



"Call for #UABRefugi Grants for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral studies. Academic year 2024-2025. Modality C: Study support".

**Grants from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and the Fundació Autònoma Solidària
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REGULATORY BASES OF THE CALL

The purpose of this document is to establish the regulatory bases for the granting of study grants aimed at students who are beneficiaries of the **Modality C scholarships** to students enrolled in studies #UABRefugi at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB).

The **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)**, as a public university aligned with the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in coordination with the **Autonomous Solidarity Foundation (FAS)**, is developing an initiative to provide comprehensive support to the university community in a situation of refuge through the UAB Refuge Programme. This programme is aimed at facilitating access to and continuity of higher education for university students in a situation of forced displacement and/or applying for international protection.

This call is fully funded by the UAB. Having signed a specific collaboration agreement, the UAB and the FAS agree on the coordination for the proper management and execution of this call for grants.

Within the framework of this collaboration, this "**Call for Grants for study material aimed at university students beneficiaries of the #UABRefugi scholarship (2024-2025)**" has a maximum global endowment of **€50,000** for the academic year 2024-2025.

0. Background and justification: "Call for Grants for study material aimed at university students beneficiaries of #UABRefugi scholarship (2024-2025)"

According to UNHCR data, at the beginning of 2024, the maximum number of displaced people in the world has been reached. During 2023, the Spanish State received a total of 160,000 asylum applications ([CEAR](#)). Among them, young people of university age who have had to interrupt their higher education.

To help reverse this situation, since 2016 the UAB has been deploying an initiative to support the university community in need of international protection, known as the "[UAB Refuge Programme](#)". This program is coordinated by the FAS.

Likewise, the UAB promotes access to official higher and public education for students in need of international protection with the publication of the [Call for Grants #UABRefugi the 2024-25 academic year](#), which includes exemption from enrolment and other academic fees with an endowment of 65,000 euros (2024-25 academic year).

0.1. Justification and funding:

At the state level, in 2015 the CRUE declaration on aid measures for the refugee population was signed, from which several universities in Catalonia have made progress in the design of university reception programmes and an offer of services to guarantee the stay and integration of refugee students in the country. In order to develop specific actions to support and welcome people in refugee situations, the UAB and the FAS have signed a specific collaboration agreement.

Among other actions, within the framework of this agreement, it is proposed to create this call for study support grants for university students, linked to the UAB Refuge Programme of the FAS, in a situation of special economic vulnerability.

¹ Of the world's refugee population, only 7% have access to university ([UNHCR, 2023](#)).

1. Purpose of the call

University students in search of refuge face colossal obstacles when it comes to resuming and continuing their university studies due to the situation of social, administrative and economic vulnerability that the situation of refuge implies.

As a complementary initiative to the **#UABRefugi scholarships**, this call responds to the desire to **compensate for those situations that hinder the academic progress of UAB refugee students in a situation of special economic vulnerability**.

From the conviction that university education can change the future prospects of people in refugee situations, the ultimate objective of this initiative **is to guarantee equal conditions in access to education**.

2. Requirements for applicants

The following are eligible for support scholarships for students affected by the conflict in Ukraine:

- Applicants or beneficiaries of international and/or subsidiary protection, directly enrolled in official and public Bachelor's, Master's and/or Doctorate studies at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) in the 2024-2025 academic year.
- That they are linked to the UAB Refuge Programme managed by the Autonomous Solidarity Foundation (FAS).
- That they are beneficiaries of the #UABRefugi scholarship for exemption from tuition and university fees granted by the UAB for the 2024-2025 academic year.
- That they do not have other scholarships or grants recognised by any other public or private body for the same purpose.
- That they are not part of specific groups benefiting from the UAB Refuge Programme such as: #UABRefugi-Ukraine, #UABRefugi-Palestine and #UABRefugi-Jusoor.

Compliance with all the above requirements will be essential for the processing of the application.

3. Concept of the amount of the aid

The total endowment of the line of scholarships to support refugee students affected by the conflict in Ukraine is €50,000. The total amount of the aid to be requested and received is a maximum of € 2,500.00 per student.

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 2023-2024 academic year.

The following concepts are the subject of the call:

3.1. Studying material

Consumables, bibliography, academic support material, reprography, and any other material necessary for the proper follow-up of the planned curriculum.

3.2. Transport

Expenses derived from travel from the place of residence to the study center, whether this is the UAB campus or any other location provided for in the study calendar.

The use of public transport will be prioritized except in circumstances that, justifiably, may require the use of private vehicles collectively.

The calculation of the amount requested for transport will have to be made based on the planned school calendar. It will cover public transport expenses through integrated personal degrees during the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to take into account the reduction in rates applied during the 2024 annuity, more [information here](#).

3.3. Technology

Purchase of the electronic devices necessary to carry out and monitor the theoretical and practical tasks derived from studies at the UAB, such as laptops, scientific calculators or any other duly justified device.

All expenses in this regard must be duly **justified by presenting invoices** or proof of purchase to the Foundation

Autonomous Solidarity (fas.refugi@uab.cat) **before March 1, 2025**.

3.4. 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 payment of curricular internship stays is excluded.

3.5. Other expenses

Directly related to the development of university studies and duly justified. Enrolment in the UAB Language Service is excluded (see [call to study in the UAB Language Service](#)) as well as any other resource that is contemplated within the UAB Refuge programme.

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 defined.

Compliance with the conditions and requirements set out in the call does not necessarily imply the granting of the aid requested, which is subject to budgetary limitations.

4. Formalization of the Requests documentation and term Presentation

The documentation necessary to be eligible for the financial aid subject to this call and which must be submitted in full within the established period is as follows:

- **Application form** can be filled out, where the student:
 - Justify the need for resources and detail the academic needs that derive from your study itinerary.
 - Include information about your current social situation: access to other scholarships and grants, information about employment status and other details that are considered relevant. In no case will the detail of this information be detrimental to the application for study grants, but will complement the information necessary for its resolution.
 - Optionally, for expenses incurred during the 1st semester of the 2024-2025 academic year that are related to the study (see section 3). To request reimbursement retroactively, the student can include the receipts for expenses already incurred during the period from 01/09/2024 to 31/12/2024. In the case of technological material, it will be necessary to attach a copy of the purchase invoice.
- Copy **of the applicant's** identification document.
- Copy **of the certificate of bank ownership** of the applicant student.
- Any other documentation that is considered relevant in relation to the purpose of the call.

The call will be made public through the website of the Autonomous Solidarity Foundation (<http://www.uab.cat/fas>). As well as the website of the Scholarships Department of the Autonomous University ([Grants, scholarships and calls - Autonomous University of Barcelona - UAB Barcelona](#))

The application for the scholarship and submission of documentation will be made by filling in the following [link](#).

The period for the submission of documentation begins on **November 18 of 2024 and ends on January 10, 2025 at 00:00 (GMT+1)**.

5. Evaluation of applications

The Evaluation Committee of the call is made up of the following figures:

- Representation of the UAB Governing Team: General Secretariat and Office of the Vice-Rector for International Relations,
- Deputy Manager of Academic Planning of the UAB,
- Management of the Autonomous Solidarity Foundation,
- Technical team of the UAB Refuge Programme.

In assessing the applications, the Commission will consider the following criteria:

- Social situation and needs of the applicant.
- Specific needs required for the program of study.
- Other financial aid, provision of service and scholarships received.
- Having received the aid in previous editions: prioritising those applications from people who have not received the aid before and who can prove that they are in a situation of economic and social precariousness.
- Groups that are particularly vulnerable due to issues of gender violence, functional diversity, gender identity, dependents and the elderly will also be considered.

The submission of the application implies authorising the UAB and the FAS to verify, together with other institutions, the data necessary to resolve the call.

6. Resolution and acceptance of the scholarship

Final Resolution:

1. It will be made public on 01/02/2025 on the website of the Autonomous Solidarity Foundation (<http://www.uab.cat/fas>). As well as the website of the Scholarships Department of the Autonomous University ([Grants, scholarships and calls - Autonomous University of Barcelona - UAB Barcelona](#)) through the list of scholarships awarded and denied. It will also include, if necessary, the waiting list, renewed and revoked scholarships.
2. Applications that do not meet any of the requirements of the call will be automatically excluded from the final resolution.

The final resolution may modify the provisional list in accordance with the verification of the accreditation of the requirements established in the call.

Acceptance of the scholarship will be formalized through the signing of a commitment document that will include:

- Commitment to follow the planned curriculum,
- Commitment to spend the amount extraordinarily granted in the specified concepts,
- Commitment to communication and monitoring with the UAB Refuge Programme.

The monitoring of this compliance will be carried out by the UAB Refuge Programme in coordination with the Evaluation Committee of the call.

7. Incompatibilities

This aid will be incompatible with any other scholarship or aid that has the same purpose.

In the event that the successful bidder has been granted another type of aid or benefit mentioned above, they must renounce and submit the documentation that proves it to the technical team of the UAB Refuge Programme within 10 days of the publication of the final resolution of the call or a period of 10 days from the change in situation. In the latter case, the evaluation team will determine a proportional adaptation of the aid.

In the application form, the interested person must inform about other benefits or aid that they are receiving or plan to receive.

The aid subject to this call may be revoked if any incompatibility or non-compliance with the provisions of the Regulatory Bases is detected, 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 these financial grants will 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.

9. More information and inquiries

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