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Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/2016

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Ministry of Human Resource Development is inviting online application from Indian national for scholarship offered by Government of Italy for the Academic Year 2015-16. All applicants must fill in the on-line application form at Ministry of Human Resource Development at <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/> and at Italian Government website "Borse on Line" at http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borsestudio_stranieri.html .

For the academic year 2015-2016, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is offering 54 number of man-month scholarships to Indian students. A stipend amount of 700 Euro per month will be paid to Indian scholar. Air ticket is to be born by the scholars themselves.

Scholarship duration and time frame

The scholarship duration can be **three, six, or nine months**.

Only for *Courses for teachers of Italian language* the scholarship duration is **one month**.

Time frame: **January 1st - December 31th 2016**.

Detailed information regarding the scholarship offer, can be requested to the Italian Embassy or Italian Cultural Institute in the applicant's country of citizenship. (<http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/laretediplomatica/>)

It is NOT allowed to apply for study/ research projects at:

- foreign institutions (such as universities, academies, libraries, schools of any kind) even if they operate in Italy;
- Centers or research laboratories not legally recognized by the competent State authority

- **Courses for which it is possible to apply for a scholarship and required qualifications**

No scholarships are offered for:

- Single university course**
- Research project**
- Undergraduate University courses, except for renewals (please see point A below).**

The scholarships are offered for the following type of courses:

**A. Undergraduate University courses (Laurea Triennale - 1° ciclo e a ciclo unico).
RENEWALS ONLY**

(Note: This Ministry does not invite application for renewal. Applicant for renewal may apply at Italian website.)

Requirements:

This type of scholarship is offered only to candidates who in the academic year 2014-15 received a scholarship to attend an Undergraduate Course (*Laurea Triennale* or *Corso di Laurea a Ciclo Unico*), and in the academic year 2015-16 will enroll at least for the second year of the same course. The renewal is subject to verification of the student's academic achievements.

B. Postgraduate University courses (Laurea Magistrale - 2° ciclo)

Requirements:

Admission to the first year of a Postgraduate course requires a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent recognized foreign qualification; for enrolment/admission after the first year, the scholarship-holder is required to have passed the university exams of the previous year.

C. Master's Degree courses (Levels I or II)

Requirements:

For admission, the candidate must have the academic qualification required for the chosen Master course. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the chosen Institution in order to be informed on the activation of the master, the schedule and the other requirements for registration. If the course includes a period of study in a country other than Italy, payment of the scholarship will be suspended for that period. Please note: a master course might be eventually canceled or it might be activated with delays. The scholarship will be paid only if the master course is activated and only for the months of confirmed registration of the applicant to the master course.

D. Ph.D. Courses.

Requirements:

For admission, the candidate must have the academic qualification required for the chosen Ph.D. course. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the chosen Institute in order to be informed on the activation

of the course, the schedule and the other requirements for registration. If the course includes a period of study in a country other than Italy, payment of the scholarship will be suspended for that period.

Please note: a Ph.D. course might be eventually canceled or it might be activated with delays. The scholarship will be paid only if the Ph.D. course is activated and only for the months of confirmed registration of the applicant to the Ph.D. course.

E. Specialisation Schools (Scuole di Specializzazione)

Requirements:

For admission, the candidate must have the academic qualification required for the chosen School. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the chosen School in order to be informed on the activation and schedule of the course, and the other eventual requirements of registration.

Specialization schools of medical disciplines are not eligible to get a scholarship.

F. Research under academic supervision (Progetti di Studio in co-tutela)

Requirements:

in order to apply for this type of scholarship, the candidate must submit the research project and the letters of acceptance from the host Institution. The research project must be carried out within the Italian State Education and Research System, including public museums and archives, and institutions as CNR (*Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche*) and ISS (*Istituto Superiore di Sanità*).

G. Courses of Higher Education in Art, 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)*, and *Scuola Nazionale di Cinema*

Requirements:

For admission to Courses of Higher Education in Art, Music and Dance (AFAM) and to the *Scuola Internazionale di Liuteria di Cremona*, candidates must possess a High school Diploma or a title valid locally for admission to Academies of Fine Arts or Conservatories of Music. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the chosen Institute/ Institution in order to be informed on any other possible requirements for the admission. The list of the **AFAM institutes** can be seen on the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) webpage <http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/istituzioni.aspx>

For admission to *Scuola di Alta Formazione e Studio (SAF)* of the *Istituto Superiore per la Conservazione ed il Restauro (ISCR)* and to *Scuola Nazionale di Cinema*, candidates must possess a High school Diploma valid locally and pass an Admission test. It is the candidate's responsibility to be informed on the schedule of the Entrance test and on any other possible requirements.

H. Advanced Courses on Italian language and culture (ONLY THREE MONTHS DURATION).

Requirements:

This type of scholarship is eligible only for students who have passed at least one university exam of Italian Language in their own country. At the end of the course, the student is expected to achieve at least a B1 Level of Italian proficiency, attested by a certificate such as CILS, CELI, PLIDA o IT Roma Tre.

This type of scholarship is offered only for courses of three months duration.

No scholarships are offered for Beginners course.

A payment of **University tuition fees** is required: scholarship-holders are eligible for a discount.

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the chosen Institution in order to be informed on the course schedule and university tuition fees.

I. Courses for Teachers of Italian as second language (ONLY ONE MONTH DURATION):

Requirements:

For this type of scholarship, applicants must be teachers of Italian as second language with documented experience. The scholarship duration of this type of course is **one month**. A payment of **University tuition fees** is required: scholarship-holders are eligible for a discount. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the chosen Institution in order to be informed on the activation and schedule of the course and university tuition fees.

Candidates may apply for a renewal to continue or complete a multi-year course. Upon decision of the selection committee, **a renewal can be granted only if the applicant has passed the exams required in the previous year. No scholarship renewals are offered for students exceeding the legal duration of the course of study.**

Normally, the scholarship holders are exempt from the payment of the university tuition fees, in accordance with existing regulations.

However the Universities, as part of their autonomy, **may not allow such exemption.**

Candidates are therefore recommended to contact the chosen Institution in order to be informed on eventual taxes or tuition fees.

Other Requirements

- **Educational qualifications** required by the chosen institution (please see section indicated by bullet mark above).

- **Knowledge of Italian Language:** candidates **must** possess a certificate of intermediate level in Italian (e.g. CILS B2, CELI 3, PLIDA B2 or INT.IT Roma Tre) or equivalent linguistic proficiency issued by a local organization or language school (e.g. Italian Cultural Institute, Dante Alighieri Society branch etc.). Applicants for enrolment in university courses held entirely in English, must have at least an A2 level proficiency in Italian.

- **Age limits:** candidates who are younger than **18 y. o.** or older than **35 y. o.** on the day of the deadline for the submission of the applications (13-05-2015), are not eligible. Candidates for **Courses for teachers of Italian as second language** (see above, section III, letter I) are eligible until they are 45 y. o. on the day of the deadline for the submission of the applications (13-05-2015).

- **Restrictions:** Students enrolled in a year exceeding the legal duration of the course of study (the so-called "fuori corso") are not eligible for scholarships.

Agreements between the MAECI and some Universities

For the academic year 2015-2016, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has signed agreements with some Italian Universities in order to simplify enrollment and administrative procedures. Thanks to these agreements, the following universities will pay the scholarship holders directly through a shortened and simplified procedure (please see *Regolamento del borsista* which can be downloaded from the following link: http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borsestudio_stranieri.html):

Politecnico di Milano; Politecnico di Torino; Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia; Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi di Milano; Università degli studi di Torino; Università degli studi di Milano; Università degli studi di Bologna; Università degli studi di Roma Tor Vergata; Università Roma Tre; Università per stranieri di Perugia; Università per stranieri di Siena; Università per stranieri "Dante Alighieri" di Reggio Calabria.

Health (and accident) insurance

For the sole period of the scholarship granted by the Italian Government, the scholarship -holders are covered by an insurance policy against illness and/or accident.

Incompatibility

To be eligible to receive a MAECI Scholarship, candidates must not be concurrently in receipt of another scholarship offered by the Italian Government.

For more information regarding duties and responsibilities of Scholarship-holders in Italy, please see Regolamento del borsista which can be downloaded from the following link:

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

DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED AT THE TIME OF ONLINE APPLICATION AT MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE:

- (a) A pdf copy of the online application filled in at Italian Government website.**
- (b) Self attested scanned copy of the mark-sheet, certificate, degrees, diploma, qualifying examination,**
- (c) Where grades are mentioned, the candidate must upload the official explanation adopted by the University/Institution.**
- (d) Self attested copy of date of birth certificate/ class 10th certificate bearing date of birth or other equivalent documents.**
- (e) Documentary evidence of the applicant's knowledge of the Italian language (like a diploma or certificate).**

(Note: The size must be under 530 kb for a single file. Applicant can zip in case of more than one document to be uploaded. A zip file is treated as a single file and it must be under 530 kb in size).

NOTE :

- i) Candidates who have already been abroad for study/training/specialization either on scholarship or on their own for a period exceeding six months are eligible to apply only if**

they have been in India for at least two consecutive years after returning from abroad as on 13.05.2015.

- ii) Applications of candidates who are abroad will not be considered.
- iii) For research students, a statement of 500 words outlining the applicant's proposed research topic, including research question and objectives, proposed methodology, timeline and justification. The statement should also identify the significance and application of the proposed research topic to the development of the applicant's home country.
- iv) Candidates who do not possess the requisite qualifications need not apply.
- v) Candidates should have adequate knowledge of geographical situation, cultural heritage of India and the donor country.
- vi) Applicants are required to be of sound health and awards are subject to successful candidates' satisfying a prescribed medical examination by donor country.
- vii) Canvassing in any form & suppression of any fact in the application will disqualify the candidature of the applicant.
- viii) Equivalent foreign degree will be considered.
- ix) While indicating the period of past experience and stay abroad, candidate should mention the specific dates.
- x) The selection committee's decision about the nomination or the candidates will be final. **NO REPRESENTATIONS IN THIS REGARD WILL BE ENTERTAINED.**
- xi) **THE FINAL SELECTION OF THE NOMINATED CANDIDATES RESTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY.**
- xii) Mere fulfillment of minimum requirements as laid down in the advertisement does not qualify a candidate for scholarship
- xiii). All information related to this scholarship will be made available on MHRD's website
- xiv) All communication will be made to applicants' registered email. It is advised that working email should be provided.
- xv) Employed candidates must obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from their employer. In case of Government servant, cadre clearance is a must.

APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER 13.05.2015 (11.11.59) WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

Format for online Application

1. Name of the Scholarship Scheme : Italian Government Scholarship, 2015-16
2. A pdf Copy of online application filled in at Italian Government Website : to be uploaded
3. Course/Level :
4. Subject :
5. Details of University/Institution Selected :
6. No. of date of letter of acceptance by the University/Institution selected :
7. Period and Duration of the scholarship requested :
8. Personal Details:

Name of Candidate (in block letters) :

*** Add your photograph, signature & create password**

Present Address :

Permanent Address :

Mobile No. :

Telephone No., if any :

Email: :

Father's Name: :

Sex: :

Marital Status :

Nationality :

Date of birth :

9. State to which the candidate belongs :

Academic record starting from High School/Higher Secondary (copy of the mark sheet/transcript should be uploaded)

Name of the University/ Board/Institution	Examination(s) Passed	Degree Obtained	Year of Passing	Secured marks/ Maximum marks	Percentage of marks	Major subject	Document to be uploaded
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Note : Where no Division/Class is awarded and only grading is done, the conversion formula adopted must be uploaded.

7. Other details:

- i) Details of proposed plan of study in at least 500 words:
For Ph.D research proposal must contains the followings:
 - i) Title,
 - ii) Objectives &
 - iii) proposed methodology.
- ii) Number of paper published, specify subject(s), year(s), journal(s) etc. in which it/they has/have been published.
- iii) Nature of the present employment with date of appointment, designation and the name and address of the employer, if any:
- iv) Have you been abroad? If so, give full particulars :
 - (a) Country/Countries visited :
 - (b) Period of Stay :
 - (c) Date, month and year of return to India :
 - (d) Purpose of visit :
- v) Have you applied earlier for any Government scholarship in last 3 years, if so, the details thereof:-
- viii) The details may be given on the following points :
 - a) The work at presently engaged in :
 - b) Future plans/proposals after the study/research/training and its prospectus :
 - c) What are the benefits to your home country :
- ix) Have you been received any academic awards/credential. If yes, provide the name of the award and upload the document.

Declaration

I certify that foregoing information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and nothing has been concealed /distorted. I understand that if at any time I am found to have concealed/distorted any material information; my selection shall be liable to be terminated without notice and compensation.

Signature of the candidate

Place:

Date :

UNERTAKING

- (a) I hereby, undertake to bear the cost of international and local travel in Italy on my own if selected for Scholarship offered by the Government of _____.

Signature of the Candidate

Date :

- (b) In the event of selection of _____ for Scholarship against the offer of scholarship by the Government of _____ the cost of international travels (both ways) and local travel in Italy will be borne by (Name of the sponsor) _____.

Signature of the candidate

Date :

- (c) I hereby, undertake that in the event of my selection, I will avail of the scholarships and will not withdraw from the same at any stage.

Signature of the candidate

Date :

(Strike out whichever is not applicable)