



COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

to assign 10 scholarships to partially cover the enrollment fees (in *self-study* mode) for the first semester of the first year of the Degree Course in Italian language and culture, issued electronically by the ICoN Consortium (*Italian Culture on the Net*) exclusively for the didactic-linguistic curriculum and for the arts, music and entertainment curriculum

Article 1 General information

A competition is announced for the assignment of **10** total six-monthly scholarships to partially cover the enrollment fees (in *self-study* mode), **exclusively 5 for the didactic-linguistic curriculum and 5 for the arts, music and entertainment curriculum** (coverage period: **MARCH – AUGUST 2025**) of the Degree Course in Italian Language and Culture issued in e-learning by the ICoN Consortium on behalf of the member universities. The scholarships are intended for Italians and foreigners, provided they reside abroad and meet the requirements for enrollment at an Italian University; the scholarships are aimed at *online* self-study attendance in the first semester of the first academic year of the Degree Course.

Moreover, the assigned student will also be granted access to the level B2 online Italian course with ICoN, in self-study mode, made available by the Consortium and free of charge.

Scholarship winners will receive a 50% reduction on the six-monthly fee for self-study enrollment. The winners will have to pay a fee of **345 euros** (instead of 690 euros) and will also be enabled to access the free ICoN level B2 online Italian course in self-study mode.

The enrollment at a reduced cost will guarantee access to all the educational resources of the Degree Course, which will be made available to students via the ICoN teaching platform, along with the opportunity to take an exam for each of the courses included in the study plan.

Internet connection fees and any travel and living expenses for participation in the examination tests will be borne by the students.

Article 2 Admission requirements

Residents abroad (Italians and foreigners) can participate in the competition if they are in possession of a qualification that allows enrollment in the course of study (as described at the following link: <https://laurea.italicon.it/it/destinatari>).

Applicants cannot be concurrently enrolled in another Italian university in the same class and must have advanced knowledge of the Italian language, to be verified through the ICoN language test on the educational platform, and to be taken compulsorily during the registration and application process for the call for applications. The minimum score for admission is 60/100.

Article 3 **How to participate**

Do you want to apply now? Email us at: infodidattica@italicon.it and you will be contacted when the online procedure for applying for a scholarship is available!

Candidates can apply online to participate in the competition **from THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY to MONDAY 10 MARCH 2025**, through the website <https://laurea.italicon.it>. It is necessary to register on the site in order to complete the online application procedure for the scholarship. During the procedure, candidates will be asked to take a test to verify their knowledge of the Italian language: it is essential to pass this test to continue with the procedure and apply.

A summary of the instructions on how to apply for the competition is available on the Degree Course website, at: <https://laurea.italicon.it/it/borse-di-studio>

Candidates will receive a copy of the application to the e-mail address entered in the completed form and are required to verify the accuracy of the data entered, promptly reporting any errors to the “Segreteria Didattica” Office at: infodidattica@italicon.it. Candidates who do not receive a copy of the application must immediately contact our “Segreteria Didattica”.

After completing the *online* application, candidates should submit the following documents electronically, either by uploading them to the dedicated area available on the site, or by email:

1. A photocopy of an identification document (passport or ID card);
2. A detailed *curriculum vitae et studiorum*, written in Italian;
3. A personal statement, made according to the attached template BORSE, available here: <https://laurea.italicon.it/sites/laurea.italicon.it/files/pdf/allegato-borse-mar-2024.pdf> regarding the possession of the requirements to be admitted to the competition;
4. A one-page letter of motivation, in Italian, which will also be evaluated from a linguistic point of view and in which the candidates must describe both the general reasons for their interest in the Italian language and culture and the reasons why they request a scholarship.

All documents received by the Consortium secretary’s office **by MONDAY 10 MARCH 2025** will be evaluated.

Article 4 **Rankings and subsequent registration**

The regularly submitted applications and the related documentation will be evaluated by an internal commission of the ICoN Consortium, which will formulate the ranking based on the sum of the scores deriving from:

- The results of the language test referred to in art. 2, provided that the score obtained is equal to or higher than 60/100;
- Scores that will be assigned by the commission on skills and motivations following the examination of the *curriculum vitae* and the motivation letter: from a minimum of 0 to a maximum of 10 points;

Those applicants who will be awarded the scholarships will receive notification of the assignment by email by 12 MARCH. Moreover, the award will also be reported in the user's personal area and the winners of the scholarships will be listed on the website according to the Transparency Act (Italian Legislative Decree 33/2013).

Winners will need to complete their matriculation to the Degree Course and register for the first year, first semester of the didactic-linguistic or arts, music and performing arts curriculum through the online procedure in their personal area.

They must also provide the necessary documentation for final enrollment, as specified in the Procedures file, available at the following link:

<https://laurea.italicon.it/sites/laurea.italicon.it/files/pdf/procedure.pdf>

by **30 APRIL 2025**.

Article 5

Standard rules for the confirmation, renewal and revocation of the scholarship

The scholarship may be revoked at any time if the beneficiary is found to have failed to continue his/her studies or has committed serious misconduct.

Failure to submit the documentation necessary to regularize enrollment by the final date (**30 APRIL 2025**) and failure to pay (**within the deadlines**) may result in the revocation of the scholarship and exclusion from the Degree Course.

Each beneficiary will be eligible for the scholarship only for the first semester of the first year of the Degree. Thereafter, those who meet the merit criteria required by the ICoN, available at the following link:

[**https://laurea.italicon.it/sites/laurea.italicon.it/files/pdf/criteri-di-merito.pdf**](https://laurea.italicon.it/sites/laurea.italicon.it/files/pdf/criteri-di-merito.pdf)

will be eligible for the fee reduction.

In Pisa, 7 January, 2025.

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