



*Ministero degli Affari Esteri
e della Cooperazione Internazionale*

**GRANTS FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS AND ITALIAN CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD AWARDED BY THE
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020.**

DEADLINE 30th of MAY, 2019

The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)** offers **grants** in favor of **foreign citizens not residing in Italy*** and **Italian citizens living abroad (IRE)**** for the **academic year 2019-2020** in order to foster international cultural, scientific and technological cooperation, to promote Italian language and culture and to support Italy's economic system in the world (According to Law 288/55 and its subsequent changes and additions).

The grants are only available to attend academic courses in Italy.

The list of **eligible** foreign countries can be found on the website Study in Italy: <https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/en/call-for-procedure>.

Art. 1

GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES

1.1 Master's Degree (Laurea Magistrale 2° ciclo)

Grants for Master's Degree courses are awarded for a **period of study of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months**.

Admission to the first year of a Master's Degree course in Italy requires the completion of a Bachelor's degree in the applicants' country of origin; admission to the second year is granted to applicants upon evidence to be on track with their first year studies.

1.2 Courses of Higher Education in Arts, Music, and Dance (AFAM)

Grants for Courses of Higher Education in Arts, Music, and Dance (AFAM) are awarded for a **period of study of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months**.

To be admitted to an Italian AFAM Institute, applicants need to meet the entry requirements and academic qualifications established by the relevant University/Institute.

1.3 PhD program

Grants for a PhD program are awarded for a **period of study of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months**. To be admitted to a PhD in Italy, applicants need to meet the entry requirements and academic qualifications established by the University; they are also required to provide a letter of acceptance on behalf of the relevant Italian University.

1.4 Research under academic supervision (Progetti in co-tutela)

Grants for a research under academic supervision are awarded for a **period of study of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months**.

This type of grants can be awarded to research projects carried out at the Italian Research Institutions (i.e. Italian Research Council - CNR, Italian National Institute of Health - ISS, Italian National Institute for Nuclear Physics - INFN, Italian National Institute for Astrophysics - INAF, The Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - ISPRA) under the academic supervision of public Universities or Museums and Archives.

Applicants must submit a research project and the letter of admission on behalf of the host University/Institute; they are also required to provide the name and contacts (e-mail address) of their supervisors.

Nota bene: Admission to some Master's Degree courses or AFAM Institutes requires an admission test. Please refer to the relevant University/AFAM Institute to check whether an admission test is required.

1.5 Italian Language and Culture Courses

Grants for Italian language and culture courses are awarded exclusively for a period of **3 (three) months** to students currently attending an Italian course at a University or at an Italian Cultural Institute.

Applicants must provide a certificate of their proficiency in Italian language. The minimum level required is A2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR); (https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella_certificazioni.pdf).

Art. 2 ELIGIBILITY

Applicants who will meet the following requirements by the deadline of this call (May 30th, 2019, 2 p.m. C.E.T.) may apply for a grant.

2.1 Academic qualifications

Applications must only be submitted by foreign students not residing in Italy* and by Italian citizens living abroad (IRE)** holding an **appropriate academic qualification required to enroll to the Italian University/Institute** (more information on: <https://studyinitaly.esteri.it/en/Recognition-of-qualification>).

2.2 Age requirements

Applicants for Master's Degree/Higher Education in Arts, Music, and Dance (AFAM) Programmes/ Italian Language and Culture Courses should not be over **28 years old** by the deadline of this call (May 30th, 2019), with the sole exception of renewals.

Applicants for **PhD Programmes** should not be over **30 years old** by the deadline of this call (May 30th, 2019), with the sole exception of renewals.

Applicants for **Research Projects under academic supervision** should not be over **40 years old** by the deadline of this call (May 30th, 2019).

2.3 Language proficiency

2.3.1 Italian-taught courses

In order to enroll in an Italian-taught course, applicants must provide a certificate of their proficiency in Italian language. **The minimum level required is B2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):**
(https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella_certificazioni.pdf).

Candidates who were enrolled in Italian course at the University may submit a language certification issued by a language teacher of the University department.

2.3.2 English-taught courses

In this case applicants must provide a language certificate of their proficiency in English Language. **The minimum level required is B2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).**

Proof of proficiency in Italian is not required for courses entirely taught in English.

Self-certification may be valid for candidates from countries where English is an official language and who are applying for courses held entirely in English.

2.3.3 Italian language and culture courses

For Italian language and culture courses, applicants must provide a certificate of their proficiency in Italian language. **The minimum level required is A2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):**
(https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/data/lingua/corsi/pdf/tabella_certificazioni.pdf).

Candidates who were enrolled in Italian course at the University may submit a language certification issued by a language teacher of the University department.