



CALL FOR COMPETITION

for the assignment of 20 scholarships to partially cover the enrollment fees 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)

Art. 1 General information

A competition is announced for the assignment of 20 total six-monthly **scholarships** to partially cover the enrolment fees for the first semester of the three-year Degree Course in Italian language and culture issued in e-learning from the ICoN Consortium on behalf of the 14 member Universities.

The scholarships are reserved exclusively to candidates who will enrol in the **teaching-linguistic curriculum (coverage period September 2025-February 2026)**.

The scholarships are intended for Italian and Foreigners, provided they reside outside Italy and meet the requirements for enrolment at an Italian University.

Art. 2 Admission requirements

Residents abroad (Italian and Foreigners) can participate in the competition if they are in possession of a qualification that allows enrolment in the course of study (as described at the following link: <https://laurea.italicon.it/it/requisiti-di-accesso>).

Applicants cannot be concurrently enrolled in another Italian University in the same class L-10 and must have advanced knowledge of the Italian language, to be verified through the ICoN language test to be taken on its educational platform compulsorily and during the registration and application process. The minimum score for admission is 60/100.

Art. 3 Benefits guaranteed by the scholarship

Candidates who will be awarded a scholarship, based on the ranking as defined in Article 4, will pay a reduced amount as follows:

- €750 (scholarships with a 50% reduction) rather than €1.500 for scores from 1.to 5;
 - €1.050 (scholarships with a 30% reduction) rather than €1500 for scores from 6. to 15;
 - €1.200 (scholarships with a 20% reduction) for scores from 16.to 20.
- a. Students will be provided with an online self-paced Italian Language B2 Level Course issued by ICoN. The course will be available from the beginning of the semester, without deadlines.

b. Reduced enrolment fees will entitle students to:

- have access to all the teaching resources of the Degree Course, available on the ICoN Consortium teaching platform;
- have access to virtual classes managed by a disciplinary tutor;
- have access to synchronous lessons (and lesson recordings) scheduled in the semester calendar;
- have the possibility of sitting examinations for each of the courses included in the study plan. Students will choose the nearest venues among those indicated by ICoN;
- have access to the services provided by the Secretariat and the technician.

The costs for the Internet connection and any travel and accommodation expenses for the participation in the exams will be covered by the students.

Art. 4 **Participation procedures**

Candidates may submit an online application for the competition **from THURSDAY, JULY 24, until MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**, through the website <https://laurea.italicon.it>.

In order to complete the online application procedure for the scholarship, it is necessary to register on the website. During the procedure, applicants will be required to take a mandatory test to verify their knowledge of the Italian language, as indicated in Article 2. To continue with the procedure and submit the application, it is necessary to pass the test. The test can be repeated: for the purposes of the ranking referred to in Article 5, the first sufficient score will be the one considered.

A summary of the instructions on how to participate in 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 at the email address provided in the application form. Therefore, they are required to verify the accuracy of the data entered, promptly reporting any errors to the Secretariat: infodidattica@italicon.it. The candidates who do not receive a copy of their application must immediately contact the Secretariat.

Candidates will find a personal identification code in their application copy. The same code will be indicated in the ranking.

After completing the *online* application, candidates should submit the following documents electronically, either by uploading them to the appropriate 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, written according to the ALLEGATO BORSE model available on the website, 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 assessed from a linguistic point of view and in which candidates must describe both the general reasons for their interest in the Italian language and culture and the reasons for which they are applying for a scholarship.

All documents received by the ICoN Consortium Secretary Office by **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8** will be evaluated.

It is possible to send a pre-application for the scholarship by completing the form at the link: <https://laurea.italicon.it/it/borse-di-studio>. The candidates will receive a confirmation email and will be contacted until the online procedure is available. Pre-registration does not constitute a preferential title for being offered a scholarship.

Art. 5

Merit rankings and subsequent enrollment

The regularly submitted applications and the related documentation will be evaluated by an internal board of the ICoN Consortium. Candidates who have obtained a score of less than 60/100 in the language test will be automatically excluded.

The commission will formulate the assignment ranking, based on the sum of the scores resulting from:

- a. Score obtained in the language test mentioned in Article 2;
 - score between 60/100 and 69/100: 2 points
 - score between 70/100 and 79/100: 3 points
 - score between 80/100 and 89/100: 4 points
 - score between 90/100 and 100/100: 5 points
- b. "Scores that will be assigned by the committee on the basis of the motivation letter referred to in Article 4
 - insufficient skills and motivation: 1 to 2 points
 - sufficient skills and motivation: 3 to 6 points
 - good/excellent skills and motivation: from 7 to 10 points
- c. Residence (or domicile), confirmed by an ID document, in one of the following countries: Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Ivory Coast, Mozambique, Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia and Kenya, Angola, Ghana, Mauritania, Tanzania and Senegal.
 - 2 additional points

Those applicants who will be awarded the scholarship will receive notification of the assignment by email by 11 SEPTEMBER. They will be able to check their position in the ranking by connecting to the link indicated in the notification email.

The assignment will also be reported in the user's personal area.

Winners will need to complete their enrolment in the Degree Course and register for the first year, first semester of the teaching-linguistic curriculum through the online procedure in the personal area.

They must also present the necessary documentation for final enrolment, as indicated in the Procedures file, available at the following link: <http://www.icon-laurea.it/sites/www.icon-laurea.it/files/pdf/procedure.pdf> by **NOVEMBER 10**.

Candidates who will not be selected will still be able to enroll in the first semester of the first year.

In case the number of applications will not reach the number of scholarships available, the scholarships indicated in point 3.a will be assigned in proportion to the number of successful applicants.

Art. 6

Rules for the confirmation, renewal and revocation of the scholarship

The scholarship may be revoked at any time if lack of continuity of study or serious shortcomings are ascertained.

Failure to submit the documentation necessary to regularize enrollment by the deadline (**NOVEMBER 10, 2025**) and failure to pay the required fee (**within the deadline**) may result in the revocation of the scholarship and exclusion from the Degree Course.

Each beneficiary will be offered a scholarship only for the first semester of the first year of the course; the scholarship is not renewable for the following semesters. Those who meet the merit criteria required by ICoN (<https://laurea.italicon.it/sites/laurea.italicon.it/files/pdf/criteri-di-merito.pdf>) will be eligible for a fee reduction starting from the second semester of the first year.

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