

SANTANDER GRANTS - INTERNATIONAL TALENT SCHOLARSHIPS TO TAKE MASTER'S PROGRAMMES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE BALEARIC ISLANDS

Call Terms and Conditions

The University of the Balearic Islands (UIB), with sponsorship from Santander Universities, announces five grants in a competitive call to take official master's programmes at the UIB. The programmes are run by the Centre for Postgraduate Studies (CEP) and the grants are aimed at new students enrolling in the 2024-25 academic year, with residence abroad. Candidates are required to have been awarded the qualification that provides entry to master's programmes during the 2022, 2023 or 2024 academic years.

I. Purpose

This call aims to facilitate and expand the participation of overseas students with excellent academic records who meet the requirements to join official master's programmes at the UIB.

The maximum available financial allocation to cover these objectives is €50,000.

II. Features of the Grants

Each grant comprises an award of €10,000. Part of this amount shall be retained to cover the cost of the tuition fees for the official Master's programme on which the recipient enrolls. The remainder shall be divided into two instalments, which may be used to cover the costs of board and accommodation, as well as taking out a non-pharmaceutical medical insurance policy from Santander Bank.

III. Requirements to Enter the Competitive Call

a) General

- Candidates shall not be a beneficiary of other grants or scholarships deemed incompatible with those in the present call, except for mobility grants that are seen as

a supplement to studies aimed exclusively at student mobility

- Where candidates are awarded any other similar grant or scholarship, they shall explicitly reject one of them and, in the event that the grant being refused is the one awarded under the framework of this call, the beneficiary shall refund the awarded amount to the Centre for Postgraduate Studies (CEP).

b) Specific

1. Accreditation that the overseas entry qualification has an equivalent level of training as the corresponding Spanish university qualifications that provide entry to master's programmes in the issuing country. The CEP shall verify this based on the submitted documentation (see next section). Santander International Talent applicants are, for the purposes of applying for this grant, exempt from paying the corresponding equivalency verification fee
2. Having been awarded the qualification that provides entry to master's programmes during the years 2022, 2023 or 2024
3. Candidates must provide the average mark equivalency statement issued by the Ministry of Universities, (<https://www.educacionyfp.gob.es/servicios-al-ciudadano/catalogo/gestion-titulos/estudios-universitarios/titulos-extranjeros/equivalencia-notas-medias.html>). The average mark must be 8 or above
4. Candidates shall fulfil the entry requirements for the degree for which the grant is being requested. In particular, the entry qualification must be equivalent to one of those set out as priority qualifications in the verified degree report. The management team of the master's programme shall be consulted for the purposes of this verification
5. Inter-university master's programmes where enrolment does not take place at the UIB, as well as master's programmes that do not include any in-person teaching at the UIB, are expressly excluded from this call
6. Those individuals who are undertaking a study stay or residence, or who are residing in Spain for any other reason, are excluded from this call
7. Duly fill in the online application form over the Santander Bank platform.

IV. Documentation to Be Submitted by Candidates

- A document with two master's programmes **at most** (in order of preference) that students are interested in taking. The list of available programmes may be viewed at the following link: <https://cep.uib.es/es/master>

- A copy of the applicant's passport, which must be valid at the time of application
- *Curriculum vitae* specifically including, where applicable, prizes, grants, publications, relevant participation in conferences and other similar merits
- An affidavit plus accreditation documents of the applicant's permanent residence or equivalent in the months prior to the date of application
- A copy of the academic certificates for university studies taken to date, with specific mention of the qualifications obtained and the average mark awarded. Moreover, they shall provide the average mark equivalency statement issued by the Ministry of Universities.

The CEP may request any other documentation from applicants that it deems appropriate to consider their application during the candidate selection process.

V. Application Submission

Applicants must access the Santander Universities grants page (<http://app.santanderopenacademy.com/program/talento-internacional-master-universitario-uib-24-25>), attach all the required documentation and formalise the application, where they must indicate, in order of preference, a maximum of two master's programmes for which they are applying for the scholarship. The submission period for applications begins on the day after the call is published and ends on 25th March 2024 at 11.59 pm Spanish time (UTC+2).

VI. Selection Committee

The selection committee shall comprise the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Postgraduate and Lifelong Learning Policy and Management, or the person s/he delegates, who shall act as chair, and the management team of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies.

VII. Candidate Selection

The selection procedure shall be competitive, whereby the award is made by comparing the submitted applications so as to establish a ranking in accordance with the assessment criteria set out herein.

A waiting list shall be established comprising those who have not been awarded these grants, ordered from highest to lowest score as per the assessment criteria set out herein.

The selection committee shall assess the applications in accordance with the average mark equivalency statement issued by the Ministry of Universities. In the event of a tie, the committee shall decide on the ranking order in accordance with the other accredited merits in the application.

Where it so deems appropriate, the selection committee may decide not to award a grant.

VIII. Resolution

This call shall be resolved by a resolution issued by the President and Vice Chancellor of the University of the Balearic Islands to be published on the website of the UIB Centre for Postgraduate Studies.

The selected beneficiaries shall receive a personal notification sent to the e-mail address stated in their application.

IX. Beneficiary Obligations

Failure to fulfil any of the requirements below shall lead to withdrawal of the awarded grant.

Before the start of the programme:

1. Acceptance of the grant. Candidates shall accept the grant award, call terms and conditions in writing, as well as the criteria established by the University of the Balearic Islands, within ten calendar days from notification thereof, which shall be sent to the e-mail address provided in the application. Failure to accept the awarded grant within the deadline shall lead to its withdrawal. Beneficiaries must also accept the grant on the Santander Bank application
2. Enrolment. Applicants shall have formalised registration on at least 60 ECTS credits on the master's programme where they have been accepted within the first enrolment period that opens after the call resolution. This enrolment shall not require them to pay any amount at this time, although the enrolment fee shall be deducted from the first payment of the grant, as set out below. Credits that are subsequently granted recognition, where applicable, are included in the 60 enrolled credits
3. Opening a bank account at Santander Bank. After accepting the grant, candidates shall open a bank account at a branch of Santander Bank, where the grant awarded in this call shall be deposited.
4. Taking out a medical insurance policy at Santander Bank. After accepting the grant, candidates shall take out a medical insurance policy for overseas university students at Santander Bank from its HEALTH [SALUD] (or similar) product line to cover their period of stay in Spain linked to this grant, and submit a receipt of this policy to the CEP
5. Submission of their visa before 9th September 2024. Students awarded a grant

shall submit their visa to the CEP admin services. Submission may be done either in-person or online. Where students fail to submit their visa by this date, the grant award shall be withdrawn

6. Go in-person to the UIB admin services. Once students have opened an account at Banco Santander and taken out the health insurance policy at the bank, they must physically go to the CEP at the UIB with the aforementioned supporting documents. Grant payments to students shall be activated from this time.

After the programme has started:

7. Notifying any incidents. Candidates shall notify their rejection of the grant, where applicable, to the CEP in writing, as well as any substantial change that may affect the conditions thereof. In particular, beneficiaries shall notify any absence equal to or above one month
8. Academic Achievement. Candidates shall pass at least 80% of the enrolled credits in the academic year during which the grant has been awarded
9. Submission of a positive report issued by the master's management team. During March 2025, candidates shall submit to the CEP a positive report issued by the master's management team to initiate the processing of the second payment
10. Submission of a report by the student. Candidates shall submit a report to the CEP in July 2025 about the activities undertaken during the grant with approval from the degree management team.
11. Participation in promotional activities. Candidates shall take part, where required, in promotional activities for the awarded grant and/or studies that they have been able to take thanks to it.

X. Method of Payment and Formalisation Requirements

Each grant comprises an award of €10,000. Part of this grant will be used to cover the costs of the master's degree tuition fees, so that students will not have to pay this amount themselves. The CEP will automatically deduct this part from the initial grant amount. The amount resulting from deducting the tuition fees from the €10,000 of the grant shall be divided into two instalments:

1. First instalment: the first payment shall be processed after the grant is accepted and enrolment is done online, and students come in-person to the CEP to submit the enrolment documentation and formalisation. At this time, the CEP shall initiate the necessary procedures to transfer the first payment of €6,000 minus

the cost of the tuition fees, which shall be directly deposited in the bank account opened for this purpose by students at a branch of Santander Bank

2. Second instalment: from March 2025, the procedures shall begin for the beneficiary to receive the second transfer of €4,000, after a positive report is issued by the master's management team. This report shall be sent to the CEP before March 2025. A negative report shall lead to losing the rights to receive the second instalment of the grant
3. In the event that students do not pass 80% of the credits, the CEP may request a partial or total refund of the amount received.

Where grantholder students fail to provide their NIE (Foreigner Identity Number), visa with NIE or a receipt of having requested an NIE, the corresponding withholding tax shall be deducted in accordance with current legislation.

XI. Cancellation or Withdrawal

The following shall be causes for grant cancellation:

- Withdrawal from the programme due to force majeure
- Confirmation of any irregularity in the information provided in the application or no longer fulfilling the terms or requirements of designation. In this instance, the beneficiary shall return the amount received
- Voluntary withdrawal or unjustified absence of the beneficiary for a period above 30 days. In this instance, the beneficiary shall return the amount received
- Where students fail to submit their visa to the CEP before 9th September 2024, their enrolment shall be automatically cancelled.

Failure to comply with any of the requirements, procedures or deadlines set out in the call may lead to cancellation or withdrawal of the call. Candidates are encouraged to check they fulfil all conditions in good time in order to avoid both themselves and the university and grant sponsor wasting time and effort.

Cancellation shall lead to the loss of all rights inherent to the grant.

In the event of cancellation or withdrawal before the first payment, the grant shall be awarded to the first person on the waiting list.

XII. General Information

For any additional information on this call, interested parties may contact:

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Notifications and rectification requirements shall be sent to the e-mail address provided in the formal application.

Privacy and data protection policy

The UIB fully complies with current legislation regarding personal data protection and specifically upholds the commitment to confidentiality regarding any information provided.

The UIB has adopted the necessary technical measures to maintain the required level of security, in accordance with the processed personal data and the processing circumstances, so as to avoid, wherever possible and as per the state of the art, any unauthorised alteration, loss, processing or access with regard to the data.

The personal data of applicants included in the documents referred to in these terms and conditions shall be included in a file at the CEP. The aforementioned information shall solely be used for purposes related to the call.

Final Provisions

Submitting an application for this call represents express acceptance of these terms and conditions by the candidate, as well as the UIB criteria and decisions that may be taken with regard to any question of interpretation of the requirements and conditions set out up to this point.

Where any incompliance with these terms and conditions is detected, whenever this occurs and regardless of the status of the application in the grant pre-selection, selection or award process, the aforementioned application shall be automatically cancelled, if it has already been awarded.

Any mention of governance or representation bodies, positions, posts and members of the university community, as well as any other in this regulation that appears in the masculine gender, shall be understood as referring indistinctly to both the masculine and feminine gender, in accordance with the sex of the person in question.

Where the document is drafted in two or more languages, the Spanish version stands as the original. Any other version is provided as a translation. In the event of any dispute between versions, the Spanish version shall prevail.

Jaume Carot Giner

President and Vice Chancellor of the University of the Balearic Islands.