



*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 2019-2020.**

DEADLINE 30th of MAY, 2019

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 2019-2020** 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).

The grants are only available to attend academic courses in Italy.

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.

Nota bene: 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 for a period of **3 (three) months** to students currently attending an Italian course at a University or at an Italian Cultural Institute.

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).

Art. 2

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants who will meet the following requirements by the deadline of this call (May 30th, 2019, 2 p.m. C.E.T.) 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** (more information on: <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 (May 30th, 2019), with the sole exception of renewals.

Applicants for **PhD Programmes** should not be over **30 years old** by the deadline of this call (May 30th, 2019), 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 (May 30th, 2019).

2.3 Language proficiency

2.3.1 Italian-taught courses

In order to enroll in an Italian-taught course, 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).

Candidates who were enrolled in Italian course at the University may submit a language certification issued by a language teacher of the University department.

2.3.2 English-taught courses

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).**

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

Self-certification may be valid for candidates from countries where English is an official language and who are applying for courses held entirely in English.

2.3.3 Italian language and culture courses

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).

Candidates who were enrolled in Italian course at the University may submit a language certification issued by a language teacher of the University department.

Art. 3
RENEWALS

- 3.1 Applicants who have received a MAECI grant in the Academic Year 2018-2019 may apply through ordinary procedures to continue or complete a multi-year degree course. Renewals are granted only to applicants who prove satisfactory academic progress.
- 3.2 Applicants are eligible to attend a Single Cycle Degree Program (*Corso di Laurea a Ciclo Unico*) for the academic year 2019-2020 only if they have received a MAECI grant for the same course in 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 **January 1st, 2020** to **October 31st, 2020**.
For renewals only, grants may be awarded for a period of study from **November 1st, 2019** to **October 31st 2020**.

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, grants 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).

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>

We recommend choosing a frequently used email address; subsequent communications will be sent to the chosen address.

Applications must be submitted by 2 pm C.E.T. May 30th, 2019.

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.

Exemptions are 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 MAECI will begin the disbursement procedures at the end of each quarter. Individual payments will therefore commence after that period.

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

Art. 11

INCOMPATIBILITY

The grant is incompatible with any other grant 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)*.

NOTES

* Indian citizens should also register their application on the website of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (<http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/>)

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