



Prot. n. *2848-2932*
Pos. 14/b

13th May 2009

Re: ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS 2009-2010.

Dear sir/madam,

Please find enclosed guidelines for the Italian Government Scholarships offered to Irish citizens for the academic year 2009-2010. Further copies of these guidelines may be accessed and printed from the Opportunities section of our web site: www.iicdublino.esteri.it

Please note that several changes have been made to the procedure of applying for a scholarship. The application is made in two steps:

1. All applications must be made initially through the dedicated web site established by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://borseonline.esteri.it/borseonline/it/index.asp>

We will be happy to assist in the completion of applications - (01) 662 1507 or (01) 662 0509.

A comprehensive guide to the application procedure is also available on the Opportunities section of our web site: www.iicdublino.esteri.it

2. Once it has been submitted electronically, the application must then be printed, signed and sent to the Istituto Italiano di Cultura, 11 Fitzwilliam Square East, Dublin 2.

Printed applications should be accompanied by:

- **Copies** of degree/s and/or Leaving Certificate.
- **Copy** of Passport.
- **Original certificate** of current registration in a third level institution where applicable.
- **Two references in English from Irish third level academic authorities** to be sent directly by the academic authorities to the I.I.C. by **Friday 19 June 2009**. Candidates must ensure that both references arrive by this date.

Applications will only be considered valid when both on-line and printed applications have been received.

The closing date for receipt of online applications is **Wednesday 10 June 2009**.

The closing date for receipt of printed applications and related documentation is **Friday 19 June 2009**.

I would be grateful if you could give them maximum publicity.

Yours Sincerely,

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Istituto Italiano di Cultura
Italian Government Scholarships and Grants
2009 – 2010



Ambasciata d'Italia
DUBLINO

CLOSING DATE FOR ON-LINE APPLICATIONS WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2009
CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF PRINTED APPLICATIONS FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2009

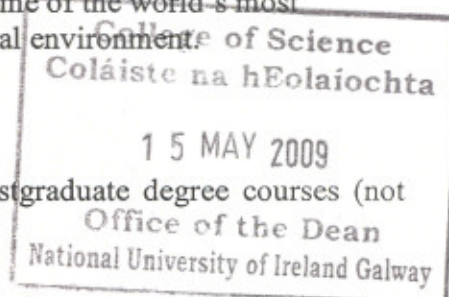
GENERAL INFORMATION

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers Irish citizens scholarships to assist them to study or carry out research for short and long-term periods at Italian universities or centres of excellence.

These scholarships allow Irish students the opportunity to study at some of the world's most prestigious universities and to experience life in an unmatched cultural environment.

These awards entail:

- financial support to offset the costs of studying in Italy
- exoneration from university fees for undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses (not individual modules)
- insurance coverage for the terms of the scholarship



Many universities and academics in Ireland already have long-established links with Italy which could provide the key to enhancing or building upon studies underway or already completed. For further information on your options on studying in Italy please visit www.study-in-italy.it

These awards are offered for the following purposes:

1. Degree courses (normally 9 months). In order to facilitate the completion of undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses, the renewal of scholarships from one year to the next is given priority over new applications. Please note that the renewal of all scholarships is linked to the candidate's successful completion of exams and/or research. Scholarship holders must submit a new application for each year of study.
2. Post-graduate courses (Masters & PhDs) at Italian universities (3-6-9-12 months).
3. Research (application must be accompanied by a letter from an Italian academic willing to supervise the research). Please note that research students must register and complete university course/s and relevant exam/s during the scholarship (not applicable to researchers at the CNR or the Istituto Superiore di Sanità).
4. Individual university modules in any subject, with relevant exam (3-6-9 months).
5. Various courses at academies, conservatories, etc. (3-6-9-12 months).
6. Courses of Italian language and culture for practicing teachers of Italian and third-year university students (1-2-3).

Scholarships may be used at the following State Institutions:

1. Universities (including the Istituto Universitario Europeo), Polytechnic Institutions.
2. Art Academies/ Music Conservatories.
3. Schools of Restoration.
4. National School of Cinema.
5. Laboratories/ centres of research.
6. Libraries/ archives/ museums and other state institutions.

Time Frame

Scholarships are valid for the academic year 2009-2010 (1/10/2009-30/9/2010).

GUIDELINES

- All awards are dependent upon successful admission to proposed courses and full compliance with the various requirements of the relative institutions. Failure to meet the admission requirements of chosen institutions will lead to the suspension of any award.
- These scholarships are for Irish citizens (i.e. candidates must hold a valid Irish passport at the time of application).
- The cash payment linked to the scholarship will be made every three months. The exact worth of the scholarships will be confirmed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. For administrative reasons the first payment will not be made until January 2010.
- Names of applicants must appear in full on all documents: initials, abbreviations, nicknames, etc. are not acceptable.
- Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 35 (upper age limit not applicable to practicing teachers of Italian applying for courses of Italian language and culture for teachers).
- Candidates seeking to carry out research in Italian universities/ libraries/ archives are required to produce a letter from an Italian academic stating their willingness to supervise the research of the candidate in Italy. In the case of researchers in the areas of science, this letter should include a commitment to carry out this supervision in a language other than Italian if necessary. Research candidates must also enrol for university courses and complete relevant exams (not applicable for CNR or the Istituto Superiore di Sanità).
- The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs will set the value of all awards. Students are required to pay their own fares, accommodation and enrolment fees. Accommodation is not arranged. Scholarship holders enrolled in degree courses at State universities are exempt from fees. Students enrolled in individual courses are not exempt from fees.
- The payment of scholarships takes place every third month. Candidates are strongly advised to incorporate this factor into their budget.
- Admission to courses held at Art Academies and Music Conservatories is by examination only, held in Italy by the chosen institution. The offer of a place by the institution is a precondition of the award. No refunds for expenses incurred in taking entry exams will be granted.
- Once allocated, dates and localities of scholarships cannot be altered.
- Applicants for long-term scholarships to attend university courses must have a good knowledge of Italian.
- Selected candidates are required to attend an interview at the I.I.C. Candidates are required to produce original or authenticated copies of all certificates/ diplomas/ degrees and complete all relevant documentation at this interview. Failure to do so may result in the loss of the nomination.
- Students awarded a summer bursary may be required to attend a school other than the one of their choice.
- Scholarship holders will be insured against accident and illness while in Italy for the duration of the scholarship.

MAKING YOUR APPLICATION

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