

Call for applications for the Academic Year 2026-27

THE RESIDENZA UNIVERSITARIA BIOMEDICA

The **Residenza Universitaria Biomedica** is a University College of Merit, recognized and accredited by the Ministry of University and Research as an **"Institution of high cultural qualification"**.

Founded in 2010 and initially aimed at master's and postgraduate students, since 2016 it has also welcomed students enrolled in the first years of three-year and single-cycle degree courses. It is a non-profit organization that is dedicated exclusively to the academic and personal training of talented and deserving young people, with particular attention to those with poor economic conditions.

He is also a member of the Conference of University Colleges of Merit (CCUM) and the European College Association (EUCA).

It is located in the heart of the scientific center of the University of Pavia, a few steps from the scientific institutes and hospitals of the city and has 48 places, all awarded through a competition based on qualifications and exams.

SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

Students have **48 single rooms with individual bathrooms** at their disposal. Students also benefit from the following services: air conditioning, telephone, free Wi-Fi throughout the building, weekly cleaning, library, lecture hall, chapel, study rooms, classroom equipped with IWB, equipped gym, music room, PC room with photocopier and printer, two self-service laundries, TV room, large garden with barbecue, dedicated medical assistance. Every six rooms there is a fully equipped kitchen for the preparation and consumption of meals.

TRAINING

The university curriculum is integrated with **specific internal educational and cultural initiatives**, such as internal courses, conferences, study seminars, conferences, laboratories/workshops, debates, foreign language assistantships, art exhibitions, cultural visits. With the Training Project, which characterizes the membership of the national network of Colleges of Merit, the College offers proposals and stimuli that help the acquisition of personal skills according to individual paths agreed with the Rectorate at the beginning of each academic year. At the end of the cycle of study, the **College Diploma is issued**, which certifies the achievement of the planned objectives.

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In its capacity as a founding body, the Residenza Universitaria Biomedica of the Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena collaborates, like the other Colleges of Merit in Pavia, with **the Scuola Superiore Universitaria di Pavia IUSS** (www.iusspavia.it), which organizes for its students - who must necessarily be students of a College of Merit - Ordinary Courses that offer advanced and multidisciplinary training itineraries. At the end of the master's degree course, it provides a legally recognized qualification equivalent to that of a Second Level University Master's Degree, which is added to the College Diploma. Starting from the 2026–27 academic year, the Nexus project will be added—a multidisciplinary advanced studies program that brings together Pavia's merit-based colleges, the IUSS, and the University of Pavia

The Residenza Universitaria Biomedica recognizes the fundamental value of **internationalization** in the formation of the academic curriculum and, therefore, annually assigns numerous **financial contributions for personalized projects abroad**, in addition to participation in conferences and training events organized by the partners of the national and European network of University Colleges.

PLACES AVAILABLE

For the academic year **2026-2027**, the following are available:

- at least **4 places** for students enrolling in **Bachelor's and single-cycle Master's Degree Programmes** (section A).
 - at least **2 places** for students enrolling in the first year of a Master's Degree Course or students enrolling in the year following the first year of any Degree Course, or students enrolling in the fourth year of a single-cycle Master's Degree Course;
 - at least **2 places** for students enrolling in Advanced Courses, Masters, PhD Courses and Specialization Courses (section B).
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Section A - Bachelor's and Single Cycle Master's Degree Courses

1. Available places and selection procedures

In order to encourage the enhancement of talented and deserving young people and to promote free study, especially for less well-off family economic situations, the Residenza Universitaria Biomedica has unified its admission competition to that of the IUSS. For candidates in the unified competition, the results of the **admission tests, written and oral**, are therefore the same. For these, please refer to the announcement on the website: www.iusspavia.it

The Residenza Universitaria Biomedica combines the IUSS tests with **an introductory interview** with the Rector, without attribution of points for the purposes of the final ranking, aimed at mutual knowledge in view of a collegial path in which the person has the centrality and merit is not reduced to mere academic performance.

4 places (1 for each IUSS Area) **are to be assigned to** ¹ students of Bachelor's Degree Courses or single-cycle Master's Degree Courses of the University of Pavia.

2. Requirements for the validity of the submission of the application

To be admitted to the unified competition, candidates must:

- have obtained in the State Examination the overall mark of at least **80/100** or equivalent foreign qualification, without prejudice to the reservation by the Biomedical Residence to assess its validity for the purposes of admission to the competition;
- have correctly completed the registration procedure, within the deadlines, for the Collegio S. Caterina call for applications, available online on the Collegio's website (www.collegiosantacaterina.it) and described under point 3A;
- have correctly completed the registration procedure, within the deadline, for the call for applications for the Ordinary Courses of the IUSS University School of Advanced Studies for students of the University of Pavia, available online on the website (www.iusspavia.it) and described below in point 3B.

This second enrolment is also required for those who are not interested in one of the places advertised by the IUSS University School of Advanced Studies but only in those of the Residenza Universitaria Biomedica.

3. Application and documents for admission to the competition

¹ In the event of exhaustion of the ranking list of the IUSS Area, it is without prejudice to the scrolling in the rankings of the other three Areas

Participation in the unified competition between the Fondazione Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena and the IUSS University School of Advanced Studies takes place through a procedure that involves the completion of the two steps *under* 3A and 3B.

3A: Application for the Residenza Universitaria Biomedica

By **4 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2026**, candidates must submit the online application for admission to the Residenza Universitaria Biomedica through the procedure activated on the www.collegiosantacaterina.it website

Inside the application registration form, applicants will be required to attach the following documents:

1. legal certificate showing that the candidate has passed the high school exam with a mark of not less than **80/100** or equivalent sworn foreign documentation;
2. ISEE-University **certificate** (other types of ISEE, such as the social-health ISEE or the ISEE Doctorate, will not be taken into consideration).
 - Competitors who live alone or in a family unit other than their family unit are also required to attach the Single Substitute Declaration (D.S.U.) of their family unit.
 - Competitors who are children of separated or divorced parents are also required to attach the Single Substitute Declaration (D.S.U.) of their family unit and the tax return of their non-cohabiting parents.
 - Candidates of foreign nationality must submit documentation equivalent to that indicated above.
3. passport-size photograph of the candidate;
4. any other qualifications or certifications relating to the candidate's preparation and activities.

3B: Application to the IUSS School

The application to the IUSS School is governed by art. 6 of the relevant call for applications.

For the benefit of the candidates, it should be noted that:

- the completion of the procedures provided for in the first and second steps are necessarily also provided for candidates interested exclusively in one of the positions announced by the Collegio S. Caterina;
- it should be noted that the enrolment procedure for the IUSS School will close earlier, i.e. at **12:00 noon on 28 August 2026**, than that of the Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena (**4.00 pm on Friday 28 August 2026**);
- for all information concerning the application for the IUSS University School of Advanced Studies, please refer to the relevant call for applications available on both www.collegiosantacaterina.it and www.iusspavia.it;
- Inaccuracies and omissions in the declarations necessary for the issuance of the ISEE and DSU certificate may result in exclusion from the competition ranking or the loss of the place conferred;

4. Competition

The admission competition consists of:

- a) two in person written tests and two online oral tests (unified competition Fondazione Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena - IUSS School);
- b) an in person or online interview, chosen by the candidate, according to the calendar published on **4 September 2026** by the Secretariat of the Residence.

a) Written and oral tests

The written and oral tests are governed by art. 7 of the IUSS School announcement, to which reference is made.

b) The cognitive interview

Necessary for inclusion in the ranking, but without attribution of score, is the cognitive interview with the Rector of the Residenza Universitaria Biomedica, flanked by a student, which is a space for mutual knowledge. The Residenza Universitaria Biomedica, in fact, supports and supports the integral development of the person, attributing equal

dignity, in the definition of merit, to the result in studies and to personal gifts. The interview gives the Residenza Universitaria Biomedica the opportunity to get to know each other for a path of human and academic growth and, to the candidates, the opportunity to develop a more complete awareness of the choice of the institution in which to live the years of training for the profession and life.

5. Formation of the ranking list

The attribution of scores for the written and oral tests of the unified competition Fondazione Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena – Scuola IUSS is defined by art. 8 of the IUSS competition announcement, to which reference is made. It should be noted that in the ranking of the College, those who have obtained an overall mark of not less than **100 points** will be considered suitable for admission.

For the allocation of free places and further benefits, the Board of Directors of the Fondazione Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena has an additional score that it assigns in consideration of the economic conditions of the family, the distance from the university campus and other elements of which it can be informed.

6. Free seats and economic benefits

Free seat named after Ing. Cappa

A free place named after Ing. Cesare Cappa, renewable for subsequent years if in compliance with the Regulations, will be awarded, based on the ranking of the competition, to the first student in the ranking who enrolls in the first year of a Degree Course (IUSS Science and Technology Area).

Free places and IUSS

For students who are winners of the competition for admission to the IUSS School of Advanced Studies, the contribution will be equal to the study prize of 5000 euros, disbursed by the School of Advanced Studies in favor of students for the costs of collegiate residency pursuant to the Call for admission to IUSS Ordinary Courses.

Other benefits

The Board of Directors, recognizing the merit demonstrated by reaching the eligibility established for admission, grants all the winners of the places in the competition a reduction on the reimbursement of the costs of maintaining the position and sets the fee at € 6,000 for the current year

If the student is not entitled to any other economic benefit (subsidies and contributions from public or private bodies), the Board of Directors, taking into account the conditions of family income and any other documentation produced, may grant further benefits up to a maximum of € 960 in reduction of the ordinary annual contribution.

The total or partial free of charge of the place is subject to compliance with the Regulations and the Educational project; may be revoked by the Board of Directors for serious violations of the rules of the Regulations.

All candidates are advised that:

- are children or orphans of employees or pensioners of the Public Administration that the Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena has entered into a memorandum of understanding with **INPS** (former separate management INPDAP, iPOST and ENAM) in order to grant contributions according to parameters set out in the relevant announcement issued by the Social Security Institute (details and [announcement](http://www.inps.it) on the website www.inps.it and updates on the website of the College <http://www.collegiosantacaterina.it>).
- are children of **ENPAM members**, that the College is among those affiliated for the purpose of obtaining subsidies relating to the tuition of the University Colleges of Merit (<https://www.enpam.it/comefareper/chiedere-un-aiuto-economico/borse-di-studio/collegidimerito/>)

Candidates in these positions are strongly encouraged to apply.

Admission to the Residenza Universitaria Biomedica, as a University College of Merit recognized by the MUR, constitutes an assessable qualification for the preparation of the rankings for the granting of contributions from the merit fund established by the MUR (art. 4 of Law 240/2010).

7. Acceptance of the place

The ranking list will be published on the website of the Foundation and the IUSS School, by **Tuesday 22 September 2026**.

The winners must **accept the place in the Residence by 10 a.m. on Thursday 24 September 2026**, by email addressed to ammissioni@collegiosantacaterina.it. In the event of non-acceptance of the place within this deadline, the winner will be considered to have withdrawn and the ranking will be scrolled.

The winning students keep their place until they obtain the Master's Degree, provided that they meet the merit requirements of the Residence Regulations.

Section B - Master's Degree Courses and years following the first of single-cycle Master's Degree Courses. Advanced courses, Masters, Doctoral courses and Specialization courses

1. Available places and selection procedures

The Residenza Universitaria Biomedica offers the following competitions:

- at least 2 places reserved for those who want to enrol in a Master's Degree course at the University of Pavia, or for those who are attending a single-cycle Master's degree course (students from 4. Year; students from 2. Year).
- at least 2 places reserved for students who want to enrol in a postgraduate course, a Master's degree, a PhD course or specialisation course at the University of Pavia.

The selection of candidates takes place on the basis of an interview, in person or online, chosen by the candidate, before the Selection Committee of the College.

2. Requirements for the validity of the submission of the application

To be admitted to the competition, candidates must:

- not be over 35 years old
- if they enrol in a year following the first of a single-cycle Master's Degree Programme: have passed all the exams of previous years at the time of submission of the application and acquired no less than **45 credits** of the current year, with an average of not less than **27/30**, calculated on all the exams taken and, for female students who enrol in a 4th year of a single-cycle Master's Degree Course, not already be students of the Collegio S. Caterina;
- if they enrol in the first year of a Master's Degree Programme: at the time of submission of the application, they must have obtained a Bachelor's degree within the three-year period, or undertake to **obtain it by 31 October 2026**, and have passed the exams provided for in their three-year study plan with an average grade of at least **27/30**;
- if they enrol in a postgraduate specialisation course: at the time of submission of the application, they must have obtained a master's degree or a single-cycle master's degree or undertake to obtain it by **31 October 2026**, and have passed the exams provided for in their three-year study plan with an average grade of at least **27/30**.
- have correctly completed the registration procedure within the deadlines set out in the call for applications for the Residenza Universitaria Biomedica, available online on the website of the Fondazione Collegio Universitario S. Caterina da Siena www.collegiosantacaterina.it.

3. Application and documents for admission to the competition

By **4 p.m. on Friday 28 August 2026**, candidates must submit the online application for admission to the University Residence of Merit through the procedure activated on the www.collegiosantacaterina.it **website**

Within the application registration form, applicants will be required to attach the following documents:

1. certification of university career;
2. ISEE-University **certificate** (other types of ISEE, such as the social-health ISEE or the ISEE Doctorate, will not be taken into consideration).
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3. passport-sized photograph of the candidate;
4. any other qualifications or certifications relating to the preparation and activities carried out by the candidate.

4. Competition

For students enrolling in the first year of a Master's Degree Course or in the 4th year of a single-cycle Master's degree course and for students enrolling in a postgraduate course, the selection will be made by the Selection Committee of the Residenza Universitaria Biomedica by:

- a **preliminary evaluation of the qualifications presented** (with assignment of up to a maximum of twenty points);
- an **interview** on the most important topics related to the previous career, which will take place in person or online starting from **1 September 2026** (with assignment of up to a maximum of forty points);
- an **introductory interview** with the Rector of the Residence, supported by a student, which does not assign a score, but is a space for mutual knowledge. The Biomedical Residence, in fact, supports and supports the integral development of the person, attributing equal dignity, in the definition of merit, to the result in studies and to personal gifts. The interview gives the Residence the opportunity to get to know each other for a path of human and academic growth and, to the candidates, the opportunity to develop a more complete awareness of the choice of the institution in which to live the years of training for the profession and life.

5. Formation of the ranking list

For all candidates, the **Board of Directors has an additional ten points available**, which it assigns in consideration of the family's economic conditions, the distance from the university campus and other elements of which it can be informed.

The final ranking is in seventieths and candidates who reach the minimum overall mark of **55/70** are considered eligible for admission to the Residence. In the event of a tie, preference is given to those who are in less well-off economic conditions.

6. Free seats and economic benefits

Free seat named after the Mintas Foundation

A free place, renewable for the following year if in compliance with the Residence Regulations, named after the MINTAS FOUNDATION, will be assigned to a particularly deserving student with a poor economic situation who enrolls in a Master's Degree Course or in the fourth year of a single-cycle Master's Degree Course in the biomedical area.

Free places and IUSS

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Other benefits

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7. Acceptance of the place

The ranking list will be published on **Friday 4 September 2026**.

The winners must accept the place in Residence by **10 a.m. on Monday 7 September 2026**, by email addressed to ammissioni@collegiosantacaterina.it. In the event of non-acceptance of the place within this deadline, the ranking list will be scrolled.

The winning students keep their place until they obtain the Master's Degree, provided that they comply with the merit requirements required by the Regulations of the College.

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