

Call for Applications for Admission or Confirmation to the IPE University Colleges of Merit in Bari and Naples

Academic Year 2026-27

1. IPE UNIVERSITY COLLEGES OF MERIT

IPE (Institute for Research and Educational Activities) is a non-profit organization that aims to provide instruction and education by promoting young people's access to higher education, culture, and the workforce. IPE manages three University Colleges of Merit (hereafter: Colleges) in Bari and Naples, recognized and accredited by the Italian Ministry of University and Research.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW ADMISSIONS

The competition is open to the following categories of male and female students, both Italian and foreign, who for the 2026-27 academic year intend to enroll or are already enrolled, having passed at least 50% of the required ECTS (CFU) credits where applicable:

- University degree courses
- University specialization courses
- Courses at Institutions of Higher Education in Art, Music and Dance recognized by the Ministry (AFAM)
- Masters, University Masters, or ASFOR-accredited courses
- Research Doctorates (PhDs)

Additional requirements as of September 1, 2026	VILLALTA	MONTERONE	POGGIOLEVANTE
Maximum age	-	-	25 (20 if ASIRID)
Minimum high school grade	85/100	85/100	85/100
Minimum arithmetic average (if already a student)	26/30	26/30	26/30
Minimum degree grade (if already graduated)	100/110	100/110	100/110

3. TRAINING PROJECT

As provided by ministerial decrees, every resident in a College of Merit develops a personal training project together with the Direction and their tutor/coach. This involves mandatory participation in at least 70 hours (for the first three years of university) or 25 hours (for subsequent years) of non-curricular activities per year. These activities cover interdisciplinary themes and soft skills through conferences, courses, field trips, career guidance, projects, tutoring, coaching, exchange programs, and international pathways.

The Poggiolevante College also offers training activities for students in scientific and technical degree courses through the International Residential Higher School for Digital Innovators (ASIRID).

Additionally, all Colleges offer the optional opportunity to participate in spiritual and doctrinal formation activities inspired by the principles of the Catholic Church and entrusted to the Prelature of Opus Dei.

4. SERVICES OFFERED

Admission grants the right to use the following services during opening periods.

All Colleges offer full Wi-Fi coverage (1000 Mbps fiber optic), study rooms, libraries, and conference halls.

	VILLALTA	MONTERONE	POGGIOLEVANTE
Opening period	Sep 3, 2026 - Jul 31, 2027	Sep 3, 2026 - Jul 31, 2027	Sep 3, 2026 - Jul 31, 2027
Holiday closures	Dec 24-26, 2026 Dec 31, 2026 - Jan 1, 2027 Mar 27-29, 2027	Dec 24-26, 2026 Dec 31, 2026 - Jan 1, 2027 Mar 27-29, 2027	Dec 24-26, 2026 Dec 31, 2026 - Jan 1, 2027 Mar 27-29, 2027
Room type	Single, double, or triple (ensuite)	Single or double (ensuite)	Single with sink
Room cleaning	4 days a week	3 days a week	5 days a week
Common area cleaning	5 days a week	5 days a week	5 days a week
Linen change	Every two weeks	Every two weeks	Every two weeks
Towel change	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
Laundry	Paid washing machines available	Paid washing machines available	Full service (excl. delicate/dry clean)
Meals	Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily	Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily	Breakfast, lunch, snack, dinner daily
Access hours	Unlimited (electronic key)	Unlimited (electronic key)	Unlimited (code)
Internal parking	Bikes, scooters, motorbikes	Bikes, scooters, motorbikes	Bikes, scooters, motorbikes, cars
Sports	Small gym	Small gym	8-a-side weekly football, internal gym
Facilities	Garden, terrace, chapel	Terrace, garden, chapel	Labs, garden, BBQ, chapel

5. FEES

The fee for the academic year (11 months) in euros is:

Room Type	Villalta	Monterone	Poggiolevante
Single with bathroom	11,500	11,500	12,000
Single with sink	11,000	-----	11,500
Double with bathroom	10,000	9,500	11,000
Triple with bathroom	9,500	-----	-----

For stays shorter than the full academic year (minimum one month), the cost is proportional to the stay in months, rounded up. For stays exceeding 5 months, payments are scheduled as follows:

- Upon acceptance: €500 deposit/security deposit (non-refundable if the student withdraws).
- Upon contract signing: 20% of the total fee.
- From the 3rd month: 60% of the total fee, divided by the remaining months minus five.
- Three months before the end: 20% of the total fee.

The sum of €500 to be paid upon acceptance acts as a confirmatory deposit (Art. 1385 of the Italian Civil Code) for the reservation of a place in the College. Upon signing the contract, this sum, by express agreement between the parties, loses its status as a deposit and is applied as a security deposit to guarantee the fulfillment of all contractual obligations and any damages caused. In the event of an established breach of contract, the College may withhold all or part of the security deposit as compensation for the sums due or damages found, without prejudice to the right to claim compensation for any further damages. It will be returned at the final conclusion of the stay in the College, subject to verification of:

- absence of damage to the rooms and furniture
- full payment of the sums due

- fulfillment of contractual obligations, including participation in the training hours required by ministerial regulations
- absence of any further breaches of the obligations set out in the contract and the College regulations.

Example of payments for a fee of € 11,500 for an 11-month stay:

- July (admission) 500 (security deposit)
- September (contract) 2,300 (20%)
- From November to April 1,150 (60% divided by 6)
- May 2,300 (20%)

For stays of up to 5 months, payment will be as follows (summing percentages if necessary):

- Admission: 500 (security deposit)
- Contract: 30%
- Third month: 40%
- Penultimate month: 30%

6. IPE SCHOLARSHIPS

IPE scholarships, applicable to both new and returning students, do not involve a direct payment to the student but consist of a reduction in the tuition fee. They are not available to full-time working students.

In accordance with current tax legislation, the amount of the IPE scholarship is treated as employment income and will be subject to the relevant tax treatment, including the application of any withholdings required by law. Consequently, the resident will be issued the "Certificazione Unica" (Single Certification) as required by law.

IPE scholarships based on income and merit are cumulative.

Poggiolevante College provides other scholarships, including those in agreement with the University of Bari "Aldo Moro" and the Polytechnic University of Bari. Visit poggiolevante.it/costi-borse.

University ISEE	VILLALTA MONTERONE POGGIOLEVANTE	POGGIOLEVANTE ASIRID <i>maximum cumulable: 6,000</i>
0 - 10,000	3,500	6,000
10,001 - 20,000	2,500	5,500
20,001 - 30,000	1,500	4,500
30,001 - 40,000	500	4,000
> 40,000	0	3,500
MERIT REQUIREMENTS		
High school grade 95-99	1,000	1,000
High school grade 100	2,000	1,500
Exam average 28-29	1,000	1,000
Exam average > 29	2,000	1,500
Degree grade 105-110	1,000	1,000
Degree grade 110 cum laude	2,000	1,500

For a freshman, the high school diploma grade is used. For undergraduate students from the 2nd year onwards, the arithmetic average of all exams completed by August 31, 2026, is used. For 1st-year Master's degree students, the undergraduate degree grade is used, while from the 2nd year onwards, the arithmetic average of all Master's degree exams completed by August 31, 2026, is used.

IPE scholarship for students with a brother or sister already residing in an IPE College: 15% reduction in the fee for one of the two for the entire duration of the stay; this is not cumulative with other IPE income or merit benefits or those from other institutions.

IPE scholarship for foreign students: €4,500, not cumulative with other scholarships.

IPE scholarship for foreign ASIRID students: €5,500, not cumulative with other scholarships.

IPE Poggiolevante ASIRID scholarships are not cumulative with other income-based contributions.

7. INPS CONTRIBUTION

Every year, INPS issues a call for applications for university students who are children or orphans of public administration employees or pensioners residing at University Colleges of Merit accredited and recognized by the MUR (Ministry of University and Research). The INPS contribution can cover up to 100% of the annual fee.

Winners of the call must, in any case, pass the admission tests for the IPE Colleges.

The INPS contribution, which is paid directly to the College, cannot be combined with other benefits. The call can be found on the inps.it website by searching for “bando collegi di merito” (call for merit colleges).

8. ENPAM, ADEPP, INPGI SCHOLARSHIPS

Winners of calls for applications from other institutions must, in any case, pass the admission tests for the IPE Colleges. Information can be found at enpam.it, adepp.info, and inpgi.it.

9. INTESA SANPAOLO "PER MERITO" LOAN

Even in the presence of scholarships, the tuition amount due and university expenses can be covered by the Intesa Sanpaolo "per Merito" loan through a credit line at very favorable conditions for the entire duration of the course of study. For more information, search for “per merito” on intesanpaolo.com.

10. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Module for [Monterone \(English\)](#) - Module for [Villalta \(English\)](#) - Module for [Poggiolevante \(English\)](#)

11. ADMISSION TEST

Admission to the Colleges is based on qualifications, tests, and interviews. The outcome is communicated via email within 7 days of the admission tests.

Upon notification of admission, a €500 security deposit must be paid, as specified in point 5.

12. CONFIRMATION

As an amendment to the IPE 2025-26 call for applications, paragraph 13, point 6, for the confirmation of current residents for the 2026-27 academic year, it is sufficient to pay the €500 security deposit by July 25, 2026, if not already paid.

To confirm your place in the College for the 2027-28 academic year, the following requirements must be met:

- Complete the specific request form by May 31.
- Pass an interview with the Direction.
- Earn at least 50% of the required ECTS (CFU) credits by August 31, 2027.
- Achieve at least the minimum GPA required by the MUR for University Colleges of Merit by August 31, 2027.
- Complete the mandatory training hours required by the MUR (Training Project).
- Pay €500 by July 25, 2027. In the event of failure to meet points 3 and 4, since the subsequent signing of the contract cannot proceed for reasons not attributable to the College, the sum will be withheld.

13. HOSPITALITY CONTRACT AND TAX REGULATIONS

The relationship between the student and the College is governed by the annual hospitality contract, which sets out the financial and residential conditions.

The security deposit will be returned, in accordance with point 5, within ten days of the final date of the stay in the College. In cases where the stay concludes after July 20, 2027, the refund will be issued within the first ten days of September.

The signing of the hospitality contract allows for the use of tax deductions recognized for off-site university students, in compliance with current regulations. The use of the scholarship provided by IPE is subject to current tax legislation. The amount of the scholarship is treated as employment income. Consequently, IPE will process and issue the "Certificazione Unica" (CU) model for tax return purposes.