

**ECO Certificazioni S.p.A. - AAE for WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP**  
**"Dedicated to the memory of Antonia Terzi and Valeria Giannotta"**  
**5th edition**

Funded by ECO Certificazioni S.p.A. in support of Equal Opportunities for female students enrolled in the International Master's Degree programme in Advanced Automotive Engineering at UNIMORE.

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**Article 1 – Scope and Purpose of the Scholarship**

The fifth edition of the competition for the award of a scholarship, aimed at promoting equal opportunities and supporting the guidance of young female students towards STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) study paths and careers at UNIMORE, is announced in collaboration with ECO Certificazioni S.p.A.

The scholarship is also part of the initiatives promoted by the Gender and Diversity Empowerment Committee, established within MUNER – Motorvalley University of Emilia Romagna – in 2023.

The scholarship, with a total amount of €5,000.00 (five thousand euros) gross payable by the University, will be awarded to a female student enrolled in the 2025/2026 academic year who has begun the International Master's Degree programme in Advanced Automotive Engineering within the MUNER project.

The amount of €5,000.00, following the selection of candidates, will be disbursed to the scholarship recipient in annual instalments of €2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred euros) gross payable by the University in the 2025/2026 academic year, and €2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred euros) gross payable by the University in the following 2026/2027 academic year, according to the terms set out in this call for applications. The scholarship amount is to be considered gross, with any charges being the responsibility of the recipient.

**Article 2 - Eligibility requirements**

The awarding of the scholarship is subject to the following requirements:

- a) be enrolled for the first time in the International Master's Degree Programme in Advanced Automotive Engineering at UNIMORE in the 2025/2026 academic year;
- b) have obtained a bachelor's degree with a final mark of at least 105/110;
- c) have earned no fewer than 18 ECTS credits by 26 February 2026.

**Article 3 - Applications and Deadlines**

Applications must be completed and submitted exclusively online via the application form (Annex 1) no later than **February 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** to the following email address: [servizi.studenti@unimore.it](mailto:servizi.studenti@unimore.it).

Applications that do not include all the required declarations certifying the eligibility criteria will be excluded from the selection process. In the online application, the applicant declares, under her own responsibility, pursuant to Art. 46 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28/12/2000 and subsequent amendments:

- a) her full name, student ID number, and email address;
- b) her commitment to promptly communicate any changes to her residence or the contact details provided in the application;
- c) that she has obtained a bachelor's degree with a final grade of no less than 105/110;
- d) that she is enrolled for the first time in the 2025/2026 academic year in the International Master's Degree Program in Advanced Automotive Engineering at UNIMORE, as set out in Article 1 of this call;
- e) that she has earned at least 18 ECTS by 26 February 2026.
- f) that she is aware of all the provisions set out in this call for applications.

The application for the selection must include, under penalty of exclusion, a copy of a valid identity document and the signed privacy consent form for the processing of personal data (Annex 2).

Applicants who make false statements will automatically lose entitlement to the scholarship, without prejudice to the application of any further administrative and/or criminal sanctions provided for by the applicable law. The Administration reserves the right to carry out the checks and verifications provided for by the applicable regulations. UNIMORE reserves the right, even after the completion of the selection process, to exclude any applicant who have not complied with the provisions of the call or who do not meet the requirements set therein.

The requirements set out in this call must be indicated in the application form for the selection.

#### **Article 4 - Scientific Committee**

The selection of applications and the drawing up of the merit ranking will be entrusted to a Scientific Committee composed of:

- The Coordinator of the International Master's Degree in Advanced Automotive Engineering, or her/his Delegate;
- Representative of ECO Certificazioni S.p.A.;
- Head of the Student Benefits Office, acting as Recording Secretary.

#### **Article 5 - Award of the Scholarship**

The scholarship will be awarded by a Scientific Committee, which will draw up a dedicated merit ranking based exclusively on merit criteria established by the Committee.

The ranking of the scholarship recipient will be published on the [Online Notice Board - the University Official Notice Board](#).

The scholarship will be disbursed in two instalments: the first (amounting to €2,500.00 – gross to the University) upon completion of the selection process described in this announcement; the second (amounting to €2,500.00 – gross to the University) provided that the recipient is duly enrolled in the second academic year of the programme and has earned at least 40 ECTS credits in her degree programme by 10 October 2027. In the event that two or more applicants achieve the same score at the conclusion of the evaluation of qualifications, the younger applicant shall be preferred (Art. 3, Law 197/1997).

#### **Article 6 – Acceptance, Withdrawal, and Forfeiture**

The right to the scholarship shall lapse for any applicant who does not submit the following documents within fifteen days of the notification of the award:

- a) a declaration of acceptance of the scholarship.

The scholarship that becomes available due to the winner's renunciation or forfeiture may be awarded, by moving down the ranking, to the next eligible candidate according to the order of the merit list drawn up through the selection procedure referred to in this call for applications.

#### **Article 7 – Renewal of the Scholarship**

The scholarship recipient will be entitled to receive the second instalment of the Scholarship for the following academic year 2026/2027, provided that the requirements listed below are met:

- enrolment in the 2026/2027 academic year in the same Master's Degree programme for which she was awarded the scholarship, within the established deadlines;
- completion of at least 40 ECTS credits provided in the study plan by 10 October 2027.

If the scholarship recipient fails to meet the academic objectives specified above for the renewal of the scholarship in the years following the first, or in the event of a transfer or withdrawal from the university programme, she will retain the amount already received but will lose the right to receive the remaining balance. In such a case, the ranking will be adjusted, and the amount allocated for the renewal will be awarded to the applicant next in line who meets the above-mentioned requirements.

**Article 8 – Publicity and Promotion of the ECO Certificazioni S.p.A. – AAE for WOMEN**

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This Notice is published on the [Online Notice Board - the University Official Notice Board](#). The Department and the involved Degree Programme shall promote appropriate communication, guidance, and outreach initiatives aimed at ensuring the widest possible dissemination of this announcement, as well as the subsequent publication of the results and related promotional activities within the International Master’s Degree Programme in Advanced Automotive Engineering at UNIMORE.

**Article 9 – Personal Data Processing and Access to Procedural Documents**

For the information regarding the processing of personal data of the applicants, reference is made to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR), “on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.”

Applicants have the right to access the documents relating to the selection procedure in accordance with the procedures established by law.

**Article 10 - Incompatibilities and Compatibilities**

The scholarship in question is incompatible with the following benefits:

- scholarships/awards awarded by the University for merit;
- scholarships/awards awarded by the University and for the same degree programme;
- grants provided for the financing of internship activities;

The scholarship is compatible with the receipt of regional scholarships (Borse Ergo), part-time work, and tutoring assignments.

**Article 11 – Person in charge of the Procedure**

The person in charge of the administrative procedure, pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 1, of Law No. 241/1990 and subsequent amendments, is the Head of the Student Benefits Office, Giuseppe Gatti ([servizi.studenti@unimore.it](mailto:servizi.studenti@unimore.it))

**Article 12 - Disputes**

For any dispute arising in relation to this call, the Scientific Committee shall provide the appropriate interpretation, which must be adopted by Rector’s decree.

**Article 13 – Final rules**

For matters not specifically covered in this call, the applicable laws and regulations governing university scholarships and awards shall apply.

The Rector  
Prof. Rita Cucchiara