



Scholarships for New Students at the Faculty of Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Pontifical Biblical Institute - Gregorian University, Rome)

The Faculty of Ancient Near Eastern Studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute of Rome is offering **2 scholarships** covering **full tuition fees** for the completion of the Licentiate in Ancient Near Eastern Studies (= MA).

This program is **180 ECTS**, divided into three curricula (https://www.biblico.it/curric_fo_eng.html)

- Semitic Studies
- Ancient Near Eastern Studies and Biblical Studies
- Egyptology and Biblical Studies

The scholarship is designed for newly enrolled, outstanding, and motivated students who do not hold any other public or private scholarships, whether in Italy, the Vatican, or elsewhere.

Applicants must hold a first-level university degree (BA or equivalent) and demonstrate English proficiency at a minimum B2 level, either through certification or as native speakers.

To maintain eligibility for the scholarship, students must achieve an ***annual average grade of at least 9/10***. The performance will be assessed based on the official evaluations from exams and academic activities outlined in the study program.

Applications from women and underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged.

How to apply:

Send an email **by December 5, 2026**, to both the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Paola Mollo (decanofacor@biblico.it), and the Secretary of PBI (segretario@biblico.it) with the following attachments:

- Updated CV
- B2 level English certificate (for non-native speakers)
- University degree document with the list of exams taken and grades
- Letter of motivation, explaining the chosen curriculum, reasons for the choice, and future prospects
- Self-declaration confirming that the applicant does not receive any other financial support

Among the applicants, a shortlist of candidates will be selected and required to attend a brief on-line interview as the final stage of the selection process.

Call for Visiting Students and Visiting Scholars

The Faculty also invites applications from qualified candidates wishing to undertake a period of study or research, typically of one or two semesters, as **Visiting Students or Visiting Scholars**, focusing on a specific language or aspect of the Ancient Near East.

Both Visiting Students and Visiting Scholars are admitted on a **self-funded basis**; no scholarships or financial support are provided by the Faculty. Visiting Students who complete a one-year course of study will be awarded a certificate of completion (non-academic degree).

The visiting status includes access to courses and seminars, the University Library (<https://biblioteca.biblico.it/en>), and full participation in the Institute's academic life, including conferences, workshops, and other academic activities (<https://www.biblico.it/index.html>).

Further information on requirements, academic arrangements, and application procedures is available upon request by contacting the Dean at: decanofacor@biblico.it