

Scholarship call ASOINDEL-MERIT 2026

1. Purpose of the call

ASOINDEL, in collaboration with the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, announces a call for scholarships to support students enrolled in the Master's in Machine Learning and Cybersecurity for Internet Connected Systems (hereinafter, MERIT Master's), taught at UPC Manresa.

The aim of these scholarships is to allow beneficiaries to benefit from the high-quality education of the MERIT project in the field of digitalization, as well as to promote equality and excellence in computer science. Gender equality and socioeconomic conditions will be considered in the evaluation, but everyone is encouraged to apply regardless of their personal situation.

The ASOINDEL-MERIT scholarship has received funding from the European Union under the MERIT project (Grant Agreement No. 101083531). The maximum budget for this call is €3,000, and funding is available until 30/09/2026, when the MERIT project ends.

The indicative total number of scholarships to be awarded is 2.

2. Characteristics of the Grants

This call establishes a single type of grant aimed at covering expenses related to acquiring the necessary materials for participating in the practical activities of the MERIT Master's program.

Each beneficiary will receive a materials kit valued at up to €1,500, including at least:

- Laptop, mouse, and keyboard
- A set of various sensors for practical work
- Programmable electronic devices (Arduino, Raspberry Pi, ESP32, or equivalent))

3. Eligibility Requirements

3.1 Applicants must have been admitted to the MERIT Master's program at UPC Manresa for the 2025/2026 academic year.

3.2 Must be a full-time student in the MERIT program (30 ECTS credits per semester).

3.3 Must be a citizen of the EU or of Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, or Ukraine

4. Application Submission

Applications may be submitted from the day following the publication of this call until the available budget is exhausted, and in any case until July 1, 2026.

Applications must be submitted via the UPC electronic office using the form available at: <https://seuelectronica.upc.edu/ca/tots-els-tramits/beca-asoindel-merit>

The following documentation must be attached:

- Cover letter including: a presentation of the candidate detailing academic merits and a description of their situation (personal, social, economic, professional, academic performance, etc.) relevant to obtaining the scholarship.
- Applicants who have won a competition at a MERIThON event at UPC Manresa must indicate this in the cover letter

5. Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee, taking into account academic merit as well as gender and socioeconomic inequalities in engineering and computer science.

Excellence demonstrated by winning a MERIThON competition at UPC Manresa will also be considered.

In particular up to 8 points will be awarded based on academic merit. In case of a tie, up to 2 additional points will be awarded based on gender and socioeconomic situation, for a total of 10 points. Both the master's application documents and any additional documentation submitted for the scholarship will be considered.

Eligible applications not awarded due to budget limitations will be placed on a waiting list. If a selected candidate declines or loses the scholarship, the next applicant on the waiting list will be reconsidered.

6. Resolution of Applications

Applications will be evaluated 2 months after the publication of this call, approximately in September 2026.

Decisions will be communicated electronically to all applicants. Information about awarded scholarships will be published on the MERIT Master's website <https://epsem.upc.edu/en/graduate/merit/asoindel-scholarships/> and on the UPC electronic notice board [e-TAULER - Convocatòria definitiva de les beques ASOINDEL-MERIT 2026](#) the resolution will include:

The list of selected beneficiaries, identified by the 4 digits in positions four to seven of their NIF identification number, or in the case of a NIE, the characters in positions four to seven excluding the alphabetic character.

A denial proposal will also be published including the full NIF, NIE or identification document of the applicant, along with the reason or reasons for the denial.

7. Selection Committee

The selection committee will include members of the MERIT Master's Committee and ASOINDEL:

- Ilker Demirkol, coordinator of the MERIT project.
- Xavier Moncunill (UPC)
- Jaume Martínez (ASOINDEL)
- Marta Millan (ASOINDEL)

8. Obligations of Beneficiaries

- Sign a scholarship acceptance agreement
- Have passed at least 21 ECTS credits in previous semesters.

9. Incompatibilities

These scholarships are incompatible with any other scholarship covering the same expenses, to avoid double funding.

10. Payment of grants

The scholarships will cover the actual cost of purchasing the materials kit up to the maximum amount established.

ASOINDEL will purchase the materials and deliver the kits to each beneficiary before 30/09/2026 in a formal award ceremony jointly organized with UPC.

Costs will be eligible if they comply with the agreement and with EU funding eligibility rules for 2021–2027 programs.

Personal Data Protection

Asoindel, S.L. will process your personal data in accordance with General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Organic Law 3/2018 on the Protection of Personal Data and guarantee of digital rights.

Data Controller:

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Information regarding data protection at UPC

The personal data of applicants will be processed by the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), as data controller, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (GDPR), and Organic Law 3/2018 of 5 December on the Protection of Personal Data and guarantee of digital rights.

The personal data processing activity being carried out is F01.6 Management of scholarships and study grants, with the purpose of managing this call and any actions derived from it. The legal basis for processing is the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (Article 6.1.e GDPR) and compliance with legal obligations (Article 6.1.c GDPR).

In compliance with the principles of transparency and publicity, and in accordance with the aforementioned regulations and administrative procedure legislation, applicants are informed that their identifying data may be published on the call's website, on the UPC Transparent portal, and on the UPC electronic notice board, as set out in section 5.

Personal data will be retained for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose for which they were collected and to determine any liabilities that may arise, in accordance with archive and document regulations. Notwithstanding the above, personal data may be retained for longer periods where processed solely for public interest archiving purposes, scientific or historical research, or statistical purposes, without prejudice to the application of appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect the rights and freedoms of individuals.

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If you consider that your rights have not been adequately addressed, you may contact the UPC Data Protection Officer (DPO) at Plaça Eusebi Güell, 6, Edifici Vèrtex, 08034 Barcelona, or by email at proteccio.dades@upc.edu. You may also lodge a complaint with the Catalan Data Protection Authority (APDCAT) through its website.

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Barcelona, signature's date

Prof. Francesc Torres
Rector