

**OFFER OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP 2017-2018**

**LAST DATE: 10.05.2017 (by mid-night Italian time)**

Online applications are invited from Indian nationals for 2017-18 Italian Government Scholarships three (3), six (6) or nine (9) months duration. The detailed information about the scholarships is annexed and also available on Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), Government of Italy website [www.esteri.it](http://www.esteri.it).

2. Applicants are required to apply online both on the Ministry of Human Resource Development portal <http://www.proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship/> and also on the website of MAECI (Government of Italy) <http://borseonline.esteri.it/BorseOnLine>. The last date for submission of online application is 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (by mid-night Italian time).


**Note: The candidates who do not apply at both the websites, would not be considered in the selection process.**

3. The followings are the priority fields:

- i) Biology, ii) Architecture, iii) Physics, iv) Environmental Engineering, v) Nanotechnologies

**Important notes for the candidates:**

- If required, the applicants can take support of the Italian Embassy Cultural Centre, 50-E, Chandragupta Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, Delhi 110021 in the application procedure.
- 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 10.05.2017.
- Applications of candidates who are abroad will not be considered.
- The selected candidate would be provided a stipend of 900 Euro per month. Please refer to the annexure for details regarding enrolment and tuition fee etc. The travelling expenses is to be borne by the scholar himself/herself.
- Employed candidates must obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from their employer. In case of Government servant, cadre clearance is a must.
- The applicant in employment (to which he/she wishes to return) should have an assurance from his/her employer that he/she will be granted sufficient leave during the scholarship period.
- For applying at Ministry of Human Resource Development portal <http://proposal.sakshat.ac.in/scholarship>, candidates are required to upload documents. It must be ensured that the size of a single document does not exceed 530 kb.



(Ghanshayam)

Under Secretary (Scholarship)  
Dt. 06.04.2017



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



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>;



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](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.**



*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](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](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