

CALL FOR START UP 2023 - General FAQ

1. Who can present an idea?

Applicants can inquire, as individual or in teams, for an idea or for an entrepreneurial project to the category “Emerging Ideas” only if they are University of Bologna’s students enrolled in a first or second cycle study course, a vocational course (first or second level master's degree) in a specialization course, except for doctors in specialized training as per Legislative Decree n. 368/99 or graduates who have obtained their degree less than 3 years prior to the Call publication date (i.e. those who have graduated since 2 December 2019). In addition to this, also Bologna Business School students or graduates having obtained their degree less than 3 years prior to the Call publication date (i.e. who obtained their degree since 2 December 2019), with exclusive reference to the Graduate Masters of the University of Bologna coordinated by the BBS

The application is possible only with credentials of the University (email and password). If a proponent has lost the credentials a reactivation request can be undertaken during the application phase.

In case a team is already formed, besides the above mentioned, it can also contain the following:

- students and Alumni of the University of Bologna.
- international students who are conducting an exchange semester at the University of Bologna.
- students or Alumni of the Bologna Business School
- other natural or legal persons.

2. Can I apply if I do not meet the requirements, but I expect to meet them later?

No, the requirements must be met at the time of submitting your application.

3. Can anyone enrolled at or who has graduated from the Bologna Business School in the last three years apply?

No, only those who are enrolled at or have graduated from the University of Bologna Graduate Master programmes coordinated by the Bologna Business School in the last three years may apply. They need to be in possession of Unibo institutional credentials, which are essential for accessing the portal and submitting their application.

4. How many applications can be submitted?

The limit of a single application refers only to the role of Proponent, within the same category of the call (Emerging Ideas or Established Startups). However, it is possible to be a Proposer of a team and a member of other teams at the same time. It is also possible to be a Proposer of a team applying in the Emerging Ideas category and Proposer of a team presenting its enterprise in the Established Startups category. The only limitation is therefore that, as a Proposer, you cannot submit two or more applications referring to the same call category.

5. Are only projects that take place on African soil eligible for StudENT for Africa?

No, the important thing is that the business idea has as its focus the penetration of the African market. Therefore, projects that are not based in Africa or that only envisage a part of the activities to be carried out directly in that geographical area can also belong to this subcategory.

6. Can I apply if I'm a PhD student?

No, we are sorry to inform you that this is not possible. However, you can apply to other initiatives within the path promoted by the university for the development of entrepreneurial projects available at the link <https://site.unibo.it/idea/en/our-idea/timeline-for-spin-offs>.

7. What can I do in case I forgot my institutional credentials?

Visit the website <https://ricercatm.unibo.it/startupday/index.aspx>

8. Requirements for entrepreneurial ideas

The entrepreneurial idea can refer to any area and can be at any stage of development: from the simple idea to an already started project, where the startupper has already involved other team members.

9. How do I know if my project has been selected?

No later than 28 February 2023 the winners are going to be published on the website <https://site.unibo.it/idea/it/la-nostra-idea/attivita-e-iniziativa/call-for-start-up>. They will also receive a communication via email, sent to their institutional Unibo mailbox.

10. Discretion

The information included in the applications will be used by the University of Bologna for the purpose of the present call for applications only and will not be disseminated or made available to third parties without authorization of the applicant/s, subject to the rights granted to third parties that need to access such information for the purposes of the present call for applications.

11. Intellectual Property

As regards the regulation of intellectual and industrial property rights, please refer to the provisions of the Regulations on industrial and intellectual property of the University of Bologna.