
Master's Degree course in
"Engineering of paper and cardboard"
Call for applications - Academic Year 2026/27

Founded in 1343, the University of Pisa is a prestigious public institution comprising twenty departments and leading research centers across a wide range of disciplines. According to the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), it consistently ranks among the top 300 universities worldwide and stands among the top four institutions in Italy.

Calls for application a.y. 2026/2027

For the a.y. 2026/2027 there will be two calls for applicants with qualifications obtained abroad.

Admission requirements

A Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, or equivalent first-cycle degree, obtained after the completion of at least a three-year degree programme, providing a suitable background in Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics and Chemical, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering.

Please, note that: at least 30 ECTS must be achieved in Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science AND at least 18 ECTS must be achieved in Chemistry and Physics AND at least 6 ECTS must be achieved in Chemical Engineering AND at least 6 ECTS must be achieved in Mechanical Engineering AND at least 6 ECTS must be achieved in Electrical Engineering.

For degrees that do not conform to the ECT System, the workload associated with each course must be clearly indicated.

The Master's Degree Programme in Engineering for paper and cardboard is a two-year degree programme consisting of teaching modules (compulsory or elective) held in English. Therefore, at least a B2 level English proficiency (within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is mandatory.

We also consider applications by BSc students pre-enrolled on the <https://www.university.it/> and expecting to graduate by September 1, 2026; no admission is allowed if graduating after this deadline.

Applications deadlines

Applications are evaluated in two phases.

First deadline:

- applications can be submitted from the publication date of this Call, up to the mandatory deadline of **February 5, 2026** (GMT)
- interviews are tentatively scheduled from 9 to 13 March 2026

- admission/rejection will be notified by March 30, 2026

Second deadline:

- applications can be submitted **from February 6, 2026, up to the mandatory deadline of April 30, 2026 (GMT)**
- interviews are tentatively scheduled from 11 to 15 May 2026
- admission/rejection will be notified by May 20, 2026

A maximum of 30 eligible applicants will be admitted.

In case of problems with the online application, please get in touch with our international office at promozioneinternazionale@unipi.it.

Information on the Application Fee for Admission

Applicants intending to submit their admission application for the Master's degree program in "Engineering for paper and cardboard" at the University of Pisa, available through the application portal at the link <https://applymscenglish.unipi.it>, are informed that starting from the 2026/2027 academic year, payment of an application fee will be required.

Details about the Application Fee

Application Requirement

The application fee is mandatory for submitting an admission application for the 2026/2027 academic year. Each applicant may submit up to two applications for programs available on the application portal. Please note that the application fee must be paid for each application submitted; therefore, in the case of two applications, two separate fees will be required.

Application Fee Amount

The amount of each application fee is 30,00 €.

Eligible Applicants

The application fee applies exclusively to applicants holding a foreign qualification.

Payment Method

Payment must be made directly on the application portal <https://applymscenglish.unipi.it>. The payment will be requested immediately after completing the application, prior to its submission to the evaluation committee.

Important Note

Submission of the admission application for the 2026/2027 academic year will only be possible upon payment of the required application fee. Candidates who do not complete the payment will not be able to submit their application.

Application procedure and required documentation

Applicants must apply online at <http://applymscenglish.unipi.it>.

In the application form, applicants must provide:

- a declaration of English language proficiency, specifying the studies duration and the certificate obtained (if applicable);
- the academic degree they hold (or aim to obtain by September 1, 2025), specifying the legal duration of the programme (at least three years), along with a copy of the degree certificate and transcripts (translated into English or Italian);
- a copy of a valid passport/ID;
- a copy of their complete Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum describing their complete educational process, as well as any other relevant cultural and professional experience that might help the EC in the applicants' evaluation.

Applicants may also submit other documents, in PDF format only (e.g., reference letters, other certificates), if they want.

In the event of failed submission of the required documents, applications shall be invalid. Applicants are not allowed to submit further documentation after the mandatory call deadline.

Application deadlines and selection schedule

Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted.

Evaluation procedure

The call aims to admit up to 30 (thirty) applicants, who must apply and undergo an evaluation procedure.

Master's Degree Programme Evaluation Committee (EC) will assess the submitted documentation. In the event of documentation positive assessment, applicants will be shortlisted for an interview. Shortlisted applicants who pass the interview will be eligible for admission and ranked. The first 30 eligible candidates will be admitted.

The evaluation outcome will be notified to all applicants.

The documentation submitted by applicants will be evaluated by the EC (evaluation commission), which consists of Master's Degree professors. The committee will assess the applicants' background and education, their potential skills and attitude to attend an interdisciplinary and innovative educational programme, and score them on a 60 points scale. Applicants scoring less than 42 points will be rejected.

Applicants scoring 42 or more will be shortlisted for an interview. Interview's time and place will be notified via e-mail to the shortlisted applicants to the inbox account they provided in the application form.

Interviews will be performed via videoconference. The applicant is in charge of providing the proper settings to carry out the video interview and must exhibit the ID submitted in the online application.

Applicants not attending the interview in their scheduled slot will be excluded.

Applicants will be interviewed by the EC, which will evaluate their motivation, expectations and technical skills, as well as their fluency in the English language. Interviews will be scored on a 40 points scale.

Shortlisted applicants scoring less than 28 points will be rejected. Those scoring 28 points or more will be eligible for admission.

What to do upon admission

- 1) Admitted candidates will receive a formal admission letter by email.
- 2) Admitted candidates **must pre-enroll** on the <https://www.universitaly.it/>. Pre-enrollment is required to start the Student Visa application process. Admission letter must be included in the pre-enrolment documentation. Information on pre-enrolment is available at <https://www.unipi.it/en/education/registration/enrolment-and-registration/enrolment-for-international-students/pre-registration-on-universitaly/>

Please note that it may take several weeks to complete the pre-enrolment and Student Visa procedures, depending on the Italian Embassy/Consulates; **the University of Pisa cannot contact the Embassy/Consulate on your behalf.**

- 3) Students having successfully pre-enrolled on the Universitaly web portal and obtained their Student Visa will be allowed to come to Italy, where they will follow the procedure to enrol at the University of Pisa.

Enrollment instructions are available at

<https://www.unipi.it/en/education/registration/enrolment-and-registration/enrolment-for-international-students/masters-degree-courses-noeucitizenship/>.

Admitted students must also inform the EC of their final Student Visa status by sending an email to our didactic secretariat at info@fondazionefare.it.

Fees and Financial Support

University fees are determined annually by the Board of Directors and must be paid each academic year.

Fees are usually announced in June for the following academic year.

For 2025/26, fees range from €446 to €2,900 per year, depending on the student's country of origin.

DSU scholarship

Financial support is available through the DSU scholarship, offered by the Agenzia Regionale Diritto allo Studio Universitario (DSU) of the Tuscany Regional Council.

This grant provides benefits such as free accommodation, meals at University dining halls, and exemption from tuition fees.

For more details, please visit: <https://www.dsu.toscana.it/-/foreign-students>

MAECI scholarship

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) also offers scholarships each year to international students and Italian students residing abroad.

More information can be found at: https://www.esteri.it/en/opportunita/borse-di-studio/per-cittadini-stranieri/borsestudio_stranieri/

Invest your Talent scholarship

This Master's programme participates in the "Invest Your Talent in Italy" (IYT) scholarship programme, funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), supporting students from selected countries.

Students admitted to the programme can benefit from an IYT scholarship by applying separately through the Ministry's official website: <https://investyourtalentapplication.esteri.it/SitoIYT/EN/invest-your-talent-in-italyFirst-Year>

Academic Excellence Award

An award will be granted to the student who demonstrates the best academic performance at the end of the first year. The award will be conferred at the beginning of the second year.

For further financial support opportunities and fee reductions, please refer to updates here:

<https://www.unipi.it/en/education/registration/enrolment-and-registration/enrolment-for-international-students/>

Further Information

The following links provide some further information.

- MSc in Engineering of paper and cardboard - Web Site: www.epc-masterdegree.it
- MSc in Engineering of paper and cardboard - Facebook profile: <https://www.facebook.com/epc.masterdegree>
- Applications to International MSc of the University of Pisa: <http://applymscenglish.unipi.it>
- Pre-enrolment and Enrolment: <https://www.unipi.it/index.php/enrolment/>
- Fees, fee /exemption and financial support: www.unipi.it/tuition-fees
- Grants allocated by the Italian Government: <https://www.esteri.it/en/opportunita/borse-di-studio/per-cittadini-stranieri/>

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