

**OFFER OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP 2018-2019**

**Last date of online application: 30.04.2018 by 2 pm (Central European Time)**

Online applications are invited from Indian nationals for 2018-19 Italian Government Scholarships three (3), six (6) or nine (9) months duration. The detailed information about the scholarships is annexed and also available on Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), Government of Italy website <https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/en/call-for-procedure> .

2. Applicants are required to apply online both on the Ministry of Human Resource Development portal <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/> and also on the website of MAECI (Government of Italy) <https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/registrazione> . The last date for submission of online application is 30.04.2018 by 2 pm (Central European Time).

**Note: The candidates who do not apply at both the websites, would not be considered for the scholarship.**

3. The followings are the subject fields:

- (for 6 or 9 months duration)

i) Biology, ii) Architecture, iii) Physics, iv) Mathematics, v) Electrical Engineering, vi) Environmental Engineering, vii) Nanotechnologies and viii) Chemistry

- (for 3 months duration)

i) Italian Language and Cultural Course

4. The course-wise eligibility conditions are as follows:

**Academic qualifications and age:** Applicant must hold an appropriate academic qualification required to enroll to the Italian University/Institute. The details may be found at <https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/en/Recognition-of-qualification> .

i) **Master's Degree:** Admission to the first year of a Master's Degree course in Italy requires the completion of a Bachelor's degree in the applicants' country of origin; admission to the second year is granted to applicants upon evidence to be on track with their first year studies. The age of the applicant should not be over 28 years as on 30.04.2018.

ii) **Ph.D. Program:** To be admitted to a PhD in Italy, applicants need to meet the entry requirements and academic qualifications established by the University; they are also required **to provide a letter of acceptance on behalf of the relevant Italian University**. The age of the applicant should not be over 30 years as on 30.04.2018.

iii) **Research under academic supervision:** Applicants must submit a research project and the **letter of admission on behalf of the host University/Institute**; they are also required to provide the name and contacts (e-mail address) of their supervisors. The age of the applicant should not be over 40 years as on 30.04.2018.

  
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iv) **Italian Language and Culture Courses:** Applicants must provide a certificate of their proficiency in Italian language. The minimum level required is A2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

5. **Other conditions:**

- Candidates who have already been abroad for study/training/specialization either on scholarship or on their own for a period exceeding six months are eligible to apply only if they have been in India for at least two consecutive years after returning from abroad as on 30.04.2018.
- Applications of candidates who are abroad will not be considered.

6. The selected candidate would be provided a stipend of 900 Euro per month by the Government of Italy. Please refer to the annexure for details regarding enrolment and tuition fee, university/institution etc. The travelling expenses is to be borne by the scholar himself/herself.

7. **Nomination and final selection:**

- Only shortlisted candidates would be called for interview and the Selection Committee consisting of experts will interview the candidates. Nominations would be made purely on merit. The nominations will be sent to Embassy of Italy for the final selection.
- Nomination of a candidate by the Government of India does not, in any way, guarantee final selection or placement. The Government of Italy will make its own selection from the list of recommended candidates.

8. **Important notes for the applicants:**

i) Candidates who do not possess the essential eligibility criteria need not apply.

ii) Canvassing in any form will lead to disqualification

iii) Employed candidates must obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from their employer. In case of Government servant, cadre clearance is a must.

iv) The applicant in employment (to which he/she wishes to return) should have an assurance from his/her employer that he/she will be granted sufficient leave during the scholarship period.

v) All announcements will be available on the Ministry of Human Resource Development website i.e. [www.mhrd.gov.in/scholarships](http://www.mhrd.gov.in/scholarships).

vi) The shortlisted candidates will be informed through the mail and public notice on the MHRD website. THE DECISION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL BE FINAL. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

vii) For applying at Ministry of Human Resource Development portal <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship>, candidates are required to upload documents. It must be ensured that the size of a single document does not exceed 530 kb.

viii) No TA/DA would be provided for attending the interview.

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Under Secretary (Scholarship)



*Ministero degli Affari Esteri  
e della Cooperazione Internazionale*

**GRANTS FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS AND ITALIAN CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD AWARDED BY THE  
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019.**

**DEADLINE 30th APRIL 2018**

The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)** offers **grants** in favor of **foreign citizens not residing in Italy and Italian citizens living abroad (IRE)\*** for the **academic year 2018-2019** in order to foster international cultural, scientific and technological cooperation, to promote Italian language and culture and to support Italy's economic system in the world (According to Law 288/55 and its subsequent changes and additions).

Grants are offered to pursue study, training, and/or research programs at Italian Higher Education Institutes, both public and legally recognised. The list of these institutions is available on the following website:

<https://studyinitaly.esteri.it>

The list of **eligible** foreign countries can be found on the website Study in Italy:  
<https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/en/call-for-procedure>.

Art. 1

**GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES**

**1.1 Master's Degree (Laurea Magistrale 2° ciclo)**

Grants for Master's Degree courses are awarded for a **period of study of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months**.

Admission to the first year of a Master's Degree course in Italy requires the completion of a Bachelor's degree in the applicants' country of origin; admission to the second year is granted to applicants upon evidence to be on track with their first year studies.

**1.2 Courses of Higher Education in Arts, Music, and Dance (AFAM)**

Grants for Courses of Higher Education in Arts, Music, and Dance (AFAM) are awarded for a **period of study of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months**.

To be admitted to an Italian AFAM Institute, applicants need to meet the entry requirements and academic qualifications established by the relevant University/Institute.

### **1.3 PhD program**

Grants for a PhD program are awarded for a **period of study of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months**.

To be admitted to a PhD in Italy, applicants need to meet the entry requirements and academic qualifications established by the University; they are also required to provide a letter of acceptance on behalf of the relevant Italian University.

### **1.4 Research under academic supervision (Progetti in co-tutela)**

Grants for a research under academic supervision are awarded for a **period of study of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months**.

This type of grants can be awarded to research projects carried out at the Italian Research Institutions (i.e. Italian Research Council - CNR, Italian National Institute of Health – ISS, Italian National Institute for Nuclear Physics – INFN, Italian National Institute for Astrophysics – INAF, The Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - ISPRA) under the academic supervision of public Universities or Museums and Archives.

Applicants must submit a research project and the letter of admission on behalf of the host University/Institute; they are also required to provide the name and contacts (e-mail address) of their supervisors.

**Admission to some Master's Degree courses or AFAM Institutes requires an admission test. Please refer to the relevant University/AFAM Institute to check whether an admission test is required.**

### **1.5 Italian Language and Culture Courses**

Grants for Italian language and culture courses are awarded exclusively to students attending an Italian course at a University for a period of **3 (three) months**.

Applicants must provide a certificate of their proficiency in Italian language. The minimum level required is A2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): ([https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella\\_certificazioni.pdf](https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella_certificazioni.pdf)).

## Art. 2

### **ELIGIBILITY**

**Applicants who will meet the following requirements by the deadline of this call (April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018) may apply for a grant.**

#### **2.1 Academic qualifications**

Applications must only be submitted by foreign students not residing in Italy and by Italian citizens living abroad (IRE)\* holding an **appropriate academic qualification required to enroll to the Italian University/Institute**. <https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/en/Recognition-of-qualification>

## **2.2 Age requirements**

Applicants for Master's Degree/Higher Education in Arts, Music, and Dance (AFAM) Programmes/ Italian Language and Culture Courses should not be over 28 years old by the deadline of this call, with the sole exception of renewals.

Applicants for **PhD Programmes** should not be over 30 years old by the deadline of this call, with the sole exception of renewals.

Applicants for **Research Projects under academic supervision** should not be over 40 years old by the deadline of this call.

## **2.3 Language proficiency**

Applicants must provide a certificate of their proficiency in Italian language. **The minimum level required is B2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):** ([https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella\\_certificazioni.pdf](https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella_certificazioni.pdf)).

**Proof of proficiency in Italian is not required for courses entirely taught in English.**

In this case applicants must provide a language certificate of their proficiency in English Language. **The minimum level required is B2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).**

**For Italian language and culture courses**, applicants must provide a certificate of their proficiency in Italian language. **The minimum level required is A2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):** ([https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella\\_certificazioni.pdf](https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella_certificazioni.pdf)).

### Art. 3

#### **RENEWALS**

3.1 Applicants who have received a MAECI grant in the **Academic Year 2017-2018** may apply to continue or complete a multi-year degree course. Renewals are granted only to applicants who prove satisfactory academic progress.

3.2 Only applicants who have received a MAECI grant for Academic Year 2017-2018 are eligible to attend a Single Cycle Degree Program (*Corso di Laurea a Ciclo Unico*) for the academic year 2018-2019. Renewals are granted only to applicants who prove satisfactory academic progress.

### Art. 4

#### **FUNDING PERIOD**

Grants are awarded for a period of study from **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to September 30th, 2019.**

Art. 5  
**INELIGIBILITY**

Italian Public Administration employees and their first-degree descendants can not apply for grants.

Grants cannot be awarded to attend Bachelor's Degree courses (first cycle) or Single Cycle Degree Programs **with the sole exception of renewals** (cf. Art. 3.2). Besides, they cannot be awarded to attend courses in foreign Institutions based in Italy or abroad, nor in private Institutes, Research Centres or Labs not recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education, University, and Research (MIUR). <https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/en/research>

Applications not meeting the eligibility criteria will not be considered.

Art. 6  
**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

**Applicants must complete and submit the online application form available upon registration at the following link:**

<https://studyinitaly.esteri.it>

Click here to access the registration form  
<https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/registrazione>

**Applications must be submitted by 2 pm (Central European Time) April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.**

Art. 7  
**SELECTION AND AWARDING OF GRANTS**

**7.1 Selection**

Applications will be evaluated by a Committee set up by the Italian Diplomatic Mission accredited in the applicant's country of origin.

Syrian applicants will be selected by a Committee established by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (DGSP – Office VII).

**7.2 Awarding**

Grants will be awarded on the basis of a comparative assessment of applications according to the entry requirements and other criteria related to applicant's cv.

### **7.3 Ranking**

The relevant Diplomatic Mission will publish the list of grantees as well as a list of the best excluded, if any.

#### Art. 8

#### **TUITION FEES**

Grantees may be exempted from the payment of enrollment and tuition fees depending on the policy of each University.

Exemption is not granted for courses in Italian language and culture, for which enrollment fees are due.

#### Art. 9

#### **HEALTH AND MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Grantees will be covered by a health and medical/accident insurance contracted by MAECI for the entire duration of the grant.

Insurance coverage will not apply to events derived from pre-existing physical and pathological conditions.

#### Art. 10

#### **TERMS OF GRANT**

Grantees will receive a **900 Euros monthly allowance** on a quarterly basis, which will be paid on their Italian bank account.

The first installment of the grant can be received only after the completion of University enrollment and the submission of all the documents requested according to the necessary administrative procedures.

The last installment of the grant will be paid only upon verification of satisfactory academic progress.

The grant will cover courses attended in Italy only.

#### Art. 11

#### **INCOMPATIBILITY**

The grant is incompatible with any other grant offered by the Italian Government or any other Italian public institution.

## **NOTES**

\* IRE grants are offered for the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ethiopia, Peru, South Africa, Uruguay, and Venezuela.