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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Deptt. of Higher Education)
ES.5 Section

OFFER OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP, 2012-2013

LAST DATE: 12.06.2011

Applications in duplicate addressed to the Section Officer, ES.5 Section, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, West Block-1, Wing-6, 2nd Floor, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110 066 on the prescribed format (Annexure-I) are invited from Indian Nationals, on plain paper, in the format given below, for the award of Italian Government Scholarship for higher studies/research/specialized training in 6 categories, i.e., (1) **University degree courses (Level II)**; (2) **Advanced professional training, art and music courses**; (3) **Masters Degree courses (Levels I or II)**; (4) **Doctorates Courses**; (5) **Schools of specialization and**; (6) **Singly or jointly supervised study or research** for the academic year, 2012-2013 :-

For the academic year 2012-2013, the Government of Italy offers 135 number of man-month scholarships to Indian students. The man-months may be distributed as follows, with preference to requests for renewals.

1. 45 man-months should be allocated to the 15 candidates of category C and D . as per enclosed list, of the scholarship year 2011-2012, who are selected for pursuing 3 months language courses at the Italian University for Foreigners, Perugia starting from July 2012. Since these scholarships, have been deferred to the academic year 2012-2013, the candidates can now choose the three months period between 1st January and 31st December 2013, without undergoing any further interview/selection (list of candidates is enclosed).
2. The remaining 90 man-months may be distributed in 12 scholarships allocating 6 scholarships of 9 months duration each and 6 scholarships of 6 months duration each to pursue higher studies in Italian public universities or other public institutions of higher education as mentioned in the 6 categories below. Preference may be given to requests for renewals.
3. In the event of any man-months out of the 45 man-months as at 1 above, resulting un-utilised due to renouncements, the number of scholarships to be allocated as per 2 above can be increased proportionately.

General eligibility conditions: Preferably Post-Graduate or equivalent though minimum eligibility for University courses is Graduate. Applicants for University courses held entirely in English will have to demonstrate at least A2 level certification or equivalent of competence in Italian language. Age should not exceed 35 years as on 12.06.2012. (Since age limits can vary, as some institutions are legally required to set different ones, applicants are advised to check directly with the institutions concerned (e.g. the legal age limit for the National School of Cinema is 27). Preference should be given to candidates already enrolled/obtained clearance for enrollment in an Italian University. Preference should be given to candidates those who have good Geographical & Historical knowledge about Italy.

The stipend amount of Euro 700 per month, which is inclusive of health insurance, is for stay in Italy as well as for the course fee. No international/national passage is offered by the Government of Italy for any of the scholarships.

Foreign nationals holding Italian Government Scholarships and enrolled in First Level Degree Courses (Corsi di Laurea) Second Level Degree Courses (Laurea Specialistica), Schools of Specialisation (Scuole di Specializzazione) (with the exception of medical studies) and research doctorates (Dottorati di ricerca) are exempted from university enrolment fees (ref: D.P.C.M. 09/04/2001). Students enrolled in individual courses, professional training, art and music courses, Level I and II Masters courses, will be required to pay related enrolment fees.

Students should check information for foreign students in Italy at the website of the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research):

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Eligible Institutions in Italy include:

Universities, university institutes and polytechnic institutes.

- Advanced training institutes for art and music and conservatories.
- Restoration institutes.
- The National School of Cinema.
- Italian research centres or laboratories, archives and museums that have stipulated agreements with the foreign under-graduate or post-graduate university departments in which the applicant is enrolled, or that offer institutional collaboration to foreign scholars and/or researchers through supervisors appointed by the director of the institution.

Scholarships cannot be granted for the following:

- Foreign institutions (universities, academies, libraries, schools of any sort), even if situated in Italy;
- Private and non-accredited research centres or laboratories.

Scholarships may be sought for pursuing courses of six (6) or nine (9) months duration as per the following categories:

1. University degree courses (Level II)

Requirements: University Degree. Preference is given to candidates for Level II University courses who produce a letter of pre-acceptance from the chosen Italian university. Scholarship-holders may request renewal of the scholarship for the subsequent academic years.

Since Italian Law no. 264/99 provides that admittance to some degree-path courses can be selective, applicants are advised to apply for selection and pre-enrolment at several universities offering the same type of study and degree categories, in order to increase the chances of admittance and avoid annulment of the scholarship. Upon completion of the course attended the scholarship-holder will have to sit the required exams.

2. Advanced professional training, art and music courses

Requirements: University Degree. It is advisable to have a letter of pre-acceptance from the Italian Institution chosen. Eligible courses, of a minimum 6-month duration, include those offered by institutes of advanced professional, art, music and choral training (academies, conservatories, ISIA, etc.), restoration institutes and the National School of Cinema. It is advisable to apply to several of the above-mentioned institutes for the reasons described in cat 3. above. Upon completion of the course attended the scholarship-holder will have to sit the required exams.

3. Masters Degree courses (Levels I or II)

Requirements: Graduate and/or Post-Graduate. Applicants must have a degree corresponding with the Italian first or second Level degree depending on the Master course chosen and eventual other documentation as requested by their chosen Italian institution. All Level I and II Masters courses must have minimum six month duration and are not exempt from enrolment fees. If the course requires a period of study outside of Italy, payment of the stipend will be suspended during that period. Since admittance to Masters Courses is often on a selection basis, and courses require a minimum number of participants to be held, it is the applicants responsibility to make sure both of their admittance to the course and its actual start date. Scholarship-holders are reminded that they have a right to be awarded the scholarship only for a period of study to be completed by 31 December 2013, and only if they attend the courses originally chosen. Upon completion of the course attended the scholarship-holder will have to sit the required exams.

4. Doctorates Courses

Requirements: Since admission to research doctorates in Italy is regulated by strict provisions issued by individual universities, in addition to the requirements listed in cat.3 above, applicants are required to have established contact with the university of their choice before submitting their scholarship applications in order to agree on admission requirements. Since admission is by selection, in order to increase the chance of being accepted, it is advisable to apply to take the entrance exam for several universities, and best in the context of eventual protocols of understanding between their university of provenance and the Italian one.

5. Schools of specialisation

Requirements: As in cat.4 above. Courses must be of minimum six month duration. Medical studies are categorically excluded from the list of eligible specialisations (See Legislative Decree no. 257 of 08.08.1991). Upon completion of the course attended the scholarship-holder will have to sit the required exams.

6. Singly or jointly supervised study or research projects

Requirements: As cat.4 above. Research scholarships are awarded exclusively for research activities at the CNR, Istituto Superiore di Sanità or other analogous State university facilities, museums, or archives, and for a minimum duration of 6 months. The research project proposal must be submitted with the application, in addition to letters of acceptance from the professor or expert supervisor of the research project proposed by the applicant, and from the director of the Italian academic institution or facility meant to host the scholarship-holder.

Priority will be given to applicants whose study and research aims are cited in existing bilateral agreements with the researcher's home university. To receive stipend in each quarterly payment, in addition to the documentation cited in the [Memorandum for Scholarship-Holders](#), Scholarship-holders will be required to send periodical summary reports of the study or research activities carried out to the Country Contact at Office VII of the DGSP.

Candidates for all the above categories should register their applications online with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at:

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After submitting their application forms online, applicants must send the following to the Embassy of Italy and Italian Cultural Centre at 50-E Chandragupta Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021:

- *Application Form – printed and signed, with passport-size photo attached;*
- *Two letters of introduction from academic authorities (not required if applicant is unable to produce them due to difficult political conditions, as in the case of refugees or displaced persons);*
- *Letter of acceptance/enrollment from the host institution.*

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS :

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DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED :

1. Two recommendation letters from the Indian academic authorities.
2. Documentary evidence of the applicant's knowledge of the Italian language (like a diploma or certificate).
3. Medical certificate from any R.M.P. (MBBS) showing the applicant's good general health and mental and physical fitness to undertake course of study abroad.
4. Attested Photostat copies of all degrees/certificates/diplomas starting from Matriculation/Higher Secondary showing the applicant's qualifications and date of birth.
5. A recent passport size photograph affixed/pasted on the right hand top corner of each application form.
6. A No Objection Certificate from the employer (if employed) to the effect that he/she will be relieved in the event of his/her final selection and that he/she will be taken back on his/her return from Italy.

NOTE :

- i) All candidates must submit their application online through the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at: http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/Opportunita/BorseStudio_stranieri.htm until 11 June 2012. Only those candidates who register their applications shall be considered for personal interview.
- ii) Applications received after the last date i.e. 12.06.2012 will not be considered.
- iii) Applications giving false information and applications without signature of the candidates will be cancelled.
- iv) In case no Division/class is awarded and only grading is done, the conversion formula adopted may be mentioned. Exact percentage of marks should be mentioned.
- v) Employed persons may forward their application through their employer's alongwith their No Objection Certificate. However, advance applications will be considered but No Objection Certificates will have to be produced at the time of interview.
- vi) The Ministry will not be responsible for any postal delay.
- vii) No canvassing in any form will be entertained.
- viii) No application form will be provided by this Ministry.

FORMAT

ANNEXURE-I

Affix Passport
size Photo and
signature
across

1. Name of the Scholarship Scheme : Italian Government Scholarship,
2012-2013
2. Subject/Category/Course :
3. Name of Candidate :
(in block letters)
4. Full Mailing address with Tele./Fax No.
a) Present Address :

b) Permanent Address :
5. E-mail I.D. :
6. Nationality :
7. Father's Name :
8. Date of birth, age in years and months,
State to which the candidate belongs :

9. Academic record starting from High School/Higher Secondary :-

Name of the University/Board /Institutions	Examinations Passed	Year Passing	Division/Class with position, if any	%age of Marks/ equivalent of Grade
1	2	3	4	5

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

10. Details of Professional/Practical training and Research Experience specifying the period. Number of Papers published. :

Year	
From	To
11. Previous employment with name of the Employer and period of employment, if any. :
12. Nature of the present employment with date of appointment, designation and the name and address of the employers. :
13. Have you been abroad ? if so, give full particulars of the country and the period. Also, mention the year and month of return to India. :
14. Proposed Programme of Study/Research/ Training, specifying. :
- i) The work presently engaged in :
- ii) Nature and Programme of Study/ Research desired, :
- iii) Future plans/prospects after the proposed studies/research and :
- i) How are these related to the technical or economical development of India. :

(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 travel (both ways) and local travel in Italy will be borne by _____.

(Name of the sponsor)

Signature of the sponsor

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.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO APPLY BOTH ONLINE AT <http://borseonline.esteri.it/borseonline/it/index.asp> AS WELL TO THE ABOVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP DIVISION AT <http://mhrd.gov.in> or www.sakshat.ac.in. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2012-2013.

For any further clarification, candidates may be advised to contact the Italian Embassy Cultural Centre, 50- E Chandragupta Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi- 110021. Fax: 011-26871902; E-mail: scholarships.iicnewdelhi@esteri.it