

Call for #UABRefugi Grants for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral studies. Academic year 2026-2027

Introduction

In line with the declaration of the General Assembly of the Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (CRUE) of 7 September 2015 and 10 May 2023 in relation to the integration of social, environmental and economic challenges in Spanish universities, including the socio-academic inclusion of people seeking refuge, The Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) reaffirms its commitment to university communities in a situation of seeking refuge and forced mobility in relation to the principles, values and responsibilities that make up its Statutes, particularly in terms of the principles of action that govern its activities: freedom, democracy, justice, equality and solidarity.

In accordance with these principles, the UAB, through collaboration with the Autonomous Solidarity Foundation (FAS), has been developing since 2016 an initiative to support the university community in search of refuge and/or victims of forced displacement, known as the "UAB Refuge Programme". This commitment is manifested through the publication of the following Call for Grants for students in search of refuge and/or victims of forced displacement to carry out Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral studies in the academic year 2026-2027 as provided for in the following:

RULES

Art.1. Purpose

The purpose of this Call is to offer grants to students or future students of Bachelor's, Official Master's and Doctoral Degrees at the UAB during the academic year 2026-2027 who, being in a situation of seeking refuge and/or being victims of forced displacement, need support for the start or continuation of official university studies and who, meet the requirements described in Article 4 of these rules.

Art. 2. Scope of application

- 1) The purpose of this document is to establish the regulatory bases for the granting of grants #UAB Refuge for the 2026-2027 academic year, financed by the budget item of scholarships and grants, with a maximum endowment of €95,000.

- 2) These grants are aimed at students from UAB centres enrolled in official bachelor's, master's and doctoral studies, who are linked to the UAB Refuge Programme or students who, in compliance with the provisions of the rules of this call, want to start or continue with university studies.
- 3) The students who are beneficiaries of the grants must allocate the resources derived from this call to expenses directly related to the studies in progress at the UAB during the 2026-2027 academic year.
- 4) Compliance with the conditions and requirements set out in the call does not necessarily imply the granting of the requested aid, which is subject to budgetary limitations and academic admission to the study programme for which the aid is requested.

Art.3. Modalities of the Aid

The grants offered are within the framework of the following modalities:

a. Modality A-Prices and fees for academic services of a teaching and non-teaching nature.

- The total endowment for this modality is €65,000.
- This modality includes the following concepts:
 - i. 100% exemption from the academic and administrative fees for access and enrolment for the academic year 2026-2027 in Bachelor's, Official Master's and Doctorate studies. In the case of Bachelor's and Master's degrees, only those that are official and taught by the UAB will be granted. Inter-university study programmes and/or programmes taught in affiliated centres are excluded.
 - ii. Aid for exemption from surcharges associated with financial debt of enrolment.
 - iii. Grants for exemption from payment of fees for the issuance of official degrees and academic certificates.

b. Modality B - Study Support:

- The total endowment for this modality is €30,000. The total amount of the aid to be applied for and to be received is a maximum of €1,500 per student.
- The following items may be requested:
 - a. **Teaching material:** Consumable material, bibliography, academic support material, reprography and any other material necessary for the proper monitoring of the planned curriculum. The amount to be received will be fixed at €200 for full-time students and €100 for part-time students.
 - b. **Transport:** Expenses derived from travel from the place of residence to the study centre, whether this is the UAB campus or any other location provided for in the study calendar. The use of public transport will be prioritised and the calculation of the amounts will be adapted to the prices established by the AMB with fixed amounts by areas according to the route to be taken between the usual home and the Bellaterra Campus. The calculation of the amount requested for transport will cover 10 months based on the planned school calendar and €400 is established as the maximum amount to be received. It will cover public transport expenses

through integrated personal degrees during the 2026-2027 academic year. The amounts to be requested are:

- i. Zone 1 journeys: €22 X 10= €220
 - ii. Zone 2 journeys: €29.65 X 10= €296.5
 - iii. Journeys zone 3 and above: maximum of €400
 - iv. T-Youth: 44€X 3= 132 €
- c. Technology:** Purchase of electronic devices necessary for the performance and monitoring of the theoretical and practical tasks derived from studies at the UAB, such as laptops, scientific calculators or any other duly justified device. The total amount to be requested and received for computers will be, at most, € 400.00 per student. Students who have benefited from grants for the purchase of technology in previous calls will not be able to apply again.
- d. Material for curricular internships:** In those cases where it is an essential requirement, the purchase, rental or lease of material for the performance of compulsory curricular internships is foreseen. The maximum amount will be €150. The concepts must be duly justified. The payment of curricular internship stays is excluded.
- e. Aid for the expenses derived from the legalisation of the documentation required for access to studies:** includes official translations and payment of application fees for recognition and equivalence. The maximum amount to be received will be €200. Expenses prior to one year from the start of the scholarship application are excluded. Students who have benefited from the maximum amount of this aid in previous calls will not be able to apply for it again.
- f. Other expenses** directly related to the development of university studies duly justified. Enrolment in the UAB Language Service is excluded.

All the amounts requested must be based on the specific needs of each student in the *Application Form document* in coherence with their study itinerary.

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 established.

Art.4. Requirements for applicants

This call is applicable to foreign or stateless students over 18 years of age who meet the following requirements according to the Modalities established in art.3:

a. Modality A-Prices and fees for academic services of a teaching and non-teaching nature.

- a. Be in one of the following administrative situations:
 - (1) be an applicant or have refugee status in Spain in accordance with Law 12/2009, of 30 October, regulating the Right to Asylum and Subsidiary Protection;

(2) having been an applicant for refuge or coming from a humanitarian emergency area and being in a situation of irregularity arising from the denial of the grant for a maximum of 2 years prior to the date of application for the scholarship;

(3) reside in an area of conflict and/or climate emergency that is the subject of a call for aid;

(4) justify another situation similar to the concepts of seeking refuge and forced displacement or having been a beneficiary of the #UABRefugi grant during the 2026-2027 academic year.

- b. To be in possession of the qualification that gives access to the requested studies. In those cases in which the applicant cannot submit all the required documentation due to issues related to their situation of seeking refuge or forced displacement (documentary delay), a documentary feasibility study will be carried out.
- c. Prove a minimum B2 level of the language in which the studies for which the scholarship is requested are taught. In the event of not having official certification, an interview may be called to assess the level of language.
- d. Preference will be given to those who reside in the province of Barcelona, followed by those residing in Catalan territory and Spanish territory, in the same order.
- e. Obtaining the scholarship will ultimately be contingent on admission to the study program for which the scholarship is requested.

b. Modality B - Study Support:

- a. Be a beneficiary of the Modality A scholarship of the UAB Refuge Program during the 2026-2027 academic year.
- b. Fill in the application form within the deadline established in the call.
- c. Persons who have benefited from the grant corresponding to technology and expenses derived from translation and equivalence or homologation procedures in previous years may only apply for aid for the following concepts: (a) teaching material, (b) transport, (d) material for curricular internships and (f) other expenses.

Art.5. Formalisation of applications and deadlines

- Interested persons must submit their application together with the required documentation using the online application form within the deadlines established once the call has been published on the UAB and FAS scholarship pages: between 12 January and 12 March 2026.
- The application forms must be accompanied by the following documentation:

MODALITY A
Continuity students beneficiaries of the scholarship #UABRefugi 2025-2026:
-It is not necessary to submit any complementary documentation to the application.

Students applying for the grant for the first time (new access) academic year 2026-2027:

- Photocopy of the identification document (NIE, passport, others)
- Document that links the applicant with the cases of seeking refuge and/or forced displacement described in art. 4 of this Call.
- Declaration of responsibility duly completed and signed (Annex 1).
- Academic qualifications available (completed degrees and academic certification **officially translated**).
- Certificate of accreditation of level B2 of the languages of teaching of the study program for which the scholarship is requested. In the event of not having certification, a personal interview will be held to verify that the language requirements are met.
- Letter of motivation
- Any other relevant information that may support the candidacy (endorsement from NGOs or international organisations, letters of reference/university recommendation...).

MODALITY B

- Bank ownership document
- In the case of receiving social aid, supporting documents (social reference report, RGI concession, etc.).
- In cases where aid is requested with the concept "others", the corresponding supporting documentation.

Art.6. Selection process and criteria

6.1. Phases of the process

5.1.1. Modality A-Prices and fees for academic services of a teaching and non-teaching nature.

The selection process for candidates will be carried out by the UAB Refuge Programme together with the Selection Committee described in section 5.2. in four phases from the submission of the application form:

- PHASE 1: Candidacy report prepared by the FAS technical team. This phase involves:
 - Verification of the attached documentation and documentary feasibility study, Throughout this phase, complementary documentation can be requested from the interested person. Those candidacies considered as non-viable will be excluded from continuing with the process.
 - Socio-academic interview and academic orientation process to identify the specific needs required for admission to the study program.
 - Billing of the candidacy by the Selection Committee.
- PHASE 2: Application for admission to the study program. Applications that are not admitted to the study programme will be excluded.
- PHASE 3: Approval of the proposed resolution by the Selection Committee described in art. 5.2. of these bases.

- PHASE 4: Enrolment, signing of the scholarship acceptance document (Annex 2) and final resolution.

5.1.2. Modality B-- Study Support:

The selection process for candidates will be carried out by the UAB Refuge Programme together with the Selection Committee described in section 5.2. From the sending of the application form in 3 phases:

- PHASE 1: Technical assessment of the applications in relation to these bases of this document and the budgetary availability.
- PHASE 2: Approval of the proposed resolution by the Selection Committee.
- PHASE 3: Publication of the resolution and signing of the scholarship acceptance document.

6.2. Selection Committee

- The selection of candidatures will be made effective by a Selection Committee made up of:
 - a. Secretary General of the UAB, who will chair it,
 - b. Vice-Rector for International Relations
 - c. Deputy Manager of Academic Planning of the UAB,
 - d. Head of the Academic Affairs Area,
 - e. Director of the Autonomous Solidarity Foundation (FAS)
 - f. UAB Refuge Program Technician

The Committee will be guided by the values of the UAB in relation to equal opportunities between men and women, and with people with functional disabilities. In the event that the number of applications admitted exceeds the established budget, priority will be given to those applications that present situations of greater vulnerability in accordance with the previous points.

- The selection committee will check that the applicants meet the requirements set out in the call for applications and that the documentation provided is sufficient to resolve the application. Otherwise, the mandatory documents may be required.
- The selection committee may require, where appropriate, the advice of specialists.

6.2. Evaluation criteria

- For the selection of applications and distribution of aid, the Commission will take into account the following criteria:
 - Suitability of the profile and letter of motivation with the study program requested. (Modality A).
 - Situation of vulnerability due to gender and sexual identity issues.
 - Socioeconomic situation and needs of the applicant
 - Specific needs required by the study program.
 - Possibility of labor insertion and/or development of an academic career (Modality A)
 - Other financial aid, provision of service or scholarships received.
 - Priority will be given to those applications derived from social entities and departments or services of the UAB.
 - It will be taken into account not having received the aid in previous calls; Priority will be given to those applications from people who have not previously received the aid and who can prove that they have a situation of economic and social precariousness. (Modality B)

Art.7. Obligations and monitoring

The obligations of the beneficiaries of these grants are:

- To facilitate all the verification actions necessary to verify, where appropriate, compliance and effectiveness with the conditions determining the granting of the aid.
- Comply with the academic obligations arising from their enrolment, such as attending class, taking all the tests and exams of the subjects enrolled, participating in the activities that complete their training and attending the follow-up and group meetings of the UAB Refuge Programme. Unjustified non-compliance with these obligations may lead to the cancellation of the aid as well as the return of the amounts unduly received.
- Students undertake to provide the necessary information for monitoring and evaluation during and after the period of studies for which the grant is granted, as well as to participate in the activities that entail the UAB Refuge Programme itinerary.

Art.8. Incompatibilities and revocation

This aid may be compatible or partially compatible with any other aid from private entities and/or public benefits that the student may receive for these concepts, provided that the sum of the aid received does not exceed the total expense that the student must make. In the application form, the applicant must inform about other benefits or aid that they are receiving or plan to receive.

In the event that the person awarded these grants is a beneficiary or obtains during their period of permanence in the UAB Refuge Programme another grant or aid from any other public or private body relating to the same aspects that are the subject of these grants, the applicant must inform the technical

staff of the UAB Refuge Programme so that they can include in their report addressed to the Selection Committee so that they can decide on their compatibility. with the aid of this call.

The grants subject to this call may be revoked if any incompatibility is detected, if the provisions of the Regulatory Bases or in 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. Likewise, the Selection Committee can revoke the aid to any student who is no longer part of the UAB Refuge Programme.

The UAB is not responsible for the possible incompatibility of these grants with those established with calls external to the university.

Art.9. Resolution and acceptance of aid.

The resolution corresponding to each type of aid corresponds to the Selection and Evaluation Committee and will be made public through [the UAB website and the Autonomous Solidarity Foundation](#).

Once the provisional resolution has been published, a period of 10 days will be established in which students will be able to make allegations and provide the missing documentation.

Acceptance of the scholarship must be formalized through the signing of a commitment document that must include the scholarship acceptance document.

The Area of Cooperation and Education for Global Justice of the FAS – UAB Refuge Programme, must safeguard the aforementioned documents and must monitor this compliance, in coordination with the Selection Committee of the call.

Art.10. Privacy and data protection

All data provided by applicants for these financial grants 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 (GDPR) 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 non-compliance with this obligation.

More information and inquiries

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

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