

Santander Grants – International Talent Scholarships to take Master's Programmers at the University of the Balearic Islands

Call Terms and Conditions

The University of the Balearic Islands (UIB), with sponsorship from Santander-Universities, announces seven grants in a competitive call to take official master's programmes at the UIB. These programmes are run by the Centre for Postgraduate Studies (CEP). The grants are aimed at students who were awarded an overseas entry qualification in 2020-21.

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 €70,000.

II. Features of the Grants

Each grant comprises a €10,000 scholarship paid in two instalments that may be used to fully or partially cover the costs of travel, board, accommodation, as well as taking out a non-pharmaceutical medical insurance policy from Santander Bank. The grantholder shall cover the cost of tuition and administration fees.

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 refuse 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, and which has been awarded in the 2020-21 academic year on a face-to-face programme. 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. Candidates shall provide the average mark equivalency statement issued by the Ministry of Universities (<https://cutt.ly/VbSzNL6>). The average mark must be above 8.
3. Candidates shall have pre-registered on a face-to-face master's programme included in the official master's studies available at the UIB.
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 registration does not take place at the UIB, as well as blended or online master's programmes, 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.

IV. Documentation to Be Submitted by Candidates

- The application form duly filled in online.
- A copy of the applicant's passport and visa, where necessary, 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 (www.becas-santander.com/program/talento-internacional-master-uib), attach all the required documentation and formalise the application. The submission period for applications begins on 12th May and ends on 16th July 2021 at 23.59 Spanish time (UTC+2).

VI. Selection Committee

The selection committee shall comprise the secretary general, or the person s/he delegates, who shall act as chair, the pro-vice chancellor for teaching, or the person s/he delegates, the management team of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies (CEP), a member of the management team of the UIB Doctoral School (EDUIB) and a representative from Santander Bank.

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 of them in accordance with the assessment criteria set out herein.

A waiting list shall be generated comprising those who have not been awarded the 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 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

- 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 fifteen calendar days from notification thereof, which shall be sent to the e-mail address provided in the application.
- Applicants shall have formalised registration on at least 60 ECTS credits on the face-to-face master's programme where they have been accepted. This figure includes any recognised credits, where applicable. In the event that applicants have formalised registration with fewer than 60 ECTS credits, they shall modify their registration during the first fifteen calendar days after being awarded and accepting the grant, adding subjects until they reach 60 ECTS credits. Failure to fulfil this requirement shall lead to withdrawal of the awarded grant.

- After accepting the grant, candidates shall take out a medical insurance policy for overseas university students at Santander Bank from its HEALTH [SALUD] product line to cover their period of stay in Spain linked to this grant, and submit a receipt of this policy to the CEP.
- After accepting the grant, candidates shall open a bank account at the university branch of the Santander Bank on the UIB campus, where the grant awarded in this call shall be deposited.
- Candidates shall notify their rejection of the grant, where applicable, to the Centre for Postgraduate Studies 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.
- Candidates shall pass at least 75% of the registered credits in the academic year during which the grant has been awarded.
- Candidates shall submit a report to the CEP in July 2022 about the activities undertaken during the grant with approval from the degree management team.
- 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 paid in two instalments:

- First instalment: The first instalment shall be processed from acceptance of the grant and once students submit the documentation that confirms formalisation of registration to the Centre for Postgraduate Studies at the UIB. In turn, students shall submit a photocopy of their ID card [NIE]. At this time, the Centre for Postgraduate Studies at the UIB shall initiate the necessary procedures to transfer the first payment of €6,000, which shall be directly deposited in the bank account opened for this purpose by students at the Santander Bank branch on the UIB campus.
- Second instalment: from March 2022, 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 2022. A negative report shall lead to losing the rights to receive the second instalment of the grant.

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.

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 formalised 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 CEPA. 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.

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Llorenç Huguet Rotger
Vice Chancellor of the University of the Balearic Islands.