



Invest Your Talent in Italy

CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021)

18 DECEMBER 2019- 27 FEBRUARY 2020

Art. 1 **OBJECT**

Recognizing the importance of the international students as a fundamental instrument for the internationalization of the Country, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation - Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation, ITA – Italian Trade Agency, and Uni-Italia, with the support of Unioncamere (Italian Chambers of Commerce), and Confindustria (Confederation of Italian Industries), will award scholarships for the academic year 2020-2021 in favor of international students interested in attending higher education courses in Italy within the framework of the “Invest Your Talent in Italy” Program.

Scholarships are awarded for courses of Master’s degree (*Laurea Magistrale* or *Master universitario*) at Italian Higher Education Institutes (state-owned institutions or institutions legally recognized by the relevant State authorities) partners of the “Invest Your Talent in Italy” Program. The program includes the attendance of a mandatory internship at selected Italian companies which are partners of the initiative.

The list of the post-graduate courses under this Program is available at the following page:

<http://www.postgradinitaly.esteri.it/postgradinitaly/en/iyt-courses>.

The aim of the Program is to foster cooperation among Italian Universities and Italian companies in order to promote their internationalization by sustaining higher education courses tailored to the needs of the labor market. Thanks to this Program, young foreigners, educated in Italy and properly trained in their specific fields of expertise, will have the opportunity to make a working experience at selected Italian companies, partners of the “Invest Your Talent in Italy” Program.

Art. 2 **COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships are awarded to citizens, permanently resident in their home country, of the following list of countries:

- Azerbaijan
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Ghana
- Kazakhstan
- Mexico
- People's Republic of China
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Vietnam

Art. 3 **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Applications may be submitted only by those who meet the following requirements by the deadline of this call.

3.1 Academic qualifications

Applications may only be submitted by those candidates referred to in Articles 1 and 2 who hold the required academic qualifications (Bachelor's Degree) to enroll in the chosen Master's Degree Program (Laurea Magistrale or Master Universitario). Candidates must have completed their Bachelor's Degree.

Students who are currently studying at an Italian university and those who have obtained an Italian University Degree are not eligible for the IYT in Italy program.

3.2 Application

Only those students who have submitted their pre-application for **ONE** of the postgraduate courses (Laurea Magistrale or Master) included in the Program can apply for a IYT scholarship:

<http://www.postgradinitaly.esteri.it/postgradinitaly/en/how-to-apply>

Candidates can apply only for **ONE** course. The second choice is only possible for those courses accepting a limited number of students. In this case the second choice is displayed automatically when completing the application.

Students are entitled to receive the IYT scholarship only if they are admitted to the course they have applied for through the IYT platform.

3.3 Age requirements

Applicants must have been born on or after January 1st 1994, except for the only renewal scholarships.

3.4 Language skills

Candidates should submit an English language certificate as proof of their proficiency in English. Candidates should hold at least a **B2 level** certificate within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

A candidate who has obtained an English-taught Bachelor's Degree can submit a certificate issued by his/her university, stating that English is the medium of instruction in that university/course/faculty. This certificate can be accepted as the proof of proficiency in English.

Proof of proficiency in Italian is not mandatory but it will be taken into consideration in the selection process.

Art. 4

DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship will cover a period of study of 9 (nine) months starting from October 1, 2020.

Art. 5

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

5.1 Candidates must complete and submit the on-line application form available at the following link: <http://investyourtalentapplication.esteri.it/SitoInvestYourTalentApplication/signin.asp>

Full surname and all the given names must be included in the personal information section of the on-line application form (as stated in the candidate's passport).

5.2 Applications must be submitted from December 18, 2019 to February 27, 2020 until 12:00 (Midday, Italian Time).

5.3 Candidates must provide the following documents:

- The final transcript of all previous exams as well as the final grade (Bachelor's Degree).
- Students who have completed their Bachelor's studies but have not yet received their Degree Diploma - along with the final transcript of all previous exams - must also submit a document from their University certifying that they have completed their Bachelor's program and are waiting for the Degree Diploma to be issued. This document must be issued through and signed by a representative of the Academic Registrar's Office.
- English language certificate (IELTS or TOEFL);
- Italian language certificate. It is not mandatory, but if submitted, it will receive a score.
- A video no more than one minute long about their motivations;
- CV/Resume;
- Valid Passport.

An official translation into English is required if the documents are in a language other than English, French and Spanish. Both the translated documents and the original copies must be provided.

5.4 Incomplete applications will not be accepted. It is not possible to send the supporting documents by email.

5.5 Multiple applications – by using different email addresses - are strictly prohibited (see art. 3.2) and will be rejected.

Art. 6 **RENEWALS**

6.1 Candidates who have received an IYT scholarship to attend a “Laurea Magistrale” course in the academic year 2019-2020 must upload to the Portal <http://investyourtalentapplication.esteri.it/SitoInvestYourTalentApplication/signin.asp> the following documents by June 30th 2020:

- University transcript of the exams (Certificato Universitario degli Esami sostenuti CFU)
- Attendance certificate of the Italian language course offered by the host University
- “Internship Declaration”

6.2 Renewal of the scholarship and the exemption from the payment of enrollment and tuition fees for the second academic year will be confirmed only if the following requirements are met:

- a) complete a minimum of 30 credits by June 30th 2020;
- b) provide proof of regular attendance of Italian language classes;
- c) provide the Italian company’s “Internship Declaration”.

Art. 7 **SELECTION PROCEDURES AND ASSIGNMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

7.1 Selection procedures

Applications will be examined and evaluated by a Technical Committee composed by representatives of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Italian Trade Agency and Uni-Italia.

7.2 Awarding procedures

Scholarships will be awarded for each Country on the basis of a comparative assessment in compliance with the requirements of Articles 3 and 5 of this Call.

Art. 8 **RANKING**

In mid-June 2020 the Technical Committee will notify the results of the selection to the relevant Diplomatic Missions, which will publish the merit scholarship ranking. Candidates who have been awarded a scholarship will subsequently be informed by email.

Art. 9 **TUITION FEES**

Candidates who have been granted scholarships under the “Invest Your Talent in Italy” Program are exempted from the payment of tuition fees except for the Regional Tax for “Diritto allo Studio”, stamp duty, any expense regarding accident insurance and/or civil liability, the health insurance policy.

Art. 10
HEALTH AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

Grantees must subscribe a health insurance policy to bear any expenses due to illnesses or accident.

Art. 11
PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Grantee will receive a 900,00 € monthly allowance on a quarterly basis, which will be paid on his/her Italian bank account.

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

Disbursement procedure will begin at the end of each quarter. Individual payments will therefore commence after that period.

The first installment of the scholarship can only be received 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 scholarship will be paid only upon verification that conditions established under Article 6.2 of this Call have been fulfilled.

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.

Art. 12
INCOMPATIBILITY

The “Invest Your Talent in Italy” scholarship is incompatible with any other scholarship and/or any other economic facility offered by the Italian Government or any other Italian public institution, including the grants provided by Italian Regions “per il diritto allo studio regionale (Right to education provided by Regional Authorities)”.