

Regulations of the Invest Your Talent in Italy Scholarship

Academic Year 2020-2021 guidelines for scholarship winners

1) SCHOLARSHIP WAIVER, CANCELLATION OR INTERRUPTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

If the grant awarded is declined <u>before the effective date of beginning</u> of the scholarship, the student must immediately send a signed letter of waiver via email, addressed to the Italian Embassy in the Country of origin and also to the *Invest Your Talent in Italy Committee - Technical Secretariat* (<u>dgsp.iyt@esteri.it</u>), stating the intention of giving up the scholarship, and explaining the reasons.

In the event that the withdrawal occurs <u>after the beginning</u> of the scholarship, the grant holder must send a written communication, explaining and documenting the reasons for waiving the scholarship to:

- a) The Italian Embassy in the Country of origin;
- b) Technical Secretariat IYT: dgsp.iyt@esteri.it

2) THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

Must have adequate financial resources for at least three months stay, up until the first payment of the scholarship.

For the whole duration of the scholarship and the stay in Italy, <u>is required to buy a health insurance policy to cover any expenses for sickness or injuries.</u> The possession of a health insurance is a prerequisite for the issue of the visa and the residence permit for study purposes.

<u>Prior to the arrival in Italy</u> the grant holder must pick-up the following documents at the Italian Embassy in the country of origin:

a) Declaration of scholarship assignment ("Dichiarazione di assegnazione di borsa di studio") issued by the Italian Embassy in the Country of origin;

- b) Letter of pre-enrolment at the Italian university of choice, issued by the Italian Embassy in the Country of origin;
- c) An entry visa for study purposes, issued by the Italian Embassy/Consulate in the Country of origin and valid for the duration of the scholarship.

<u>Upon arrival in Italy</u> the grant holder must:

- d) Go to the Central Police Station ("Questura") according to the area of residence during the period of study, within 8 days following arrival in Italy and apply for a residence permit for study. He/she must present the following documents:
 - o Passport;
 - o Entry Visa to Italy;
 - o Declaration of scholarship assignment;
 - o Letter of pre-enrollment at the University;
 - o Copy of health insurance policy.
- e) All the scholarship holders should contact the International Students Office of the University to get useful information on their stay and studies in Italy.
- f) All the scholarship holders must immediately contact the Technical Committee of the "Invest Your Talent in Italy" Program in order to confirm the arrival and receive instructions for the first payment of the scholarship. Contact:

email: dgsp.ivt@esteri.it Phone.: +39 06 36914983

Grantee will receive a 900,00 € monthly allowance on a quarterly basis, which will be paid on his/her Italian bank account.

Upon their arrival in Italy students will be given detailed information about the payment procedures of the scholarship.

Disbursement procedure will begin at the end of each quarter. Individual payments will therefore commence after that period.

The first payment will take place only after the University has confirmed the student enrollment. The other payments will take place only after the Technical Committee of IYT has received from the Universities information about the performance of the student in accordance with the academic programs, with reference to the exams effectively taken and the achievement of credits (minimum of 30 credits by June 30).

3) STUDENT'S DUTIES:

The scholarship holder must:

- -attend the classes indicated in the academic programs, take the exams required by the course, and achieve the credits-ECTS on schedule, in accordance with the academic programs;
- -attend the Italian language classes offered by the University even if not included in the academic program;
- -submit the required documentation in due form and at the due time, as indicated herein;
- -carry out a full-time internship at an Italian company enrolled in the Invest Your Talent in Italy program (company offering an internship and/or scholarship) for a period of three consecutive months;

The internship program must be completed as following:

- 1) For <u>Laurea Magistrale</u> (LM): from the end of the first academic year (end of summer session, considered around June/July 2021) to July 1st, 2022.
- 2) For Master Course: it must begin before the end of the academic year.

The University will facilitate the matching program, in particular by providing assistance to the student to search the internship, and will also help find the most suitable period for the students to carry out the internship (please see point 1 and point 2 above). The internship is the core of the Program, therefore it is mandatory.

The internship program might be carried out also within a company based in a city different than the one where the University is located.

Please note that:

- A) The scholarship only covers courses attended in Italy. It is not possible for a scholarship-holder to participate in any international mobility program promoted by the host University, nor can he/she apply for an internship abroad. He/she cannot choose to do his/her thesis research abroad.
- **B**) In case the grant holder needs to leave Italy because of serious personal reasons, he/she must inform the IYT in Italy Technical Secretariat;
- C) The high degree of commitment required by the IYT program (CFU achievement, compulsory attendance of the Italian language course, internship at the Italian company) does not allow participation to other training courses offered by Universities.

The scholarship can be CANCELLED in the following cases:

the failure to submit the required documentation, in due form and at the due time, as well as the failure to attend the selected course entail forfeiting the scholarship payments.

- If poor performances or failure to attend the courses are reported. The academic curriculum and the achievement of CFUs will be periodically monitored by the aforementioned Technical Secretariat.
- The failure to carry out an internship at an Italian Company.

4) TUITION FEES AND RENEWAL OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE SECOND ACADEMIC YEAR

<u>Tuition Fees:</u> The universities participating in the Invest Your Talent in Italy Program exempt from the registration and tuition fees foreign students who are beneficiaries of the scholarship, <u>apart from</u>: <u>Regional Tax (Tassa Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio)</u>, <u>stamp duty and any expense covering accident insurance and/or civil liability.</u>

Therefore it is strongly recommended to get any information on taxes or fees from Universities well in advance.

<u>Renewal</u>: To apply for a scholarship renewal, the student must submit the application via the platform: https://investyourtalentapplication.esteri.it in the "MY APP" menu> My application> Scholarship Renewal, uploading the following documents: University Transcript of the exams (CFU), Certificate of Attendance of the Italian Language Course offered by the Universities and the Italian Company's Internship Declaration

The renewal of the scholarship and the exemption from the payment of tuition fees for the second academic year are subject to: a) the achievement of 30 credits by June 30; b) the regular attendance of the courses indicated in the academic program c) the attendance of the Italian language course offered by the University; d) the internship Declaration drawn up by the company, indicating the start date of internship.

5) MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Scholarship holders must buy a health insurance policy covering all expenses for sickness or injuries (see item 2).

USEFUL CONTACTS:

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

DGSP – Direzione Generale per la Promozione del Sistema Paese

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