Regulations of the Invest Your Talent in Italy Scholarship
Academic Year 2026-2027

Guidelines for scholarship winners

1) SCHOLARSHIP WAIVER, CANCELLATION OR INTERRUPTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

If the grant awarded is declined before the effective date of beginning of the scholarship, the student must immediately send a signed letter of waiver via email, addressed to the Italian Embassy in the Country of origin and also to the *Invest Your Talent in Italy Committee* - **(dgce07.iyt@esteri.it),** stating the intention of giving up the scholarship, and explaining the reasons.

In the event that the withdrawal occurs after the beginning of the scholarship, the grant holder must promptly send an email to notify of their withdrawal and sign the official withdrawal form
to:

a) IYT Committee: **dgce07.iyt@esteri.it**

2) THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

Must have adequate financial resources for at least three-month stay, up until the first payment of the scholarship.

Any questions you may have on this topic can be answered here: Studying in Italy – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
and here: Visas for Italy

For the whole duration of the scholarship and the stay in Italy, is required to buy a health insurance policy to cover any expenses for sickness or injuries. The possession of a health insurance is a prerequisite for the issue of the visa and the residence permit for study purposes.

Prior to the arrival in Italy the grant holder must pick-up the following documents at the Italian Embassy in the country of origin:

a) Declaration of scholarship assignment ("Dichiarazione di assegnazione di borsa di studio") issued by the Italian Embassy in the Country of origin;
b) Letter of pre-enrolment at the Italian university of choice, issued by the Italian Embassy in the Country of origin;

c) An entry visa for study purposes, issued by the Italian Embassy/Consulate in the Country of origin and valid for the duration of the scholarship.

Upon arrival in Italy the grant holder must:

d) Go to the Central Police Station ("Questura") according to the area of residence during the period of study, within 8 days following arrival in Italy and apply for a residence permit for study. He/she must present the following documents:

- Passport;
- Entry Visa to Italy;
- Declaration of scholarship assignment;
- Letter of pre-enrollment at the University;
- Copy of health insurance policy.

e) All the scholarship holders should contact the International Students Office of t he University to get useful information on their stay and studies in Italy.

f) All the scholarship holders must immediately contact the IYT Committee in order to confirm the arrival

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) is not in direct contact with local police headquarters and cannot assist in obtaining individual residence permits.

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Grantee will receive **an annual payment of €10,800 (ten thousand eight hundred/00).** This will be paid quarterly into the Italian bank account held in his/her name, according to the following schedule:

- Quarter October – December 2026: €4,800 paid in December/January, upon presentation of:
  - **affidavit with bank details, a copy of the passport and a copy of the boarding pass of the arrival in Italy,**
  - **certificate of enrollment and declaration of attendance,**
  - **verification of attendance, before departure, where necessary, of a classroom or self-study Italian language course;**
- January – March 2027: €3,000 paid in March/April, upon presentation of:
  - **affidavit with bank details and declaration of attendance,**
  - **certificate of enrollment with exams taken (the student must have taken at least one exam with a grade in the current academic year);**
- April–June 2027 term: €3,000 paid in June/July, upon presentation of:
  - **affidavit with bank details and declaration of attendance,**
  - **certificate of enrollment with exams taken (the student must have taken at least one additional exam with a grade in the current academic year).**

For those who need to verify attendance before the start of an in-person Italian language course or self-study Italian language course, you need to provide the results of one of the most common online language placement tests, provided that the student's level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is clearly stated (either in the body of the email or in the attached PDF).

For those interested in taking an in-person or online course, we recommend visiting the websites of our Italian Cultural Institutes. Also, a free online resource is the RAI website, for more information, please refer to the FAQ section on the website.

Upon their arrival in Italy, students will be given detailed information about the payment procedures of the scholarship.

Disbursement procedure will begin within each quarter. Therefore, individual payments will commence within that period and processed asap.

The first payment will take place only after the University has confirmed the student's enrollment. The other payments will take place only after the IYT Committee has received from the Universities a certificate of attendance for the student, related to the academic programs.

The affidavit must be accompanied by a copy of the passport and a copy of the boarding pass confirming arrival in Italy.

The submission of a training internship project is mandatory.

The actual signing of **internship agreements by July 20th, 2027**, may be extended, but in any case, all scholarship recipients are required to **complete the paperwork for the start of their internship by January 20, 2027**. The completion of the internship by the end of the second year of the master's degree program therefore remains essential.

3) STUDENT'S DUTIES:

The scholarship holder must:

- attend the classes indicated in the academic programs, take the exams required by the course, and achieve the credits-ECTS on schedule, in accordance with the academic programs;
- attend the Italian language classes offered by the University even if not included in the academic program;
- attend a seminar or a course on the enhancing of gender equality and on fighting violence and abuse against women (as the IYT Program is dedicated to Giulia Cecchettin, please see the XI ed. Call, art.1; You can also find more detailed information and resources at the links in the FAQ);
- submit the required documentation in due form and at the due time, as indicated herein;
- carry out a full-time internship at an Italian company for a period of three consecutive months (480h);

The internship program must be completed as following:

1) For Laurea Magistrale (LM): by June 1st, 2028;
2) For Master Course: it must begin before the end of the academic year.

The University will facilitate the matching program, in particular by providing assistance to the student to search the internship, and will also help find the most suitable period for the student to carry out the internship (please see point 1 and point 2 above). **The internship is mandatory**.

The internship program might be carried out also within a company based in a city different than the one where the University is located.

Please note that:

A) The scholarship only covers courses attended in Italy. It is not possible for a scholarship-holder to participate in any international mobility program promoted by the host University, nor can he/she apply for an internship abroad. He/she cannot choose to do his/her thesis research abroad.

B) In case the grant holder needs to leave Italy because of serious personal reasons, he/she must inform the IYT Committee;

C) The high degree of commitment required by the IYT program (CFU achievement, compulsory attendance of the Italian language course, internship at the Italian company) does not allow participation to other training courses offered by Universities.

The scholarship can be CANCELLED in the following cases:

- the failure to submit the required documentation, in due form and at the due time, as well as the failure to attend the selected course entail forfeiting the scholarship payments.
- If poor performances or failure to attend the courses are reported. The academic curriculum and the achievement of CFUs will be periodically monitored by the IYT Committee.

4) TUITION FEES AND RENEWAL OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE SECOND ACADEMIC YEAR

Tuition Fees: The universities participating in the Invest Your Talent in Italy Program exempt from the registration and tuition fees foreign students who are beneficiaries of the scholarship, apart from: Regional Tax (Tassa Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio), stamp duty and any expense covering accident insurance and/or civil liability.

Therefore, it is strongly recommended to get any information on taxes or fees from universities well in advance.

Renewal: To apply for a scholarship renewal, the student must submit the application via the platform: INVEST YOUR TALENT IN ITALY - Login (esteri.it) in the "MY APP" menu> My application> Scholarship Renewal, uploading the following documents:

- University Transcript of the exams (CFU);
- Certificate of Attendance of the Italian Language Course offered by the Universities;
- Internship Declaration or Training Project

The renewal of the scholarship and the exemption from the payment of tuition fees for the second academic year are subject to the:

a) Achievement of 30 credits by July 20th;
b) Regular attendance of the courses indicated in the academic program;
c) Attendance of the Italian language course offered by the University.

The Grantee of the XI ed. To be awarded with a renewal of scholarship during the academic year 2027-2028 (hence during his/her 2nd year of his/her Master's Degree Program) **must upload on the IYT Portal an Internship Declaration (i.e. *Progetto formativo*)** The Internship must start on or before March 1st, 2028. The grantee must carry out the Internship within the next three months, i.e. by the end of June 1st, 2028. In the event of a business day closure, the Internship is prolonged and the day added at the end of it.

5) MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Scholarship holders must buy a health insurance policy covering all expenses for sickness or injuries (see item 2).

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