



Ambasciata d'Italia
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Italian Bursary Programme offered to foreign student Public announcement for Academic Year 2013/2014

Introduction

The Italian Government announces the following bursary programme for Vietnamese students to study in Italy during the Academic Year 2013/2014.

The programme is offered by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through its diplomatic mission, to students wishing to study at Italian public universities or other public institutions of higher education.

Applicants should study this document carefully and familiarise themselves with the terms for participating in this bursary programme.

Details

1. Thematic areas of study, duration of bursaries offered, prerequisites

Applicants may request three month bursaries for:

- **Advanced courses in Italian language and culture**, Applicants are asked to provide proof of enrolment in a foreign university and of having passed a **Level A1 Italian language** test. Admittance is only to courses with a minimum duration of 3 months and of an **A2 university level or higher**; applicants must be enrolled in the 3rd year or higher and have passed at least one university level Italian language exam in their home country. Recommended are the Italian language courses offered by the Universities for Foreigners in Perugia, Siena and Roma Tre, or other institutions accredited to certify knowledge of Italian as a foreign language. All beginner level and/or less than 3-month language courses are excluded. Upon completion of the course attended the bursary-holder will have to sit the required exams.

Each applicant upon completing the online procedure must send a transcript with the exams and marks (translated either into Italian or into English) to the Embassy of Italy-9, Le Phung Hieu, Hanoi - within the 31 st of May 2013-postmark is decisive, A scanned copy of this document must be also forwarded by e-mail (within the 31 May) to: lettore.hanoi@esteri.it

- **Courses in Italian language teaching**. Applicants must be **foreign teachers with documented experience in teaching Italian as a foreign language (IFL) in their country of origin**. Admitted only are courses of a minimum 3-month duration given at the Universities for Foreigners of Perugia, Siena and Roma Tre or other institutions accredited in the certification of knowledge of Italian as a foreign language. Upon completion of the course attended the bursary-holder will have to sit the required exams.

Applicants may request six or nine month bursaries for

- Individual university courses. (Levels I or II).
- University degree courses (Levels I or II).
- Advanced professional training, art and music courses.
- Courses in Italian language teaching.
- Masters Degree courses (Levels I or II).
- Doctorates Courses.
- Schools of specialisation.
- Singly or jointly supervised study or research projects.

2. Degrees/certificates awarded

First and second level University Degree – Teaching certificate of Italian as a foreign language – Italian Language Certificate - Certification of individual University course completion - Level I and II Masters Degree – Doctorate Diploma - Certificate of completion of research - Advanced professional, art or music specialisation or diploma.

3. Bursary Selection Committee and Host Institutions

The selection process is run by the Italian Embassy in Vietnam through a Committee. The Italian Government awards and pays the bursary through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate General for Country Promotion (DGSP), Office VII, Rome.

4. University Host Institutions

Bursaries are awarded for study and/or research programmes at public and legally accredited institutions. Bursary recipients study at the Italian universities/institutions of their choice, based on the approval of the selection committee. Pre-enrolment to the chosen Italian Institution will be done through the Italian Diplomatic Representatives in the student's country of citizenship.

5. Bursary duration and start dates

The only bursaries to be awarded for the 2013/2014 academic year will be of **three, six or nine month duration**. Start dates must be from **January 1st 2014** onward, and duration cannot exceed **31 December 2014**. No bursaries are available for shorter periods of studies.

6. Age limits for applicants

New applications **cannot be accepted** from applicants more than **35 years of age**. In no case may bursaries be awarded to applicants under legal age. The applicant age limit can be extended to **45 years of age** for teachers of the Italian language with documented, ongoing Italian language teaching experience in their country of origin.

7. How to apply

All applicants must fill out the on-line application form at <http://borseonline.esteri.it/borseonline/>

. The form must be saved and sent on line before the deadline indicated..

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8. Application deadline

Application forms must be received on-line by midnight (Italian time) **Friday 31 May, 2013**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the Italian Embassy in their country. Successful recipients will be asked to immediately submit authenticated copies of their documents along with their official translations in Italian.

9. Language of study

Italian is the required language of study in Italy. A basic knowledge of Italian is necessary even at Universities offering courses in English.

- Adequate knowledge of the Italian language is indispensable to obtaining a bursary and to enrolment in a university course in Italy, and must be certified in writing. **Most applicants will need a certificate of intermediate level Italian** (e.g. CILS B2, CELI 3, PLIDA B2 or INT.IT Roma Tre) or of equivalent linguistic competence issued by a local organization or language school (e.g. Italian Cultural Institute, Dante Alighieri Society branch etc.). Applicants for enrolment in advanced musical training courses, 3-month language courses or University courses held entirely in English, will have to demonstrate at least A2 level certification of competence in Italian, or equivalent.

10. Number of bursaries available, amounts and bursary selection Committee

The number of month scholarships offered to Vietnam is of **45**.

The Italian Government awards and pays the bursary through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate General for Country Promotion (DGSP), Office VII, Rome: **700 hundred** Euros per month and **return flight ticket** to Italy

11. Duties and responsibilities of bursary-holders in Italy

Bursary-holders in Italy must abide by the rules and regulations specified in the updated "[Memorandum for Bursary-holders](#)"

For other useful information click here [Italian government Bursaries for foreign and I.R.E. students](#)

12. Entry Visa in Italy

All bursary-holders must arrive in Italy with an entry visa for study purposes issued by the Italian diplomatic mission and valid for the entire duration of the bursary. Exemptions from visa requirements include European Union citizens and the citizens of countries with which Italy has bilateral agreements on such matters.

13. Bursary payments

Payment of bursaries will take place on a quarterly basis and normally during the quarter of reference by bank transfer to an Italian current bank or postal account in the name of the bursary-holder.

14. Health and accident insurance

For the sole period of the bursary granted by the Italian government, foreign bursary-holders are covered by an insurance policy that covers eventual expenses incurred as a result of illness and/or accident.

15. Enrolment fee exemptions

Foreign holders of Italian government bursaries enrolled in **First Level Degree Courses (Corsi di Laurea) Second Level Degree Courses (Laurea Specialistica)**, Schools of Specialisation (**Scuole di Specializzazione**) (**with the exception of medical studies**) and research doctorates (**Dottorati di ricerca**) are exempt from university enrolment fees (ref: **D.P.C.M. 09/04/2001**).

Students enrolled in individual courses, professional training, art and music courses, Level I and II Masters courses, **will be required to pay related enrolment fees.**