

# INVEST YOUR TALENT IN ITALY PROGRAM

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## About IYT

### *What does the Invest Your Talent in Italy Program offer me?*

By participating in the Invest Your Talent in Italy Program, you will have the opportunity to:

- develop your academic and technical skills through a range of MASTER'S DEGREE COURSES (CORSI DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE) and **MASTER PROGRAMS** (ONE-YEAR POSTGRADUATE COURSES) **TAUGHT IN ENGLISH** at prestigious Italian Universities;
- increase your practical skills for your future career, by attending an **ON-THE-JOB TRAINING** at Italian companies while completing your academic work.
- *The "Invest Your Talent in Italy" program was dedicated to the memory of **Giulia Cecchettin**. All IYT scholarship recipients must attend a seminar or course on gender equality and combating violence as part of their academic program at the university of their choice.*

For further insights into gender equality and the story of Giulia Cecchettin:

- Promundo's 2018 report on sexual harassment: [What-We-Know-An-Evidence-Review-of-What-We-Know-About-Sexual-Harassment-and-Dating-Violence-2018-eng.pdf](#)
- Promundo and UNFPA's 2016 report on male engagement against sexism: [50694 - Scaling up Men and Boys - revised.pdf](#)
- Fondazione Giulia Cecchettin. Giulia's story: [Home - Giulia Cecchettin Foundation](#)
- National Strategy for gender equality, 2021-2026 (Dipartimento per le Pari Opportunità – Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri): [strategia parita- genere en.pdf](#)
- ISTAT (Istituto Nazionale di Statistica) Report on violence against women in Italy: [Violence against women - Istat](#) (database's available in Italian language only)
- The European Union Gender Equality strategy (2026-2030): [Gender equality strategy - European Commission](#)
- ICRW, International Center for Research on Women, Promundo (2014) report on boys and sexism: [The Making of Sexual Violence: How does a boy grow up to commit rape? - Save the Children's Resource Centre](#)
- A list of films and tv series to reflect on gender equality: [Filmography and TV Series - Giulia Cecchettin Foundation](#)

### *How much are the IYT scholarships worth and what do they cover?*

The IYT scholarships are worth € 10.800 per 9 months and include exemption from tuition fees.

**THEY DO NOT COVER:** Tassa Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio (Regional Tax), stamp duty; any expense regarding accident insurance and/or civil liability; the health insurance policy. Grantees must subscribe a Health insurance policy to bear any expenses due to illness or accident. The scholarship does not cover travel expenses and does not include accommodation.

## Requirements

### *How do I know if I am eligible to apply for the Invest Your Talent in Italy Program?*

Eligibility requirements to apply are:

- To be a citizen of one of the 23 Countries listed in the Call (**Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Mongolia, Paraguay, Peru, People's Republic of China, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay and Vietnam**);
- To have been born ON or AFTER January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000, except for those applying for a scholarship renewal;
- To hold a Bachelor's Degree to enroll in the chosen Master's degree Program (Laurea Magistrale or Master Universitario);
- To have at least a B2-level of English. An English language certificate within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (including Cambridge, IELTS, TOEFL iBT, ISE Digital – Trinity College, ISE Paper – Trinity College, PTE (Pearson Test of English), Linguaskill, ESOL, TOIEC (listening, reading, speaking, writing); is required.

A candidate who has obtained an English-taught Bachelor's Degree can submit a certificate issued by his/her university, stating that English is the medium of instruction in that university/course/faculty.

- **Certification of knowledge of the Italian language** (issued by the institution where the training was completed) or a **declaration of commitment to attend a classroom or self-study course** in that language before departure.

### *I am a student in my final year of a Bachelor's program, but I have not yet completed my degree. Can I apply for the scholarship?*

No, you cannot apply; you need to have completed your Bachelor's Degree to apply.

### *I have completed my Bachelor's program but I have not yet received my Degree from University. Can I apply for the scholarship?*

You can apply on condition that you submit a document from your university certifying that you have completed your Bachelor's program and are waiting for your diploma. This document must be issued and signed by a representative of the Academic Registrar's Office.

### *I am currently studying at an Italian university. Am I eligible for the IYT Program?*

No. Students who are in Italy and are already in regular attendance at an Italian University are not eligible to apply for the IYT Program.

### *I have obtained an Italian Bachelor's Degree (Laurea): am I eligible for the IYT Program?*

No. Students who have obtained an Italian University degree are not eligible to apply for the IYT Program.

### *May I apply for the IYT scholarship in the second semester?*

No. Both your academic studies and the IYT scholarship must start in October.

## How to apply?

### *How do I apply for the IYT scholarship?*

First, you need to check the universities and the courses included in the Program [here](#)

<https://investyourtalentapplication.esteri.it//SitoIYT/EN/courses>

The areas of study are Engineering-Advanced Technology, Management-Economics, Design-Architecture. After choosing the course, you need to contact the university for the pre-application, indicating that you are an IYT applicant. Please, take into consideration that you need to submit two applications: one for the University and one for IYT at:

<https://investyourtalentapplication.esteri.it//SitoIYT/EN/registration-my-app>

The course HAS TO be the same.

**Please be advised that you might not receive the admission decision from the university at this stage.**

Please remember that the course you are applying to must be closely related to your Bachelor's degree. It is the responsibility of the University to evaluate whether your BA (undergraduate degree) is relevant to the chosen course of study.

### *What are the required documents to complete my application?*

The following documents must be submitted in order to complete your application:

- Academic Transcript with all exams and grades;
- Certificate of your first academic degree (Bachelor's Degree Diploma); (Documents issued in Italian, English, French and Spanish are accepted)
- A video no more than 59 seconds long about motivations either in English or Italian (the choice of recording the video in Italian will be taken in consideration);
- CV/Resume, no longer than one page;
- English language certificate (including Cambridge, IELTS, TOEFL iBT, ISE Digital – Trinity College, ISE Paper – Trinity College, PTE (Pearson Test of English), Linguaskill, ESOL, TOIEC (listening, reading, speaking, writing);
- **Italian language certificate** (issued by the institution where the training was completed). It is not mandatory but, if submitted, it will be evaluated, and a score will be assigned. In alternative, you must upload a **declaration of commitment to attend a classroom or self-study course** in Italian before departure.
- Valid Passport.

**Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

**Start collecting the required documents beforehand and do not wait until the deadline approaches!**

### *Which Italian language certificate can I submit?*

Students who submit proof of Italian proficiency will receive extra points. You can upload any Italian language proficiency certificate, provided that the student's level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is clearly stated.

***Instead of the certificate, I will attach a declaration of commitment to attend a classroom or self-study course before departure. What document should I submit to confirm this?***

For those who need to verify attendance before the start of an in-person Italian language course or self-study Italian language course; you need to provide the results of one of the most common online language placement tests, provided that the student's level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is clearly stated (either in the body of the email or in the attached PDF).

***Where can I start learning Italian?***

If you want to take a course but aren't sure which one to choose, check with our Italian cultural institutes; otherwise, we recommend the [RAI website](#).

Useful links:

1. List of the Italian Cultural Institutes: <https://www.esteri.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/RETE-DEGLI-ISTITUTI-ITALIANI-DI-CULTURA-NEL-MONDO.pdf>
2. A test for your level in Italian: <https://www.dante.global/it/corsi/testa-il-tuo-italiano>
3. Useful apps to learn Italian: <https://integrazioneimmigranti.gov.it/it-it/Altre-info/e/2/o/53///id/124/APP-per-imparare-litaliano>
4. Further resources: <https://integrazioneimmigranti.gov.it/en-gb/Dettaglio-approfondimento/id/53/Learn-Italian-Online>

***Should the required documents be of a particular format / size?***

All files must be in PDF-FORMAT (only the video must be in mp4); the size of each document must be less than 1 MB.

***Which web browser can be used?***

Recommended browsers are Mozilla Firefox and Microsoft Edge.

***Which type of Video format and what file size may I upload?***

You must use only the MP4 FORMAT; your video must be less than 10 MB in size.

***My transcript and my academic degree have been issued in a language other than English, French and Spanish. Is an official translation required?***

Yes. If the original documents are in a language other than Italian, English, French or Spanish, an official translation into one of these languages is required. It must contain an original stamp of an official translator, and be certified as a true copy of the original documents in the original language. In case translation is needed, both the original language documents and the official translations must be provided; **they must be scanned into ONE FILE.**

***When completing my application I have omitted something / I would like to change/edit something on my application: what do I have to do?***

You can make changes at any time before you submit your application, but be advised that **once an application has been submitted it is not possible to edit it.**



that you can refer to [Uni-Italia](#)'s on-site Centers for assistance and support with the pre- enrollment procedure if you are a citizen from one of these Countries:

- India,
- Indonesia,
- Iran,
- People's Republic of Republic of China
- Vietnam.

Furthermore, should you find any difficulty the Italian Embassy cannot deal with, you can refer to the IYT Committee.

#### ***Can the Invest Your Talent in Italy scholarship be combined with any other scholarship?***

No. The Invest Your Talent in Italy scholarship is incompatible with any other scholarship and/or any other financial aid provided by the Italian Government or any Italian Public institution.

In case a student has been awarded more than one scholarship, he/she **must choose which one he/she will keep and decline the other one.**

#### ***I have been awarded the Invest Your Talent in Italy scholarship: can I participate in any international study program?***

No. The grant holder cannot participate in the ERASMUS exchange program or in other international mobility programs promoted by Universities. He/she cannot carry out his/her thesis research abroad, nor can he/she apply for an internship abroad.

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 in other international training courses offered by Universities.

#### ***Can I apply for more than one course?***

**No. You can apply for one course only.** Multiple applications – by using different email addresses - are strictly prohibited (see art. 3.2 of the Call) and will be rejected.

The second choice is only possible for those courses which accept a limited number of students (the Italian “numero chiuso”). In this case the second choice is displayed automatically when completing the application.

#### ***Is it possible to change the university course I applied for at a later date? Will that affect my scholarship?***

No. It is not possible to enroll to a course different from the course you have chosen in your IYT application and still maintain the eligibility for receiving the scholarship.

#### ***When and how will I receive my scholarship?***

The scholarship will cover a period of study of 9 (nine) months starting from October 1, 2026.

The winner of an IYT scholarship will receive an annual payment of €10,800 (ten thousand eight hundred/00). This will be paid quarterly into an Italian bank account held in his/her name and according to the following schedule:

- October–December 2026 quarter: €4,800 paid in December/January, upon presentation of:
  - affidavit with bank details, a copy of your passport, and **a copy of the boarding pass of the arrival in Italy**; the attendance declaration is required too,
  - certificate of enrollment,
  - verification of attendance, prior to departure, of a classroom or self-study Italian language course;
- January–March 2027 term: €3,000 payable in March/April, upon presentation of:
  - affidavit with bank details and declaration of attendance,
  - certificate of enrollment with exams taken (the student must have taken at least an exam in the current academic year),
- April–June 2027 term: €3,000 paid in June/July, upon presentation of:
  - affidavit with bank details and declaration of attendance,
  - certificate of enrollment with exams taken (the student must have taken at least a further exam in the current academic year),

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

***If I have to defer my admission and attend the university in the 2nd semester, can I still maintain my IYT scholarship?***

No. It is not possible to defer admission in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and maintain the eligibility for receiving the scholarship.

## **Scholarship Renewal**

***What do you mean by “scholarship renewal”?***

Students enrolled on a two-year university course program (Laurea Magistrale) can apply for the renewal of the IYT scholarship awarded in the previous year.

***What are the scholarship renewal requirements?***

Please see the XI ed. Call, article 6.

***How do I apply for the renewal of my scholarship?***

To apply for a scholarship renewal, by July 20th, 2027 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 (with CFUs);
- Certificate of Attendance of the Italian Language Course offered by the Universities;
- Training Project

***How can I prove that I have attended the Italian language course?***

You must upload either a certificate of attendance released by your University or your Transcript of Records (in case an exam of Italian language is mandatory for your course). In this case, your Transcript of Records should be uploaded twice.

### ***Where can I find the Transcript of Records (ToR)?***

The ToR is available on your personal area on the University website. You can download it from the University online services. Remember to sign your ToR before uploading.

## **Internship**

### ***What do you mean by internship?***

As a winner of IYT scholarship, you are required to complete a full-time, three-month internship (480h) in an Italian company that is part of the Program. The internship program must be completed as follows:

- 1) For Laurea Magistrale (LM): it must be carried out by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2028. You may have to skip certain classes and do the exam at a later date in accordance with your university.
- 2) For Master Course: it must begin before the end of the academic year, and will entail missing certain classes that will overlap with the internship.

**The internship is mandatory.**

**Scholarship holders who do not complete the mandatory internship may lose the last instalment of their second-year scholarship.**

### ***How will an internship in Italy benefit me?***

You will have the privilege to gain professional experience in the sector of your interest confronting yourself with leading Italian companies of each sector. You will have the opportunity to expand your professional and personal horizons, along with building a solid network and possibly creating future partnerships.

### ***How do I find the internship?***

To find an internship:

- 1) **Contact the career service of your university** and follow their instructions;
- 2) In case the Invest Your Talent Committee has an internship offer to present, the Committee will contact the student directly and present that offer. There is, however, the possibility that the offer is in another city than the one where the student is studying.
- 3) You may also find the internship autonomously or through your university tutor but you will still need to follow the career service instructions and inform the Invest Your Talent Committee.

### ***When and where should I do my internship?***

The internship takes place in an Italian company, settled in Italy, and it must last a minimum of 60 working days (three months, 480 h). Therefore, in agreement with your University tutor, you shall plan a suitable period for the internship.

If you started an internship without asking the university's permission, you must contact the Career Service at once to make the "Convenzione di Stage" and the "Progetto Formativo". If you do not follow these instructions, the internship will not be valid.

### ***What is the "Convenzione di Stage"?***

In order for the internship to be legal and covered by insurance, a document called "Convenzione di Stage" is required. It is a contract between yourself, the University, and the Company you will be interning at. This document contains the university commitment related to the student's insurance during the working period.

### ***What is the "Progetto formativo"?***

The *Progetto formativo* is an important document for your Internship: it states what the main tasks for the students and what the objective of the traineeship are; it also provides a brief description of the internship and the insurance coverage. It must be signed by the University tutor in agreement with the company you are doing the internship at.

### ***Where can I find documents for the "Convenzione di Stage" and the "Progetto formativo"?***

All the documents are already available in templates. You just have to ask your University career service to activate the internship procedure. You will be provided all the documents needed along with the information about the procedure to follow. You just will have to bring or send the document to the company so that they can sign it and subscribe it.

### ***Will I be paid for the internship?***

There is no economic compensation other than the scholarship.

### ***Are travel expenses to and from my internship placement covered?***

For the entire period of your stay in Italy, you are required to take care of your travel expenses at your own cost.

### ***Does the company provide accommodation?***

For the entire period of your staying in Italy, you are required to take care of your accommodation at your own cost. Companies will not provide any assistance with the accommodation process.

### ***Is there any possibility to extend the internship after the three months period?***

Yes, there is. You can extend the internship period for additional three months only after informing the IYT Committee and your University career service.

### ***After contacting the career service and following their instructions, do I need to do anything else before starting the internship?***

Yes, you must send the IYT Committee an email to inform it about the details of your internship.

### ***My internship is already registered in my study plan at my University. Should I do something with IYT?***

Yes, you should. You need to contact the IYT Committee before starting the internship.

*How am I going to finish a three-month internship before the end of scholarship program?*

While studying in Italy you must attend an internship. Therefore, in accordance with your tutor at the University you shall plan a suitable period for you to do the internship.

**Please note** that you cannot undertake the internship once you have completed your studies: failing to fulfill this commitment can affect the regular payment of the scholarship.