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Invest Your Talent in Italy

CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023)

14 JANUARY 2022 – 15 FEBRUARY 2022

Art. 1

OBJECT

Recognizing the importance of international students as a fundamental instrument for the internationalization of the Country, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation - Directorate General for Public and Cultural Diplomacy, ITA – Italian Trade Agency, and Uni-Italia, with the support of Unioncamere (Italian Chambers of Commerce), and Confindustria (Confederation of Italian Industries), within the framework of the "Invest Your Talent in Italy" Program, will award a number of scholarships, for the academic year 2022-2023, in favor of international students interested in attending higher education courses in Italy.

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) that are part of the "Invest Your Talent in Italy" Program. The program also includes 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:

<https://www.postgradinitaly.esteri.it/postgradinitaly/en/ivt-courses>

The Program is aimed at increasing cooperation between Italian universities and companies, so as to boost their level of internationalization. It also allows young foreign talents to get their specialization in Italy and to start a working experience in the Italian companies that are part of the Program.

Art. 2

COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be citizens, effectively living, in one of the following countries:

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

Art. 3

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applications may be submitted only by those who meet the following requirements at the time of the deadline of the Call.

3.1 Academic qualifications

Applications may only be submitted by those candidates referred to in Articles 1 and 2 who hold the academic qualifications (Bachelor's Degree or equivalent) required 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 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, following each University's enrollment procedures:

<https://www.postgraditaly.esteri.it/postgraditaly/en/how-to-apply>

Candidates can apply for **ONE** course only. 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, 1996. Students applying for a scholarship renewal are excepted from this provision.

3.4 Language skills

Candidates must submit an English language certificate as proof of their proficiency in English.

Candidates must hold at least a B2 level certificate within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Candidates who have obtained an English-taught Bachelor's Degree can submit a certificate issued by their university, stating that English is the language of the courses in that university/course/faculty. This certificate can be accepted as proof of proficiency in English.

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

Art. 4

START AND DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship will cover a period of study of 9 (nine) months starting from October 1st, 2022.

Art. 5

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

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

The 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 January 14, 2022 to February 15, 2022 until 12:00 (Midday, Italian Time).

5.3 Candidates must provide the following documents:

- 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 Diploma - along with the final transcript of all previous exams - must submit, along with the final transcript, a document on letterhead paper from their University certifying that they have completed their Bachelor's program and are waiting for the 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, when applicable.
- video in which the candidate should explain their motivations (no longer than 1 minute);
- CV/resume;
- valid Passport.

An official translation into English, French or Spanish is required if the documents are in a language other than these three languages. 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 not allowed (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 2021-2022 may apply to continue their course by uploading to the Portal <https://investyourtalentapplication.esteri.it/SitoInvestYourTalentApplication/signin.asp> the following documents by July 20th, 2022:

- University transcript of the exams (Certificato Universitario degli Esami sostenuti with the so-called CFUs);
- Attendance certificate of the Italian language course offered by the host University;
- "Internship Declaration".

6.2 The 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 (the Italian CFUs) by July 20th, 2022;
- b) provide proof of regular attendance of the 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, attributed in defined quotas for each Country, will be awarded on the basis of a comparative assessment in compliance with the requirements of Articles 3 and 5 of this Call.

Art. 8

RANKING

The IYT Technical Committee will inform the selected candidates via email at the email address used for the registration on the My-App IYT platform by the end of June 2022.

Art. 9
TUITION FEES

Candidates who are granted a scholarship 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, as well as the health insurance policy.

Art. 10
HEALTH AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

Grantees must subscribe a health insurance policy to cover any expenses due to illnesses or accidents.

Art. 11
PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Grantees will receive a 900,00 (nine hundred) € monthly allowance on a quarterly basis, which will be paid on their 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)".