

R.D. 752/2026

THE RECTOR

HAVING REGARD TO	the Statute of the Politecnico di Bari;
HAVING REGARD TO	the Regulations governing the establishment of first- and second-level University Master-Programs, issued by Rector's Decree No. 236 of 20/02/2024;
HAVING REGARD TO	the I.P.A. South Adriatic 2021-2027 Programme (Italy-Albania-Montenegro), strategic project entitled "High LEVEL and market-respondent Competences for a Blue and Digitalized Smart and skilled South Adriatic - SA SKILLS" - CUP B39I23003020007;
HAVING ACKNOWLEDGED	that the Puglia Region, as project partner, intended to launch a series of training initiatives using the resources of the above-mentioned Programme;
HAVING REGARD TO	the resolution of the Department of Architecture, Construction and Design of 18/05/2026 concerning the proposal to establish and activate the first-level University Master-Program in "OFF-SHORE ENERGY TRANSITION" under the above-mentioned project;
HAVING REGARD TO	the resolution of the Academic Senate of 29/06/2026 approving the establishment of the programme;
HAVING REGARD TO	the resolution of the Board of Directors of 01/07/2026 approving the activation of the programme;
HAVING REGARD TO	the agreement pursuant to Article 15 of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990 for the activation of the first-level University Master-Program and for supporting student participation in the International Summer School, signed between the Puglia Region and the Politecnico di Bari;
CONSIDERING	the need to initiate the procedures for recruiting students;
HAVING REGARD TO	Rector's Decree No. 733 of 03/08/2026 issuing the Call for Applications for admission to the first-level University Master-Program in "OFF-SHORE ENERGY TRANSITION";
HAVING REGARD TO	the note from the Puglia Region dated 07/08/2026, registered under protocol No. 34963, requesting that full consistency be ensured with the objectives and implementation rules of the Interreg IPA South Adriatic 2021-2027 Programme (Italy-Albania-Montenegro) - SA SKILLS;
HAVING IDENTIFIED	the need to amend the above-mentioned Call for Applications (Rector's Decree No. 733/2026) and adapt it to the obligations laid down by the Interreg IPA South Adriatic 2021-2027 Programme (Italy-Albania-Montenegro) - SA SKILLS;

HEREBY DECREES

The Call for Applications for admission to the first-level University Master-Program in "OFF-SHORE ENERGY TRANSITION" (Academic Year 2026/2027), issued by Rector's Decree No. 733 of 03/08/2026, is cancelled and replaced by this Call for Applications.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE FIRST-LEVEL UNIVERSITY MASTER-PROGRAM “OFF-SHORE ENERGY TRANSITION”

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27

A public selection is hereby announced for admission to the first-level University Master-Program in “**OFF-SHORE ENERGY TRANSITION**” for Academic Year 2026/27, hereinafter also referred to as the “*Master-Program*”.

The Master-Program is delivered in collaboration with the Puglia Region within the strategic project entitled “High LEVEL and market-respondent Competences for a Blue and Digitalized Smart and skilled South Adriatic - SA SKILLS”, Interreg IPA South Adriatic 2021-2027 (Italy, Albania, Montenegro).

Article 1 - Purpose and career opportunities

The Master-Program in “OFF-SHORE ENERGY TRANSITION” aims to explore the new frontiers of the energy transition with reference to renewable energy in the context of, and opportunities offered by, the Blue Economy. The programme focuses on the sea and on the opportunities offered by the use of its resources; this theme represents a fundamental pillar for the future of the Adriatic region.

The Master-Program combines advanced technical solutions with in-depth knowledge of the challenges of the maritime economy in order to address the challenges of the energy transition within the blue economy. The Master-Program is intended to provide the tools needed to understand regulatory constraints at both national and international level, with specific reference to the Adriatic regions, particularly Albania, Italy and Montenegro.

Career opportunities

The interdisciplinary and international Master-Program prepares participants to address, with competence and innovation, the challenges and opportunities arising from the transition of the global energy market and aims to train professionals with expertise in the ecological and energy transition of the seas.

Article 2 - Organisation of teaching activities

In accordance with the Innovative Learning Model, developed by the partners of the SA SKILLS project, the first-level University Master-Program has the following characteristics:

- **it lasts one year** and consists of a highly specialised learning pathway totalling **1,500 hours of commitment, including lectures, individual study, internship and final examination**, leading to the acquisition of **60 University Educational Credits (CFU)**;
- it is delivered in **English and in blended mode** (20% in person and 80% remotely), with 4 weeks of in-person activities: two in Puglia, one in Montenegro and one in Albania;
- the class will have a **cross-border composition**, with students from the 4 territorial areas of the SA SKILLS project: Puglia Region, Molise Region, Albania and Montenegro;
- students must complete a 125-hour internship period with companies.

The teaching activities are organised as follows:

No.	MODULE	SSD	Teaching hours	Individual study hours	CFU
1	EU Energy Planning	IIND-07/B	40	85	5
2	Environmental Impact Assessments	CEAR-03/C	40	85	5
3	Coastal Engineering	CEAR-01/A	40	85	5
4	Durability of Offshore Structures and Materials	CEAR-05/A IIND-03/A	20 20	85	5

5	Technologies for Offshore Renewable Energy	IIND-07/B	40	85	5
6	Offshore Energy Networks	IIET-01/A IND-08/B	20 20	85	5
7	Technologies and Processes for Offshore Energy Production	IIND-07/B	40	85	5
8	Wind Energy	IIND-06/A	40	85	5
9	Marine Pollution and Environmental Treatment	IMAT-01/A	40	85	5
10	<i>Internship</i>		125	-	5
	<i>Final Thesis and Examination</i>		-	250	10
Total programme			1,500		60

Attendance at teaching activities is compulsory for at least 80% of the total lesson hours; absences exceeding 20% of the total lesson hours will make it impossible to obtain the Master qualification.

Suspension of attendance is not permitted.

The teaching calendar will be communicated after enrolment to candidates who are placed in an eligible position in the ranking, by means of a subsequent notice.

In the event of non-attendance, poor academic performance or conduct deemed unacceptable, the Scientific Council of the Master-Program may decide, at any time, to exclude a participant from the training pathway. Any enrolment fees paid will not be refunded.

Article 3 - Number of places, cross-border class composition and allocation criteria

The maximum number of participants admitted to the Master-Program is set at **35 (thirty-five)**.

Consistently with the objectives of the SA SKILLS project and the provisions of Article 3 of the Cooperation Agreement, the selection procedure is intended to promote a cross-border class composition, ensuring, within the limits of the eligible applications received, balanced participation by students from the four territorial areas concerned by the project: Puglia Region, Molise Region, Albania and Montenegro.

Once the allocation priorities for candidates from the above-mentioned territorial areas have been exhausted, any remaining places may also be assigned, according to the order of the merit ranking, to candidates from other geographical areas, until the total number of 35 places is filled, in accordance with the principles of openness, internationalisation and enhancement of the university educational offer.

The above-mentioned class composition is intended to support achievement of the SA SKILLS project objectives and, in particular, the project target of awarding the qualification to at least 20 participants from the cooperation area, as well as to mitigate the risk of failing to achieve this target as a result of any withdrawals or drop-outs occurring during the teaching activities.

Article 4 - Admission requirements

Admission to the Master-Program in "OFF-SHORE ENERGY TRANSITION" is granted to applicants holding one of the following qualifications:

- a three-year university degree (laurea triennale) awarded pursuant to Ministerial Decree (D.M.) 509/99 or Ministerial Decree (D.M.) 270/04;
- a foreign qualification of an equivalent level, awarded under a foreign education system and granting access to third-cycle programmes, subject to assessment by the Scientific Council of the programme;
- a university degree awarded under the systems preceding Ministerial Decree (D.M.) 509/99.

Applicants may participate in the selection, without age or citizenship restrictions, if they:

- already hold the required admission qualification by the deadline of this Call for Applications;

- will obtain the required qualification for admission by the examination/graduation session following the start of classes.

Candidates who already hold a formal declaration of equivalence of their qualification issued by an Italian university must attach the relevant self-certification to the application for admission to the selection (indicating the details of the measure, the university and any other information deemed useful).

Without prejudice to verification of the administrative validity of the qualification submitted for admission, the suitability of a foreign qualification that has not already been declared equivalent to the required degree will be assessed by the Selection Committee in accordance with the legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded, and with international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies.

For the purposes of such recognition, candidates must attach to the online application any documentation deemed useful for assessing the suitability of the qualification.

Assessment of the qualification will be possible only if the documents submitted contain all the information required for evaluation, including at least: type of qualification; standard duration of the programme; official name of the academic institution awarding the qualification; date on which the qualification was obtained; and final grade/assessment expressed according to the grading scale used in the relevant higher education system.

All candidates are admitted subject to verification of the prescribed requirements, which the Politecnico di Bari may carry out at any time, including after the start of the programme, pursuant to Article 43 of Consolidated Act No. 445/2000. Exclusion may be ordered at any time by means of a reasoned decision.

Article 5 - Conditional admission

Candidates who are about to graduate may be admitted “conditionally” (“*con riserva*”), provided that they promptly notify the achievement of one of the qualifications referred to above (Article 4), no later than the examination/graduation session following the start of classes.

Article 6 - How to apply for the selection

In order to participate in the selection, from the date this Call for Applications is issued and until 11:59 p.m. on **September 30th, 2026**, candidates must:

- **register on the Esse3 portal of the Politecnico di Bari** (<https://poliba.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>). Candidates who already have access credentials for the Esse3 portal of the Politecnico di Bari do not need to register again;
- using the username and password referred to above, **register for the selection** named “**First-level University Master-Program in OFF-SHORE ENERGY TRANSITION**”, attaching the documents listed in the section below entitled “*Documents to be attached to the application for admission*”. The application procedure is entirely online; no documents need to be submitted in hard copy;
- **pay the €30.00 selection fee by 11:59 p.m. on September 30th, 2026** using the methods available on the “Payments” page of each Esse3 profile (PagoPA). Failure of the payment to appear in Esse3 does not prevent admission to the subsequent application assessment stage only if the candidate is able to produce the receipt proving that payment was made within the deadline and in the manner set out in this Decree.

Important information about the PagoPA system

The Politecnico di Bari has joined the **PagoPA** system, which ensures secure and reliable electronic payments to public administrations. The system is promoted by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and managed by AgID.

To make the payment, candidates must access the “Payments” section of their reserved area, locate the invoice to be paid and choose whether to:

a) pay online:

- credit card, using one of the proposed banking institutions;

- home banking: check the list of credit institutions to see whether your own bank is included; if so, select it to proceed with payment.

b) pay in person:

- click the “Payment Notice” button and print the payment notice to be presented at one of the authorised payment points or credit institutions participating in the PagoPA system.

The payment will be recorded automatically in the University’s management system almost at the same time as the actual payment date (green indicator).

The Politecnico di Bari has made available a Guide to using PagoPA on its institutional website.

The payment deadline is 11:59 p.m. on September 30th, 2026. The payment date certified by the PagoPA system will be considered authoritative for deadline purposes.

If the payment date certified in the system is **later than September 30th, 2026**, the candidate will not be admitted to the selection.

Given the deadline for completing the registration procedures, candidates are strongly advised to make the payment immediately after submitting the application in Esse3 and well in advance of the deadline. **The Politecnico di Bari will exclude candidates who, although they have followed these procedures, pay the fee after 30/09/2026 or by methods other than those indicated above.**

The payment is non-refundable for any reason (e.g. exclusion, withdrawal, absence, etc.), in view of its designated purpose.

Payment of the €30.00 fee alone, even if made within the deadline, does not constitute registration for the selection if the online application has not been submitted through the Politecnico di Bari portal.

All steps of the procedure are mandatory. Candidates who do not comply with these requirements will not be admitted to the selection procedure.

In the online application for the selection, candidates with disabilities (pursuant to Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, as supplemented by Law No. 17 of 28 January 1999) or with Specific Learning Disorders - SLD (pursuant to Law No. 170 of 8 October 2010) must also submit an explicit request specifying the assistance required and any need for additional time to complete the examination.

Incomplete applications, applications lacking the mandatory qualifications/documents required by this Call for Applications, or applications not accompanied by payment of the selection fee will be deemed invalid and excluded.

Documents to be attached to the application for admission

When completing the application for admission, the **following documents must be uploaded.**

Mandatory documentation:

1.	Curriculum vitae et studiorum using the template prepared by the University, available at: https://www.poliba.it/it/master .
2.	Valid identity document: • Identity card (only if issued by a Member State of the European Union) • Driving licence (only if issued by a Member State of the European Union) • Passport in all other cases (including citizens of non-EU countries)
3.	Declaration concerning the admission qualification Candidates whose admission qualification was obtained in Italy must attach the University’s mandatory template (available at https://www.poliba.it/it/master), specifying the following information for <u>all academic qualifications</u> : • final degree grade(s); • list of examinations taken; • the corresponding grade for each examination.

	Candidates whose admission qualification was obtained under a foreign education system must attach, instead of self-declarations, the following documents¹ issued by the academic institution that awarded them: • degree certificate/diploma with the corresponding final grade; • official transcript of the examinations taken throughout the entire university programme, with the corresponding grades; • any other document deemed useful for assessing the suitability of the qualifications in relation to those required by this Call for Applications (Diploma Supplement, Declaration of Value issued in loco). N.B.: Candidates who are about to graduate must enter the expected date on which the qualification will be obtained in the “graduation date” field and the wording “laureando/a” (graduating student) in the “grade” field.
4.	Motivation letter (maximum 3,000 characters) showing the candidate’s interests connected with the choice of programme.

The following documentation may also be attached to the application for admission for evaluation purposes (not mandatory):

5.	Self-declaration of any other qualifications held for evaluation purposes, dated and signed (template available at https://www.poliba.it/it/master), made pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) 445/2000. Candidates holding qualifications issued by foreign bodies/institutions must provide appropriate certification instead of the self-declaration.
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Qualifications and documents must be attached electronically in PDF format, with a maximum size of **5 MB each**.

Important: during the online application procedure (Esse3 portal), candidates must complete the educational qualifications section (“Titoli di studio”), indicating all qualifications held.

After confirming the data and therefore submitting the application online, it will no longer be possible to modify the application itself; however, attached documents may be added, deleted, replaced or modified provided this is done before the deadline of the Call for Applications. After the deadline, no additions to the documentation will be accepted. Candidates are advised to prepare the attachments in digital format before beginning the application procedure on Esse3.

The University will verify the validity of the applications, including the completeness and regularity of the self-certifications submitted, after the deadline of the Call for Applications. In the event that the application or the documentation submitted is invalid, incomplete or irregular, the candidate will be excluded from the selection, with notification sent to the email address indicated in the application for admission.

Article 7 - Selection schedule, procedure and merit ranking

The selection procedure includes **evaluation of the curriculum vitae et studiorum, qualifications and motivation letter**.

A maximum of 50 points will be awarded in the selection, of which a maximum of 20 points for evaluation of the curriculum vitae, a maximum of 10 points for evaluation of qualifications, and a maximum of 20 points for motivational aspects.

Candidates who achieve a **minimum score of 25 points** will be deemed to have passed the selection.

In the event of equal scores, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

At the end of the selection procedures, the Politecnico di Bari will publish the ranking of admitted candidates (Rector’s Decree approving the proceedings/final merit ranking) in the Online Official Register of the Politecnico di Bari (www.poliba.it) and on the University website in the section dedicated to Master-Programs.

¹ **ATTENTION:** This documentation must be in Italian, French or English, or translated into Italian or English and legalized by the competent Italian diplomatic or consular authorities, at the applicant’s expense and under their responsibility, in accordance with the “Procedures for entry, residence and enrolment of international students and the related recognition of qualifications, for higher education courses in Italy.”

Publication constitutes official notice to the interested parties; therefore, no individual communications will be sent in this regard.

Candidates admitted to the Master-Program must complete enrolment in accordance with the instructions and deadlines contained in the specific *Enrolment Notice* attached to the Rector's Decree approving the proceedings. After these deadlines, the candidate will lose the right to enrol in the Master-Program and the ranking of eligible candidates will be used to fill the vacant place(s).

The above-mentioned *Enrolment Notice* will also contain instructions for registration on the official project platform (<https://southadriaticskills.org/en>), which will serve as the information and communication tool for project activities, as well as supporting the procedures for identifying and registering participants in the Master-Program, monitoring the intervention and ensuring traceability of the activities carried out.

Article 8 - Selection Committee

The Rector shall appoint, by decree, the Selection Committee for admission to the Master-Program. The Committee will be composed of members of the Scientific Council of the Master-Program and chaired by the Programme Coordinator.

The members shall provide self-declarations in lieu of certification pursuant to Article 46 of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) 445/2000, declaring that they:

- undertake to report, in relation to the procedure, any situation of conflict of interest, including potential conflicts, and/or grounds for recusal and/or incompatibility that may arise in connection with the appointment;
- have not been convicted by a final judgment of criminal offences involving disqualification from public office, offences affecting professional integrity, or offences referred to in Legislative Decree No. 231/2001;
- are not aware of being subject to criminal proceedings;
- undertake to act impartially and to perform their duties with rigour and confidentiality, in compliance with the legislation in force and with the fundamental principles set out in the Code of Ethics and Conduct of the Politecnico di Bari.

Article 9 - Enrolment procedure, enrolment costs and financial support

Enrolment and costs

Only successful candidates, i.e. those placed in an eligible position in the ranking, may proceed with enrolment, in accordance with the procedures set out in the specific Notice published on the University website www.poliba.it (Online Official Register of the Politecnico di Bari and Master-Programs section) at the same time as publication of the final ranking.

Students enrolled in the Master-Program are required to pay the stamp duties prescribed by law.

The enrolment procedure is **entirely online**. No documents need to be submitted in hard copy. Failure to enrol in accordance with the procedures indicated constitutes a waiver of enrolment, and any justification for delay will not be considered relevant.

Financial support

Under the cooperation agreement between Public Administrations pursuant to Article 15 of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, entered into between the Puglia Region and the Politecnico di Bari, the cost of the Master-Program is fully covered by funds from the SA SKILLS project.

If beneficiaries do not enrol in the programme or formally withdraw, the fee exemption may be reassigned by moving down the ranking in the order indicated above.

Article 10 - Withdrawal

Admitted participants who intend to withdraw from the Programme must notify the Programme Coordinator in writing within the 7-day deadline provided for completion of enrolment. The notice must also be sent to the Post-Lauream Office of the Politecnico di Bari and to the contacts listed below.

Submitting a request to withdraw from the Master-Program after enrolment will entail payment of the stamp duty due for withdrawal from studies.

Article 11 - Programme Coordinator and Scientific Council

The Programme Coordinator is Prof. Umberto Berardi of the Department of Architecture, Construction and Design of the Politecnico di Bari (email: umberto.berardi@poliba.it).

The Scientific Council is composed of the Coordinator and Professors Riccardo Amirante, Leonardo Damiani, Aminhossein Jahanbin and Francesco Ruggiero.

Article 12 - Intermediate assessments, final examination and award of the qualification

Assessment of learning consists of a written test (exam) at the end of each module.

At the end of the programme, a compulsory **final examination** is required in order to obtain the qualification. It will consist of the discussion of a written paper on a topic agreed with the Programme Coordinator, presenting the work carried out.

Upon completion of the training pathway, the Politecnico di Bari will award the **first-level University Master's Diploma in "OFF-SHORE ENERGY TRANSITION"**.

The Master's Diploma will be issued by the Politecnico di Bari only after verification that the student's administrative position is in order and upon payment of the diploma fee established by the Politecnico di Bari Fee Regulations in force at the time the qualification is obtained.

Article 13 - Processing of personal data

Pursuant to the legislation in force, the confidentiality of the information provided by each candidate will be respected. All data provided will be processed solely for purposes connected with and instrumental to the selection and, for successful candidates, for purposes connected with the activities of the programme, in compliance with the applicable provisions of EU GDPR Regulation 2016/679.

Candidates are recognised the rights referred to in Articles 15-18 of the above-mentioned Regulation, in particular the right to access their personal data, request their rectification, completion and deletion, and obtain restriction of processing, by sending requests to the Politecnico di Bari by email at: rpd@poliba.it.

In any event, participation in the selection implies, in accordance with the principles of the above-mentioned law, tacit consent for candidates' personal data and data relating to the selection tests to be published on the University website/portal.

Pursuant to Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990 and Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) No. 184 of 12 April 2006, as subsequently amended and supplemented, anyone with a legally relevant interest is guaranteed the right of access to the selection records, to be exercised within the statutory deadlines; therefore, the selection documentation submitted may be subject to access by other candidates.

Article 14 - Contact persons

The person responsible for the procedure is Simona Del Vecchio, serving in the Research and Advanced Education Sector. Any information regarding the selection procedure must be requested exclusively at the following email address: post-lauream@poliba.it.

For any information regarding the **teaching organisation and operation of the Master-Program**, interested persons may contact Prof. Umberto Berardi at the following email address: umberto.berardi@poliba.it.

Article 15 - Applicable provisions

For all matters not expressly provided for in this Notice, reference is made to the applicable legislation and the Regulations in force at the Politecnico di Bari.

Students enrolled in the Master-Program in OFF-SHORE ENERGY TRANSITION are required to comply with:

- the Code of Ethics and Conduct of the Politecnico di Bari, issued by Rector's Decree No. 582 of 28.09.2018;
- all applicable rules and Regulations of the Politecnico di Bari, including the provisions governing student contributions established by the Politecnico di Bari;
- any other applicable provision.

This Selection Notice will be published on the University's institutional website www.poliba.it (Online Official Register of the Politecnico di Bari and Master-Programs section).

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THE RECTOR
Prof. Umberto FRATINO