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Bachelor's Degree Program in Architecture Sciences for Heritage
Application period: From June 23rd to 2:00 PM (GMT+2) on July 13th, 2026

The English version is for information purposes only.

**For the application and resolution of any dispute and for any legal effect only
the Italian version is valid.**

Art. 1: Goals

The Call for Applications has been issued for admission to the Bachelor's Degree Program in Architecture Sciences for Heritage – Class L-17 – "Architectural Sciences" for the academic year 2026/2027.

Admission to the first year of the Bachelor's Degree Program in Architecture Sciences for Heritage is subject to passing a specific entrance exam, called "TEST-ARCHED", provided by CISIA (Interuniversity Consortium for Integrated Access Systems).

The Architecture Sciences for Heritage Bachelor's Degree Program is an inter-university program in English in collaboration with the "Ismail Qemali" University of Vlora, Albania.

The degree is a Joint Degree Program between the Polytechnic University of Bari and the University of Vlora, with administrative headquarters at the Polytechnic University of Bari and educational activities taking place at both the "Ismail Qemali" University of Vlora and the Polytechnic University of Bari. Specifically, the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th semesters are held in Vlora, while the 3rd and 6th semesters are held in Bari.

1.1: Language of Instruction and Language Proficiency Requirements

The program is in English. Knowledge of this language, at a minimum of B1 level, must be verified at the time of enrollment (through a valid language certificate to be uploaded on the Esse3 portal during the enrolment process in the section "Allegati Carriera").

If the candidate doesn't have a suitable English language certificate, the candidate must overcome an English test organized by the Language Centre of the Polytechnic University of Bari, on July 22nd, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

To book the English test, candidates must contact the following email address: languages@poliba.it by July 20th, 2026.

According to the qualifying educational objectives of the degree class and current regulations, foreign graduates must also be able to use the Italian language, both written and spoken, including discipline-specific terminology. Therefore, international level B2ts must demonstrate, at the time of admission, Italian language proficiency



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equivalent to at least B2 level. If this level is not already attained, it must be acquired and certified before the final degree examination.

The program offers students the opportunity to acquire this competence through supplementary (extracurricular) training activities organized by the Language Centre of the Polytechnic University of Bari, which provides free Italian language courses for international students. Therefore, students may fulfill the Italian language requirement by attending one of these courses and passing a dedicated exam that certifies the achievement of the required level.

Art.2: Number of Places and Admission Requirements

The number of places available for enrollment in the Bachelor's Degree Program Architecture Sciences for Heritage at the Polytechnic University of Bari (Classe L-17 – “Scienze dell'Architettura”) is 50 (provisional number), distributed as follows:

- **15** places for EU candidates and non-EU candidates legally residing in Italy;
- **35** places for non-EU candidates residing abroad, including 1 place reserved exclusively for students from the China Republic participating in the “Marco Polo” Program.

A notice will be published on the website with the definitive number of available seats for the Bachelor's Degree Program Architecture Sciences for Heritage.

The following candidates are eligible to take the admission test:

- Italian citizens, EU citizens residing anywhere, and non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy according to Article 39, paragraph 5 of Legislative Decree n. 286 of July 25, 1998, who hold, at the time of enrollment, a secondary school diploma (high school diploma);
- Non-EU citizens not permanently residing in Italy and not falling under the categories mentioned in Article 39, paragraph 5 of Legislative Decree no. 286/1998, who hold a qualification recognized as suitable for admission to university studies in Italy.

The eligibility of foreign qualifications is verified by Ufficio *Concorsi, Immatricolazioni e Iscrizioni*, in accordance with current regulations in Italy and in the country where the qualification was issued, as well as relevant international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications.

All candidates are admitted conditionally, pending verification of the required criteria, which may be conducted by the Polytechnic University of Bari at any time, including after the start of classes, according to Article 43 of T.U. n. 445/2000. Candidates may be excluded at any time through a duly justified decision.



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Art.3: Registration for the Admission Test

The application for the test must necessarily be submitted in the following ways, under penalty of exclusion:

Starting **from June 23rd to 2:00 PM (GMT+2) on July 13th, 2026**, candidates must:

1. Register on the Esse3 portal of the Polytechnic of Bari (<https://poliba.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>); candidates who already possess access credentials for the Esse3 portal of the Polytechnic of Bari do not need to register again.
2. Using the username and password from point 1, enroll in the competition called “Competition for Admission to the Bachelor’s Degree in Architecture Sciences for Heritage”; the enrollment process is online; no documents need to be submitted.
3. Proceed with the payment of the competition registration fee of €35.00 via the system available on their personal ESSE3 page at the Polytechnic of Bari.
4. Attention: The payment of the fee must be made by the deadline set for enrolling in the competition. Failure to register the payment on ESSE3 will prevent participation in the test.
5. Within the deadlines set for enrollment in the competition, as stated above, each candidate must upload on ESSE3:
 - A valid identity document which must be the same one that the candidate will use on the day of the test for identification.
 - A photograph, in their personal profile, valid for identification.

No refund of the registration fee will be granted, even in the case of non-participation in the competition.

The payment of the fee alone does not constitute enrollment in the competition.

The enrollment operations must necessarily be carried out by the candidate. It is not possible to delegate these operations.

The Admissions, Enrollment, and Registrations Office is authorized to communicate only with the candidates.

PLEASE NOTE: Participants must register on the ESSE3 system of the Polytechnic of Bari by providing a functioning and **correctly written email address, which is essential for receiving communications from both CISIA and the Polytechnic of Bari.** All communications will be sent exclusively to this address. It will be possible to change this email address only after enrollment, if applicable.



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Registration is considered complete only after the completion of all five phases within the final deadline of July 13th, 2026, at 2:00 PM (GMT+2).

A few days before the test, candidates will receive an email with instructions to follow before the start of the test, and then another email on the same day with the credentials and the access link.

Art. 4: Candidates with Disabilities, Impairments, or Diagnosed Specific Learning Disorders (SLD)

Candidates with disabilities or impairments according to Law No. 104/1992, as amended by Law No. 17/1999, as well as candidates with diagnoses of specific learning disorders (SLD) according to Law No. 170/2010, may request specific aids or compensatory measures, as well as additional time by sending a written request via email by the prescribed deadline for registration for the test (July 13th, 2026), exclusively to the address valentina.bozzi@poliba.it, indicating their personal data and attaching appropriate documentation, in accordance with regulatory references.

The SLD diagnosis must meet the following requirements:

It must have been issued no more than three years prior if provided before the candidate turned 18,

or it must have been issued after the age of 18. In both cases, the diagnosis of SLD must have been issued to the candidate no more than 3 years ago, if it was issued before their eighteenth birthday, or at any time after turning eighteen, and must have been issued by local public healthcare facilities or accredited entities and professionals with the regional health service.

Submitting this request does not replace the official registration procedures.

Candidates may be provisionally admitted taking the test with the medical certification they currently possess, even if not up to date due to restrictions in the National Health Service (SSN) during the COVID-19 emergency. The university reserves the right to request complete or updated documentation later.

Candidates with invalidity, disabilities, or Specific Learning Disorders (SLD) residing in foreign countries who wish to benefit from the measures referred to in this article must submit the relevant certification, legalized where required under applicable international regulations, attesting to their condition of invalidity, disability, or SLD, issued in their country of residence. Such certification must be accompanied by a sworn translation carried out by an official translator, or by a translation certified as conforming to the original text by the Italian diplomatic authorities, in either Italian or English.



Requests must be submitted directly by the candidate.

The Commission, appointed by Rectoral Decree to evaluate requests for specific aids or compensatory measures, as well as additional time for admission tests to the Polytechnic for the academic year 2026/2027, will examine the requests and documentation submitted.

The Office will communicate the outcome of the requests to the candidates via email.

Art. 5: Date, Location, and Procedures for the Admission Test

The admission test, called TEST-ARCHED, is prepared by CISIA based on the syllabus outlined in Annex A of D.M n. 706/2026. It will take place on **July 23rd**, 2026, starting at 09:00 AM (GMT+2).

The test will be taken only in English and will have the following structure:

- Reading Comprehension – **10 questions – 20 minutes**
- Knowledge Acquired in Studies and History (including Art History) – **10 questions – 20 minutes**
- Logical Reasoning – **10 questions – 20 minutes**
- Drawing and Representation – **10 questions – 20 minutes**
- Physics and Mathematics – **10 questions – 20 minutes**

The total test duration is 100 minutes. Each section has a fixed time limit. Once the time for a section has expired, the candidate must proceed to the next section. Candidates may advance to the next section earlier if they finish ahead of time.

Each question is multiple-choice with 5 possible answers, only one of which is correct.

Scoring Criteria (Maximum Score: 50 points):

+1 point for each correct answer;

-0.25 points for each incorrect answer;

0 points for each unanswered question;

You can view the structure and topics of the Test-Arched at the following link:

<https://www.cisiaonline.it/altri-test/test-arched/struttura-e-sillabo>

Candidates who do not answer at least one question will not be ranked.

In the event of equal score, the ranking will be determined based on the following subject areas, in descending order of importance: Logical Reasoning, Reading



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Comprehension, Drawing and Representation, Physics and Mathematics, Knowledge Acquired in Studies, History (including Art History), General Culture.

If the equal score persists, preference is given to the younger candidate.

Based on total scores and the above criteria, two separate rankings will be issued:

- One for EU and non-EU candidates legally residing in Italy (as per Art. 39, paragraph 5 of Legislative Decree No. 286/1998, modified by Art. 26 of Law No. 189/2002),
- One for non-EU candidates residing abroad.

Mode of Test Administration: TEST-ARCHED@CASA

The Polytechnic University of Bari offers only one test delivery method: remotely from the candidate's residence (TEST-ARCHED@HOME).

No other modes are available.

To take the TEST-ARCHED@HOME, all candidates must:

L'Ateneo non prevede altre modalità di svolgimento.

- Complete the registration process as specified in Art. 3 of this announcement,
- Ensure all technical requirements and follow all procedures outlined on the CISIA website: www.cisiaonline.it and <https://www.cisiaonline.it/altri-test/test-arched/il-giorno-del-test> and in the link that will be sent in the reminder email from CISIA https://guide.cisiaonline.it/it/Configurazione_stanza, which the student reviews and accepts before enrolling in the Competition regulated by this Announcement.

These resources must be reviewed and accepted by the candidate before completing their registration.

The use of calculators, mobile phones, electronic devices, or accessories such as headphones, earbuds, and microphones is forbidden, except in the cases provided for by art. 4

No other individuals may be present in the room during the test, except in the cases provided for by art. 4.

The internet connection and technical setup required to take the test are entirely the responsibility of the candidate. To ensure test validity, the candidate must remain continuously connected with both the laptop and mobile device throughout the test.

The test can only be taken using a laptop computer (NOT a desktop computer).



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Detailed instructions will be available during test registration at [https://guide.cisiaonline.it/it/Prima di AltriTest](https://guide.cisiaonline.it/it/Prima_di_AltriTest)

Any additional information, including exam committee details and test regulations, will be published on the Polytechnic University of Bari's official website in the section dedicated to admission tests.

5.1 In the event that the ranking lists are exhausted and vacancies remain available, an additional admission test (TEST-ARCHED) will be held on **September 16th, 2026**, starting at 09:00 a.m., following the same procedures and structure described in Article 5.

Applications for registration for the test must be submitted, under penalty of exclusion, from **August 7th, 2026, until 2:00 p.m. (GMT+2) on September 3rd, 2026**, in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 3.

By September 3rd, 2026, candidates with disabilities or impairments pursuant to Law No. 104/1992, as amended by Law No. 17/1999, as well as candidates diagnosed with Specific Learning Disorders (SLD) pursuant to Law No. 170/2010, may request appropriate accommodations, compensatory measures, and/or additional time by submitting a written request via email exclusively to valentina.bozzi@poliba.it, indicating their personal details and attaching the relevant supporting documentation in accordance with the legal provisions referred to in Article 4.

The programme is in English. Candidates who do not hold a valid English language certificate corresponding to at least B1 level will be required to pass an English language test at the University Language Centre of the Polytechnic University of Bari on September 14th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. To book the test, candidates must contact languages@poliba.it no later than September 8th, 2026.

Art. 6: Supporting Board

The Supporting Board for admission to the Bachelor's Degree Program in Architecture Sciences for Heritage will be appointed by a Rectoral Decree of the Polytechnic University of Bari.

With the same procedure, room supervisors and technical-administrative support teams will be appointed, selected from staff currently employed at the Polytechnic University of Bari.

Art.7: Student Requirements, Access to Results, and Ranking List Updates

The procedures and deadlines for enrollment will be announced through a specific Notice published on the official website of the Polytechnic University of Bari, which will serve as official notification, and on the university website www.poliba.it, in the



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section dedicated to Enrollments (*Studenti Iscritti/Servizi di Segreteria/Immatricolazioni*), no later than the date of publication of the general ranking list.

If the ranking list is exhausted and vacant spots remain, on September 30th, 2026, the number of available places will be published, and a new selection procedure will be activated.

Only candidates who have already taken the test (in English)—either in remote mode (@CASA) or in person at other university locations—for access to Bachelor's and single-cycle Master's degree programs aimed at training as an architect (for the academic year 2026/2027), and who were not admitted due to lack of available places, will be eligible for this second round.

A dedicated notice will provide detailed instructions for applying this new selection process.

Art. 8: Procedure manager

The person in charge of the administrative procedure referred to in this call is Mrs. Valentina Bozzi (Settore Servizi agli Studenti – Via G. Amendola 126/b Bari – Tel. 080/5962127 – e-mail: valentina.bozzi@poliba.it).

Art. 9: Processing of Personal Data

Pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, personal data provided by candidates will be processed by the Polytechnic University of Bari for the sole purpose of managing the selection process.

Providing this data is mandatory for the evaluation of eligibility for participation; failure to do so will result in exclusion from the test.

Candidates have the rights outlined in Articles 15–18 of the Regulation, including the right to access their personal data, request correction, integration, or deletion, and request restriction of processing.

Such requests must be sent to the Polytechnic University of Bari via email: rpd@poliba.it

Art. 10: Final and Transitional Provisions

Any matters not expressly covered in this announcement will be governed by the current legal and regulatory provisions, as well as the provisions of D.M. 706 of June 4th, 2026.

This announcement constitutes the *lex specialis* of the competition; therefore, by participating in the competition, candidates unconditionally accept all the rules contained herein.



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This announcement will be made public through its publication on the official online notice board of the Polytechnic University of Bari.

Such publication is considered legally binding notification to all candidates.