

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS AND ITALIAN CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

Art. 1

SCOPE

Pursuant to the provisions of Law 288/55 and subsequent changes and additions and with a view to implementing bilateral cultural agreements and the related Executive Programs, as well as multilateral agreements, intergovernmental Agreements and specific Conventions for supporting Special Internationalization Projects with Universities, Research Institutes and Higher Artistic Training Centres in Italy, the **Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation** (hereinafter referred to as **MAECI**) **awards scholarships** for studying in Italy both to **foreign citizens** and to **Italian citizens living abroad** (hereinafter referred to as **IREs**) for the **Academic Year 2017-2018**. The aim of these scholarships is to foster international cultural cooperation, spread the knowledge of the Italian language, culture and science, as well as promote the Italian economic and technological system throughout the world.

The scholarships are offered to carry out study, training and research projects in Italian Higher Education Institute (State-owned institutions or institutions legally recognized by the relevant State authorities). The list of these Institutions is available on the website of the **Ministry for Education, University and Research (MIUR)**:

<http://www.istruzione.it/web/universita/home>.

MAECI also offers Scholarships for the so-called “**Special Projects**” (see the dedicated section at the following address

http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borsestudio_stranieri.html).

The Scholarships for these “Special Projects” are the subject of a separate call for applications.

The list of foreign countries whose citizens and IREs may apply for said scholarships can be found on the page “Scholarships for foreigners and Italians living abroad”:

http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borsestudio_stranieri.html

Art. 2

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

For information on the procedures to be fulfilled, please consult the **Applicant Guidelines** on the following page:

http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borsestudio_stranieri.html

Applications may be submitted by those who meet the following criteria on the expiry date of this call for applications.

The applications submitted by those who do not meet the necessary requirements shall be automatically excluded from the selection process.

The Italian citizens employed by Public Administration offices, as well as their family members – although temporarily living abroad – cannot be granted IREs scholarships

2.1 Academic qualifications

Foreign students or IREs may apply if they have **the academic qualifications required for enrolling in the institution chosen.**

2.2 Age limits

Candidates may apply if aged between **18 and 36 years** on the expiry date of this call for applications.

For those who apply for the first year of a PhD program the maximum age limit is 33 years on the expiry date of this call for applications.

Candidates may apply **for training/refresher courses for Italian language teachers** if aged between 18 and 45 years on the expiry date of this call for proposals.

2.3 Language skills and proficiency

Candidates shall submit a certificate showing their **knowledge and proficiency in the Italian language, starting from the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):**

(https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella_certificazioni.pdf).

The knowledge of the Italian language is not required for enrolling in the university courses fully provided in English.

Only for the **courses of Italian language and culture** shall candidates submit a certificate showing their knowledge and proficiency in the Italian language, starting from the **A2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)**

(https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella_certificazioni.pdf).

Art. 3

COURSES FOR WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

3.1 Scholarships of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months

Scholarships of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months, starting no earlier than November 1, 2017, are granted for the following **courses**:

a) Second-level University courses (five-year degree/Master of Science) (Laurea specialistica/Laurea Magistrale 2° ciclo)

Admission to the first year of a second-level university course/Master of Science requires a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent first-level degree of the country of origin. For admission to the subsequent years, the candidate shall have passed all the university exams of the previous year.

b) Master's Degree courses (First and Second Level)

For admission to a Master's Degree course, the candidate shall have the academic qualifications required by the University chosen.

c) Ph.D Course

For admission to a Ph.D course, the candidate shall have the academic qualifications required by the University chosen.

d) Specialisation Schools (Scuole di Specializzazione)

For admission to a Specialisation School, the candidate shall have the academic qualifications required by the School chosen. **Scholarships cannot be granted for the courses of medical Specialization Schools** (see Legislative Decree No. 257 of August 8, 1991).

e) Research under academic supervision (Progetti di Studio in Co-tutela)

This type of scholarships can be granted for a research project carried out within the Italian National Research Council (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche - CNR), the Higher Health Institute (Istituto Superiore di Sanità - ISS) or other State universities, museums and archives.

With a view to applying for this type of scholarship, the candidate shall submit his/her research project, as well as the name and contact details (email and telephone number) of the Supervisor/Tutor of the project, in addition to the letters of acceptance from the host Institution.

f) Courses of Higher Education in Arts, Music and Dance (AFAM); Scuola Internazionale di Liuteria di Cremona; Scuola di Alta Formazione e Studio (SAF) of the Istituto Superiore per la Conservazione ed il Restauro (ISCR); Scuola Nazionale di Cinema

- For admission to Courses of Higher Education in Arts, Music and Dance (AFAM) and to the Scuola Internazionale di Liuteria di Cremona, candidates shall have a High School Diploma or an equivalent diploma valid for admission to State-owned or legally recognized Academies of Fine Arts, Conservatoires or Music Schools. The list of AFAM Institutes can be found on the webpage of the Ministry for Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) <http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/istituzioni.aspx>;

- For admission to the Scuola di Alta Formazione e Studio (SAF) of the Istituto Superiore per la Conservazione ed il Restauro (ISCR) and to the Scuola Nazionale di Cinema, candidates shall have a High School Diploma. Admission is conditional upon passing an admission test. It is candidates' responsibility to be informed on the schedule of the admission test and on any other requirements.

3.2 Scholarships of 3 (three) months

Scholarships of **3 (three) months**, starting no earlier than November 1, 2017, are granted for the following **courses**:

g) Courses of Italian language and culture

For courses of Italian language and culture, candidates shall submit a certificate showing their level of knowledge and proficiency in Italian, starting from the **A2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)**

(https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella_certificazioni.pdf).

3.3 Scholarships of 1 (one) month

Scholarships of **1 (one) month**, starting no earlier than November 1, 2017, are granted for the following **courses**:

h) Training/refresher courses for Teachers of Italian language

For this type of scholarship, applicants shall be teachers of Italian language with documented experience in the country of origin.

Candidates from EU countries can apply only for post-graduate courses (PhD programs, Specialization Schools, Research under academic supervision), as well as for Italian language courses and courses for teachers of Italian language.

Art. 4

RENEWALS

4.1 Candidates may be eligible for attending a single-cycle degree course (Bachelor's degree) for the academic year 2017-2018 only if they were granted a MAECI Scholarship in the **academic year 2016-2017** and if they enroll at least for the fourth year of this single-cycle degree course in the academic year 2017-8. Any renewal of scholarships is granted only to the applicants who certify they have passed **the exams required for each academic year**.

4.2 Those who were granted a MAECI Scholarship **in the academic year 2016-2017** are eligible to apply for continuing or completing a multi-annual course (Bachelor's Degree Courses, Specializations, Master's Degree Courses, PhD programs). Any renewal of scholarships is

granted only to the applicants who certify they have passed **the exams required for each academic year**.

Art. 5

NON-ELIGIBILITY

MAECI scholarships are not granted to attend first-cycle ("triennale") or single-cycle courses, **except for renewals** (see Art. 4.1).

MAECI Scholarships are not granted to attend courses in foreign institutions (universities, academies, libraries, schools of any kind) based in Italy nor in non-accredited private research laboratories or centers, nor for individual courses or individual research projects.

Art. 6

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications shall be sent only electronically, by accessing the "Portale borse online" from the MAECI website:

http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borsestudio_stranieri.html

after registering to access the registration form by means of username and password

[Click here for the registration form](#)

Candidates from Libya can apply only if they were granted a MAECI Scholarship in the academic year 2016-2017. Any renewal or continuation of the scholarship is granted only to the applicants who certify they have passed **the exams required for each academic year**.

For Syria, the selection of candidates who meet the necessary requirements shall be carried out by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Office VII D.G.S.P., through the establishment of a special Committee.

All **Online applications** must be submitted **by midnight (Italian time) on May 10, 2017**.

Applications received after this deadline shall not be considered.

Art. 7

SELECTION PROCEDURES AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS

7.1 Selection of candidates

The analysis and evaluation of applications shall fall within the competence of the Italian Diplomatic Missions of the candidate's country of origin.

The applications sent electronically through the “Portale borse online” by the deadline set in the call for applications shall be examined and selected by a Joint Committee established by a special Decree of the Head of the Diplomatic Mission and composed of the Head of the Diplomatic Mission or his/her delegate, as well as representatives of the local Authorities and of the cultural, scientific and economic institutions.

If the objective conditions of the foreign country do not permit the establishment of a Joint Committee, the applications shall be examined and selected by an *ad hoc* Committee established by a special Decree of the Head of the Diplomatic Mission and composed of the Head of the Diplomatic Mission, as well as Italian officials and - where possible - Italian professors and academics.

7.2 IREs selection

The Applications by IREs shall be examined and selected by an *ad hoc* Committee set up by a special Decree of the Head of the Diplomatic Mission, composed of the Head of the Diplomatic Mission, the representatives of the Committees and Associations of Italians abroad, as well as of the Italian schools abroad.

7.3 Award of scholarships

The scholarships shall be awarded on the basis of a comparative evaluation of the applications submitted , of the requirements met and the criteria relating to the merit and / or to excellence of the candidate's curriculum, established according to a specific evaluation grid.

Art. 8

PUBLICATION OF THE MERIT RANKING

At the end of the selection procedure, the relevant Diplomatic Mission shall publish the merit ranking of the candidates to whom the scholarships are granted, as well as substitutes, according to the procedures shown on the website of each Diplomatic Mission.

Art. 9

PAYMENT OF ENROLMENT AND TUITION FEES

The candidates to whom the scholarships are granted by the Italian Government can be exempted from paying the enrolment fees and tuition fees, in accordance with the regulations in force, art. 9, paragraph 3, of Legislative Decree No. 68 of March 29, 2012 reading as follows:

"3. Institutions and universities shall fully exempt from paying the enrolment and tuition fees the foreign students who are granted annual scholarships by the Italian Government in the framework of development cooperation programs, as well as cultural and scientific intergovernmental agreements and the related executive programs. In the academic years following the first one, the exemption shall be conditional upon the renewal of the scholarship by the Ministry for Foreign

Affairs, as well as upon compliance with the merit requirements under Article 8, paragraph 2, preliminarily communicated by the University or by the Higher Institution of Arts, Music and Dance to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs".

It should be noted, however, that - in the framework of their administrative and accounting autonomy - some universities **may not grant such exemption.**

The exemption does not apply to advanced courses of Italian language and culture and to training/refresher courses for teachers of Italian language. For said courses the monthly payment of enrolment and tuition fees is required.

Art. 10

HEALTH AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

Scholarships holders shall benefit from a health insurance policy to bear any expense due to illnesses or accidents for the duration of the scholarship.

The diseases related to pre-existing physical or pathological conditions shall be excluded from the insurance.

Art. 11

PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The candidate to whom a MAECI Scholarship is granted shall be credited the related allowance on a quarterly basis with the Italian bank account in his name. (see Guidelines for the scholarship holder http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borsestudio_stranieri.html).

The payment of the scholarship shall be made after the scholarship holder's enrolling in the institution chosen, according to the necessary administrative time schedule and deadlines.

In some cases the candidate to whom a MAECI Scholarship is granted shall receive the monthly allowances from the following University with which MAECI has reached agreements for the academic year 2017-2018.

http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borsestudio_stranieri.html:

1. Università degli studi di Bologna;
2. Università degli Studi di Cassino e del Lazio Meridionale (new agreement)
3. Università della Calabria (new agreement)
4. Politecnico di Milano
5. Commerciale Luigi Bocconi di Milano
6. Università degli Studi di Milano
7. Università per Stranieri di Perugia
8. Università degli studi di Roma Tor Vergata
9. Università Roma Tre
10. Università per Stranieri "Dante Alighieri" di Reggio Calabria
11. Università per stranieri di Siena
12. Politecnico di Torino

13. Università degli studi di Torino
14. Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia
15. Università degli Studi della Tuscia – Viterbo

Art. 12

PROHIBITION OF RECEIVING MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Those who are granted a MAECI Scholarship shall not concurrently receive any other scholarship offered by the Italian Government or by another Public Administration.

NOTES

* The scholarships, named IREs Scholarships, are offered only for the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ethiopia, Peru, South Africa, Uruguay and Venezuela.

* For Albania 6 additional Scholarships are offered (6 Scholarships of 3 (three) months for Italian language courses) to be granted to the best students of the XII classes of the bilingual sections of high schools in Tirana, Shkodra and Korcia. The evaluation and selection of candidates shall be made by a Joint Committee, established pursuant to Art. 7 of this call for proposals, which will meet after the end of the school year 2016-2017:

* The Students of the Kenyan University of Garissa who were granted a MAECI Scholarships in the academic year 2016-17 are eligible to apply for renewal of the scholarship, regardless of the degree course chosen.

* The evaluation and selection of candidates for Libya and Syria shall be made by DGSP - Office VII .

* According to the Executive Program of the Cultural Cooperation Agreement between Italy and Chile of April 18, 1991, the Chilean students who are granted a Scholarship shall be entitled to the reimbursement of the air ticket to / from Italy, economy class.