to Dompé farmaceutici s.p.a.'s investments in R&D as well as in innovative businesses.

Without talent, there can be no progress. Without knowledge, there can be no development.

ART.1 SCOPE

1.1 The Dompé Foundation ETS intends to foster the personal and professional growth of deserving university students, facilitating social mobility through the so-called "social elevator" and removing barriers to university education for the less advantaged social groups. The Foundation specifically focuses on supporting individuals attending graduate and postdoctoral studies characterized by innovation and experimentation.

1.2 In order to achieve the purposes set forth in the previous article, the Foundation has identified, through its Scientific Committee, the two-year Master's degree program in Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of Bologna.

1.3 The Foundation has allocated a total of €60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00 euros) to establish two scholarships, aimed at supporting students throughout their entire Master's degree program. Therefore, each scholarship will amount to €15,000.00 (fifteen thousand/00 euros) gross per year.

1.4 The Foundation relies on the valuable collaboration and work of the University of Bologna for the administrative activities related to this Call for Applications.

ART. 2 RECIPIENTS

2.1 The scholarship recipients shall be identified among students enrolled in the first year of the Master's degree program in Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of Bologna, who have submitted a regular application by the deadline specified in this Call for Applications in art. 3.1 and meet the following requirements:

(a) Their household's Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator for the right to university study (ISEEU) in the year 2025, should not exceed €45,000.00. Foreign students from EU or non-EU countries residing in Italy, Italian students residing abroad, and Italian students with family members holding income and assets abroad must obligatorily provide the certification issued by the consular authority of the country where the income/assets were produced and/or held. Exemption from the payment of university fees is not a cause of incompatibility with the scholarship.

(b) Applicants must not have any employment, collaboration, subordinate or para-subordinate ties with Dompé farmaceutici s.p.a. and/or Dompé Foundation ETS, either personally or indirectly through cohabitants, relatives and/or kin.

(c) Applicants must be on track with their studies according to university regulations and the study plan, and must have achieved an average grade of at least 27/30 in their Bachelor's degrees.

(d) Throughout the Master's degree program, scholarship recipients must be on track with their studies according to university regulations and the study plan, and achieve an average grade of 27/30.

2.2 Students meeting the requirements listed in art. 2.1 and who have submitted their applications (see art. 3.1.) may undergo individual interviews with representatives of the Foundation's Scientific Committee. The selection of scholarship recipients among the applicants will be discretionary and will take into consideration their motivation, qualities, and interests.

2.3 The Foundation will directly inform applicants about the outcome of the selection process.

ART. 3 DEADLINE AND MODALITIES OF APPLICATION

3.1 Applications for this Call must be submitted to the Administrative office of the Dompé Foundation ETS using the online application procedure (application form) available at <https://www.dompefoundation.org/> no later than March 31st 2026 at midnight.

3.2 The online application form must include the following documents in pdf format, each named with the candidate's lastname:

(a) declaration in lieu of affidavit/declaration issued by the University certifying the Bachelor's degree obtained, the marks obtained in the individual profit examinations, and the grade and date of the degree examination;

(b) the curriculum vitae in European format with handwritten date and signature;

(c) a presentation letter that includes information regarding current and past universities studies, personality, hobbies and interests. The letter should be

written using Times New Roman font, size 12 and 1.5 line spacing and should not exceed two pages in length. It must also include a header and be signed by the candidate;

(d) valid ISEE for the right to university study;

(e) copy of valid identification document;

(f) foreign students coming from EU or non-EU countries, residing in Italy, Italian students residing abroad and Italian students with family members holding income and assets abroad must compulsorily attach the certification issued by the consular authority of the country where the income/assets were produced and/or held.

Applications with incomplete documentation, in a format other than PDF, or missing a header and/or signature when required, will not be considered.

ART. 4 PROHIBITION OF CUMULATION

4.1 The scholarship cannot be combined with other scholarships, grants or study support funding provided by other entities, whether public or private. Exceptions to this rule apply to awards granted for merit in specific disciplines or arts.

4.2 In the online application form, the person concerned must indicate, under his or her direct responsibility, that he or she is not a beneficiary of other scholarships, grants or study support funding provided by other entities, whether public or private.

4.3 If the candidate receives any additional scholarship, grant, or funding for the same academic year after being awarded the Foundation's scholarship under these regulations, he/she shall promptly inform the Foundation stating whether he/she intends to maintain the Foundation's scholarship or opt for another scholarship, grant, or funding. The right of option may be exercised by the date set for the scholarship award included in the email addressed to the winners.

4.4 Based on this option, the Foundation will reassign the scholarship to another candidate on the ranking list. Any waivers, received after the scholarship delivery date, will result in the recovery of the scholarship already disbursed and in the reallocation to another student for the current academic year.

ART. 5 REVOCATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

5.1 The Foundation will verify that each scholarship recipient maintains the requirements set forth in art. 2.1 throughout the entire scholarship period. This assessment will occur annually in November, with the support of the University of Bologna.

5.2 The scholarship will be permanently revoked under the following circumstances:

(a) If any discrepancies are found between the student's declarations and his/her actual academic, economic, financial or family situation. Additionally, the scholarship will be revoked if it emerges, at any time, even after the disbursement of funds, that the student does not meet the criteria outlined in art. 2.1 (for example, if the student no longer possesses an average grade of 27/30 and/or is no longer on track with his/her studies according to university regulations, and/or has an ISEE income exceeding €45,000.00).

(b) If the student receives, for the same academic year, other scholarships, grants, or funding as specified in art. 4.1.

5.3 The Foundation will recover the disbursed amounts through the procedures established by law.

ART. 6 DELIVERY AND PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO WINNERS

6.1 The Foundation will disburse the annual scholarship payment (equal to €15,000.00 gross), net of any legal withholdings, in a lump sum upon completion of all administrative formalities, via a bank transfer to the account specified by the scholarship recipient.

ART. 7 PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

7.1 The personal data provided in the documents required for the present Call for Applications will be processed in compliance with the current legislation on the

protection of personal data (EU Regulation 2016/679 and subsequent implementing measures).

7.2 The Foundation, represented by the President *pro tempore*, will process the personal data as an autonomous data controller, exclusively for the purpose of fulfilling the obligations related to the implementation of these regulations.

Milano/Bologna, July 4th 2025

Dompé Foundation ETS
The President


Sergio Dompé