



International Specialisation Course in Virgin Olive Oil Tasting

Overview: The University of Jaén's *International Specialisation Course in Virgin Olive Oil Tasting* trains professionals in the theory and methodology behind the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil. They also learn to analyse the factors and positive and negative attributes that define sensory quality in relation to cultural practices, processing methods and other general physical and chemical quality control parameters of olive oils. This course provides the basic knowledge for establishing olive oil tasting panels and improves the capacity of those laboratories that are already conducting sensory analyses of virgin olive oils.

Scholarship duration: three months of specialised training in virgin olive oil tasting.

Scholarship amount: a monthly allowance of €1,000 as a contribution towards board and lodging; €50 per month as a contribution towards mandatory health insurance; reimbursement of estimated travel expenses of up to €1,000 per student; coverage of tuition fees up to €2,350 per student.

2026 scholarship awardees:

In 2026, the IOC awarded 30 scholarships. The scholarship awardees are:

Rank	Name	Country
1	Dhia Gharabi	Algeria
2	Giora Ben Ari	Israel
3	Berna Yildirim	Türkiye
4	Hasna Boulkroune	Algeria
5	Konstantina Liva	Greece
6	Ahmed Saad	Algeria
7	Ahmed Blouk	Morocco
8	Florencia Evelyn Lienaux	Argentina
9	Ashraf Abdelfattah Ibrahim Hammad	Egypt
10	Abada Abdelmadjid	Algeria
11	Ameni Ghorbel Ep Rekik	Tunisia
12	Maryam Kouhsarian	Iran
13	Leonor Maria Pilatti	Argentina
14	Diego Nicolas Castro	Argentina
15	Jamel Lani	Tunisia



16	Maria del Rosario Scaltritti	Argentina
17	Hana Bokri	Tunisia
18	Salma Belmadani	Morocco
19	Mariem Habibi	Tunisia
20	Hamza Jadine	Morocco
21	Antonella Varenka Viazzi Espina	Uruguay
22	Efthalia Papadopoulou	Greece
23	Elia Fuster Rius	Spain
24	Paula Trevisan	Italy
25	Despoina Vasileiadou	Greece
26	Mariana Del Corazon De Jesus Lloveras	Argentina
27	Anja Gorup	Croatia
28	Anas Mohamed Ali Shatwan	Libya
29	Lamprini Tsitsou	Greece
30	Selda Nil Guner	Türkiye

Waiting list:

Rank	Name	Country
1	Marcela Lorena Martinez	Argentina
2	Meriem Bannour	Tunisia