

FONDAZIONE COLLEGIO DI MERITO “FERRANTE D’ARAGONA”

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Academic Year 2025/2026

The *Ferrante d'Aragona University College* is a residential campus dedicated to the education and development of students admitted on the basis of merit and motivation, financed by Restart funds, as per CIPE resolution no.17/2020 and CIPESS no. 47/2024.

The College premises and buildings, made available by the Municipality of L'Aquila, were completed in early 2025 by the *Ferrante d'Aragona Collegio di Merito Foundation*. The Foundation's purpose is to support young people throughout their academic education and to promote a culture that values merit and excellence.

The College is located in the Pettino neighbourhood, near the University's Coppito Campus, where the Departments of Health Sciences, Biology, Biotechnology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Life Sciences, and Sports Science are located. It is well connected to the city center and other university campuses by public transport and by bicycle paths.

In addition to residential accommodation, the College offers an extensive programme of cultural and educational activities of a high academic and personal development standard.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

For the 2025/2026 academic year there are 64 available places for university students at the *Collegio di Merito Ferrante d'Aragona* with admission starting from 20 January 2026, as follows:

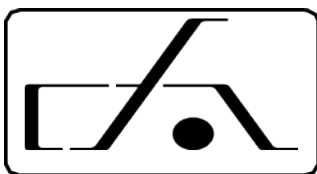
- 32 places with full services, as listed above, of which 8 are reserved for international students, with preference given to applicants from areas affected by conflicts or natural disasters. Within this group, 8 places are reserved for students enrolled at the Conservatory and the Academy of Fine Arts.
- 32 places with partial services, excluding dining service and linen change indicated in the aforementioned list of services.

Eligible applicants included in the ranking list but not awarded a place with full or partial services may still access additional accommodation for a fee.

It should also be noted that non-resident students may access the College's facilities and educational services upon payment of a monthly fee.

Eligibility Requirements

Applications are open to students under the age of 30 who are enrolled in the 2025/2026 academic year:



- ✓ At the University of L’Aquila, in a Bachelor’s Degree, Master’s Degree, Single-Cycle Degree, or First-Level University Master Course. Students enrolled in Second-Level University Master Courses, PhD Programmes, Specialisation Schools, international exchange programmes (e.g. Erasmus+) as well as research fellows, may access College facilities only if places remain available once the present admission procedures have been completed and under conditions that will subsequently be published. However, such students may express their interest from the date of publication of this notice by sending an e-mail to info@collegioferrantedaragona.it
- ✓ at the Conservatory
- ✓ at the Academy of Fine Arts.

Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted online using the official application form available at: <https://collegioferrantedaragona.it/> in the Ammissioni/Admissions section. **The deadline for submission is 11:59 p.m. on 15 December 2025.**

Applicants are required to complete the application form and attach the following documents:

- a. A complete Curriculum Vitae including a photo, in Europass format. If available, please indicate the final grade obtained in the Secondary School Diploma and/or Bachelor’s Degree.
- b. Original document or certified copy¹ indicating grades obtained in the last two years of Upper Secondary School (required only for applicants enrolling in the first or second year of a Bachelor’s Degree or Single-Cycle Degree in the 2025/2026 academic year);
- c. Original document or certified copy² issued by the University, certifying enrollment at the university and/or examinations taken with the corresponding CFU/ECTS credits earned (if available);
- d. Motivational letter (maximum 3,000 characters including spaces);
- e. Certificate of English language proficiency (minimum level B2)³;
- f. Valid identity document;
- g. Valid Italian *Codice Fiscale*; ⁴

Selection Process

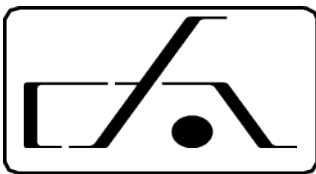
The selection process, based on qualifications and an interview, is conducted by a Commission appointed by the Ferrante d’Aragona Foundation. The Commission may award a maximum of 100 points, of which 70 points are allocated to the assessment of qualifications and a maximum of 30 points to be awarded with the individual interview:

¹ For candidates residing in EU member countries, self-certification is permitted in accordance with Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000.

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³ For the list of recognized certifying bodies, please refer to:
<https://piattaformaenticert.pubblica.istruzione.it/pocl-piattaforma-enti-cert-web/elenco-enti-accreditati>.
English language proficiency certificates issued by The University of L’Aquila are also valid.

⁴ For EU students only.



1. The assessment of qualifications takes into account submitted documentation, curriculum vitae, motivational letter, and letters of recommendation;
2. The individual interview is conducted online.

Qualifications are assessed as follows:

- Up to 20 points for the applicant’s Curriculum Vitae;
- Up to 30 points for the applicant’s academic records (secondary school/university);
- Up to 10 points for the motivational letter;
- Up to 10 points for the letter(s) of recommendation submitted;

Applicants who obtain a minimum of 40 points will be invited to the interview. The date, time, and details of the interview will be provided through an announcement published on the Foundation’s website at least 15 days in advance. This announcement shall serve as official notification for all legal purposes. Failure to attend the interview will be considered a withdrawal from the selection process.

In addition to the candidate’s CV and educational background, the aim of the interview is to further assess:

- The applicant’s potential for personal and professional growth and ability to manage the university, residential, and extracurricular experience;
- Relevant extracurricular activities and experiences;
- Awareness of the College’s context and motivation to take an active role in its cultural, educational and community life.

Applicants must obtain at least 20 points in the interview to pass. Applicants who successfully pass both the qualifications assessment and the interview will be deemed eligible for admission to the College.

Admission decisions are made at the sole discretion of the Admissions, Fees and Scholarships Committee of the *Ferrante d’Aragona Collegio di Merito Foundation*.

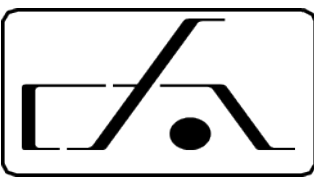
The final ranking list, containing the names of admitted students, will be published on the Foundation’s website. Admitted students must confirm their acceptance by submitting the signed admission contract together with the Learning Agreement available at: <https://collegioferrantedaragona.it>. Students must also send proof of payment of the security deposit, the amount of which will be communicated upon admission. The deposit will be refunded at the end of the student’s stay at the College.

FEES AND SCHOLARSHIP

In order to support ‘capable and deserving students lacking financial means’, the Foundation has introduced a scholarship system that provides a reduction of the accommodation fee for students residing at the Pettino College.

Students deemed eligible through the selection process and possessing an ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) lower than € 52,000.00 may apply for a scholarship when submitting their admission application by sending the following documents to info@collegioferrantedaragona.it:

1. A valid ISEE certificate for university financial aid indicating the student’s *codice fiscale*



2. A self-declaration confirming whether the applicant has received any other public or private grants, specifying their type and amount.

The annual scholarships and reductions of accommodation fees available are:

- € 14,000.00 maximum scholarship – for students with full services
- € 4,800.00 minimum scholarship – for students with partial services

The allocation of these benefits is decided by the Admissions, Fees and Scholarships Committee at its sole discretion.

Students who are non-residents or who already receive a scholarship and/or allowance from INPS or ENPAM (www.inps.it and www.enpam.it) are not eligible for the Foundation’s scholarships or financial reductions.

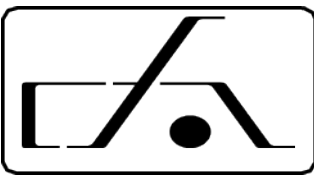
The maximum scholarship includes:

- Single or double rooms with private bathroom
- Weekly cleaning service and linen change
- Reception and surveillance facilities
- Wi-Fi connection
- Dining service including breakfast, lunch, and dinner, seven days a week
- Common areas: gym, reading and study areas, dining room and break room, music room, playroom and living room, laundry room and ironing facilities
- Cultural and educational activities complementing the university curriculum
- Tutorship to support students during their stay at the College, fostering their talents and personal and professional growth
- Career services to help students enter and understand the labour market
- International relations aimed at developing a global network and identifying study and work opportunities abroad.

A full scholarship covering the entire accommodation fee will be awarded to the first 32 students on the final ranking list, who will therefore be granted free residence and all related services.

The next 32 on the list will receive the reduced scholarship that will cover the cost of the services listed above, excluding dining service, linen changes, and surveillance facilities.

Eligible candidates on the ranking list who do not obtain full or partial services may still access accommodation at a monthly fee of € 280,00, which includes lodging, condominium expenses, insurance, routine maintenance costs, internet, and water and heating consumption. Upon request, these students may also participate in educational and cultural activities and use the common facilities (recreation areas, gym, etc.) by paying an additional monthly fee of € 50,00.



The maximum monthly fee for student not being eligible for a scholarship but wish to take advantage of the full services is € 1,350.00 per month for a single room.

Non-resident students wishing to participate in the educational and cultural activities and access the common facilities (recreation areas, gym, etc.) shall pay a monthly fee of € 80,00 for the academic year 2025/2026.

The College is generally open for eleven months a year. For the academic year 2025/2026, it will be open from 1 January 2026 to 31 July 2026. The maximum duration of residence corresponds to the number of semesters required to complete the student’s study course within the regular timeframe.

If a student arrives after January 2026 and/or decides to leave the College before the end of July 2026, they will still be required to pay the full amount due for the entire period.

The College Diploma will be awarded only to students who have attended for the entire period, have complied with the Learning Agreement, and are up to date with all payments.

To maintain residence and, where applicable, scholarship eligibility, students must meet the following conditions:

- Academic performance: an average grade of 27/30 or higher in university examinations, and compliance with the number of CFU/ECTS credits required by their study plan;
- Compliance with the Learning Agreement and active participation in the College’s cultural and educational activities;
- No formal disciplinary warnings received;
- Timely payment of monthly fees, where applicable;
- Demonstrated financial need in the case of a scholarship application.

Contacts

For any questions or further information, please contact:

- email: info@collegioferrantedaragona.it

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