

Extraordinary call for #UABRefugi Grants for students from Palestine for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees. Academic year 2026-2027

1. Preamble

Faced with the devastating effects of the escalation of Israeli violence on the Gaza Strip between October 2023 and early October 2025, which the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, established by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, did not hesitate to describe as genocide, the Autonomous University of Barcelona wants to show its commitment to Palestinian victims.

As was already done in July 2024 to include one of the agreements of the UAB Senate, dated 30 May 2024, the UAB maintains its commitment so that students from Palestine who have had to abandon their university studies due to the war conflict, can resume their studies at our university.

To this end, and within the framework of the UAB Refuge Programme promoted by the Autonomous Solidarity Foundation (FAS), with a history of ten years, it is considered important to approve a specific call to facilitate studies at the UAB for students from Palestine during the academic year 2026-2027.

2. Scope of application

1. The purpose of this document is to establish the regulatory bases for the granting of grants #UABRefugi in an extraordinary call for students from Palestine, financed from the budget item of scholarships and grants, with a maximum allocation for the academic year 2026-2027 of 146,500 euros.

2. These grants are aimed at Palestinian students who have already received scholarships in the previous call or who live in the Gaza Strip, who have had to abandon their studies forcibly and who want to resume them in UAB-specific centres in official undergraduate, master's and doctoral studies.

3. A maximum of 5 grants may be awarded for students in modality a) and a maximum of 4 in modality b). The total amount of the grant to be received per student is a maximum of €16,500, plus registration fees and corresponding fees.

3. Types of the Grant

The call provides for two types of aid:

a. Grants for Palestinian students residing in the Gaza Strip who want to resume their studies at the UAB. This line includes items in the following items:

i. Enrolment grants for those credits enrolled during the 2026-2027 academic year: 100% exemption from academic and administrative access and enrolment fees for the 2026-2027 academic year.

ii. Grants for visa processing and for moving from your current place of stay in Barcelona:

- Expenses arising from the management of visas.
- Transport costs from the place of origin to the study centre.

iii. Grants for accommodation and maintenance in the UAB environment:

- Accommodation expenses. Possibility of residing in Vila Universitària. In this case, the FAS will be in charge of the management and the (reduced) price of the monthly contribution will be deducted.
- Monthly contribution of €1,100 for expenses derived from housing and maintenance.
- 1 extraordinary monthly payment for study support to cover the costs of urban transport, academic material and technology, through a nominative income for pocket money.
- Expenses arising from the translation, legalisation and equivalence/homologation of the documentation required for access and issuance of the degree of the study programme for which the scholarship is awarded.

iv. Grants for learning Catalan and/or Spanish.

- Exemption of 100% of academic and administrative fees for language courses carried out in the UAB Language Service.

v. Other grants considered by the Working Group.

b. Grants for Palestinian students already enrolled at the UAB in the 2025-26 academic year within the framework of the UAB Refuge Call for students from Palestine for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees. This modality will include the same concepts as modality a), except those related to visas and travel (ii).

All amounts requested must be based on the specific needs of each student.

Each application may include one or more of the items listed above, the sum of which may not exceed, in any case, the maximum amount defined in section three.

4. Award procedure

The procedure for awarding the scholarships will be carried out according to each of the modalities.

a. Grants for Palestinian students residing in the Gaza Strip who want to resume their studies at the UAB.

The location and pre-selection of candidates is the responsibility of the Autonomous Solidarity Foundation, in collaboration, if so considered, with the reference shelter entities for the Palestinian population.

The call will open between February and May 2026, using the form that will be posted on the **Scholarships #UABRefugi** website and which will establish the period for submitting applications.

Applications will be assessed by a Working Group set up for this purpose, made up of:

- Secretary General of the UAB, who will preside over it,
- Vice-Rector for International Relations of the UAB
- Deputy Manager of Academic Planning of the UAB,
- Director of the Autonomous Solidarity Foundation,
- A member of the Commission for the monitoring of the Senate agreements of 30 May, in relation to the emergency in Palestine,
- Head of the Academic Affairs Area of the UAB,
- UAB Refuge Programme Technician

In the assessment of applications, the Working Group will take into account the following requirements and priority criteria:

With regard to the requirements of the applicants, they must demonstrate that:

- They come from the Gaza Strip
- They have seen their academic careers interrupted.
- They can recognise a minimum of 30 credits if they want to join undergraduate studies.
- They meet the requirements for access to university master's and/or doctoral studies.
- They do not have Spanish nationality or that of any other European country.
- They have sufficient knowledge of the language in which the UAB studies are

taught.

Applications received will be prioritised according to the following criteria:

- Order of arrival.
- Candidacies submitted by women.
- Socioeconomic vulnerability.
- Coherence between previous studies and those planned at the UAB.
- Students who have already graduated and wish to study a Master's degree.
- Activism in entities or social movements linked to Peace and Global Justice.
- Other criteria considered by the Working Group.

The Working Group must check that the applicants meet the requirements of the call and that the documentation provided is sufficient to resolve the application. Otherwise, the mandatory documents may be required.

The Working Group may require, where appropriate, the advice of technical specialists.

b. Grants for Palestinian students already enrolled at the UAB in the 2025-26 academic year within the framework of the UAB Refuge Call for students from Palestine for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees.

The Working Group will propose the renewal of scholarships for students from the previous academic year, once the academic achievement and interest of the beneficiaries to continue their studies at the UAB have been accredited.

5. Resolution and acceptance of the scholarship

The resolution of the call must be made public through the website of the UAB and the Fundació Autònoma Solidària.

The acceptance of the scholarship must be formalized through the signing of a commitment document that must include the Commitment to follow the planned curriculum. The Area of Cooperation and Education for Global Justice of the FAS – UAB Refuge Program will safeguard the commitment document, and will monitor this compliance, in coordination with the Working Group evaluating the call.

6. Incompatibilities

This grant may be compatible or partially compatible with any other grant from private entities and/or public benefits that the student may receive for these concepts, provided that the sum of the grants received does not exceed the total expense that the student must make.

In the application form, the applicant must inform about other benefits or grants that they are receiving or plan to receive.

7. Revocation of the grant

The grants subject to this call may be revoked if any incompatibility is detected, if the provisions of the Regulatory Bases or the commitment document are not complied with, as well as in the event that the resources received have not been allocated to the agreed purposes.

8. Privacy and data protection

All data provided by applicants for this financial aid must be processed in accordance with the principles established in Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (RGPD) and in Organic Law 3/2018, of 5 December, on the protection of personal data and guarantee of digital rights (LOPD-GDD), assuming the responsibilities arising from the breach of this obligation.

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9. More information and inquiries

More information about the call and the documentation to be submitted through the email address: fas.refugi@uab.cat

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