

OFFER OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP, 2013-2014

LAST DATE: 31.05.2013

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 for the award of Italian Government Scholarship for higher studies/research/specialized training. The Scholarships are divided into 2 groups i.e., three month scholarships (Group A) and six or nine month scholarships (Group B). There are 3 categories in 'Group A' and 7 categories in 'Group B' for the academic year, 2013-2014.

For the academic year 2013-2014, the Government of Italy is offering 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 may be distributed in 15 scholarships for pursuing courses of 3 months' duration in Italian public universities or other public institutions of higher education as mentioned in category 'A' below.
2. 90 man-months may be distributed in 12 scholarships allocating 6 scholarships of 9 months' duration each (54) and 6 months' duration each (36) to pursue higher studies in Italian public universities or other public institutions of higher education as mentioned in category 'B' below. Preference shall be given to requests for renewals.
3. In the event of any man-months out of the 45 man-months as at 1 above, being unutilised, the number of scholarships to be allocated as per para 2 above can be increased proportionately and vice-versa.

General eligibility conditions: Preferably Post-graduate or equivalent though minimum eligibility for University courses is Graduate. University courses will be held entirely in English, however, applicants will have to demonstrate at least A2 level certification or equivalent of competence in Italian language. Age should not exceed 35 years for all categories except for Italian language teaching courses where the age limit is 45 years as on 1 June 2013. (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 will be given to candidates already enrolled/obtained clearance for enrollment in an Italian University.**

The stipend amount of Euro 700 per month, which is inclusive of health insurance, 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. The stipend is paid once in three months through a bank account opened by the scholarship holder on arrival in Italy or dispensed directly to the scholarship holder by – Polytechnic of Milan, Polytechnic of Turin, University ‘Ca Foscari’ of Venice, University of Bocconi, University of Turin, University of Milan, University of Rome ‘Tor Vergata’, University for Foreigners of Perugia, University for Foreigners of Siena, University for foreigners ‘Dante Alighieri’ of Reggio Calabria – with whom the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has entered into an agreement for the disbursement of stipend. The scholarships shall be utilized between 1st January and 31st December 2014.

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):
<http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>

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 three (3) six (6) or nine (9) months duration as per the following categories:

A. Applicants may request three month scholarships for

1. Level B1 Courses in Italian language and culture offered by the Universities for Foreigners in Perugia, Siena, “Dante Alighieri” of Reggio Calabria and Roma Tre, or other institutions accredited to certify knowledge of Italian as a foreign language. Upon completion of the course attended the scholarship holder will have to sit for the required examination.

Eligibility: University Degree and should have passed at least one university level Italian language examination.

2. Courses in Italian language teaching of 3-month duration offered by the Universities for Foreigners of Perugia, Siena, "Dante Alighieri" of Reggio Calabria and Roma Tre or other institutions accredited in the certification of knowledge of Italian as a foreign language. Upon completion of the course attended, the scholarship holder will have to sit for the required examination.

Eligibility: Applicants must be Graduate foreign teacher with documented experience in teaching Italian as a foreign language (IFL).

3. Study or research projects at non-private Italian research Centres-Laboratories- Libraries- Archives- Museums.

Eligibility: Post-Graduate. Applicants must duly document study of research projects they intend to carry out at the chosen facility for a period of at least 3 months. Projects must have prior written approval, in a letter to the applicant from an Italian host institution must have prior written approval, in a letter to the applicant from an Italian host institution supervisor. The letter must state the supervisor's willingness to accept responsibility also for assessing the scholarship holder's performance both during and at the conclusion of the study or research activity.

B. Applicants may request six or nine month scholarships for

1. Individual University courses (Level II)

Eligibility: University Degree. Preference is given to Level II individual university courses of a 6-month minimum duration, accompanied by a letter of pre-acceptance from the chosen university. Upon completion of the course attended, the scholarship holder will have to sit for the required examination.

2. Advanced professional training, art and music courses

Eligibility: University Degree. Eligible courses of a minimum 6-month duration include those offered by institutes of advance professional, art, music and choral training those offered by institutes of advanced professional, art, music and choral training (academies, conservatories, ISIA, etc.), restoration institutes and the National School of Cinema. Upon completion of the course attended the scholarship holder will have to sit for the required examination.

3. Courses in Italian language teaching

For specific course programmes with a minimum 6-month duration offered by the Universities for Foreigners of Perugia, Siena, "Dante Alighieri" of Reggio Calabria and roma Tre, or other accredited institutions authorized to certify knowledge of the Italian language or teaching Italian as a Foreign Language. Upon completion of the course attended, the scholarship holder will have to sit for the required examination.

Eligibility: Applicants must be Graduate foreign teacher with documented experience in teaching Italian as a foreign language (IFL).

4. Masters Degree courses (Levels I or II)

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 2014, 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.

Eligibility: Applicants must have a University 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.

5. Doctorates Courses

Eligibility: M. Phil. Since admission to research doctorates in Italy is regulated by strict provisions issued by individual universities, in addition to the requirements listed in the previous point, applicants are required to have established contact with the university of their choice in order to comply with 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 select the best in the context of eventual protocols of understanding between their university of provenance and the Italian one.

6. Schools of specialisation

Eligibility: (See also "Masters Degree Courses", above) Courses must be of minimum six month duration. Medical studies are categorically excluded from the list of eligible specializations (See Legislative Decree no. 257 of 08.08.1991). For admission see also the previous point "Doctorate Courses". Upon completion of the course attended the scholarship holder will have to sit for the required exams.

7. Singly or jointly supervised study or research projects

Eligibility: (See also "Masters Degree Courses", above) Scholarships are awarded exclusively for research activities at the CNR, Istituto Superiore di Danita 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 each quarterly payment, in addition to the documentation cited in the Memorandum for Scholarship Holders (Regolamento del Borsista). 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. Such reports shall be signed by the Italian supervisor who produced the above letter of acceptance. All free research programs are not eligible for scholarship.

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

http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/Opportunita/BorseStudio_stranieri.htm until 31 May 2013. Only those candidates who register their applications shall be considered for personal interview.

After registering at <http://borseonline.esteri.it/borseonline/it/>, applicants will be able to access a multilingual on-line application form. After specifying language, country of nationality and whether the application is new or a renewal, the applicant then fills out the form; a draft can be saved and changed until its final submission. If necessary, applicants can seek the help of Italian Cultural Centre for proper filling out of the form.

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*
- *Letter of acceptance/enrollment from the host institution.*

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS :

Applicants can apply online by **31st May 2013 (Friday) (5:30 PM)** using the Department's website <http://mhrd.gov.in> or www.sakshat.ac.in. In case of on line applications, hard copy of the applications in the prescribed format along with required documents (attested) should be submitted 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** by **5th June 2013 (5:30 PM)**, otherwise online applications will not be entertained. For offline mode, Applications in the prescribed format (Annexure-I) along with attested copies of all certificates/degrees/diplomas and mark sheet of qualifying degree should reach at the address given above by **31st May, 2013 (Friday) (5:30 PM)**. Applications received thereafter will not be entertained.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO APPLY ONLINE BOTH AT <http://borseonline.esteri.it/borseonline/it/> AND AT <http://mhrd.gov.in> or www.sakshat.ac.in. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2013-2014.

For any further clarification, candidates are 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

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 Registered Medical Practitioner (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 31 May 2013. Only those candidates who register their applications shall be considered for personal interview.
- ii) Applications received after the last date i.e. 31.05.2013 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. The application form has to be downloaded from the website mentioned in the guidelines above.

ANNEXURE-I**FORMAT**

Affix Passport
size Photo and
signature
across

1. Name of the Scholarship Scheme : Italian Government Scholarship,
2013-2014
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. & Mobile No. :
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 of 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.

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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.

Signature of the candidate

Date :

(Strike out whichever is not applicable)