

Master scholarship opportunities through
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Introduction to Italy

- **Population**

Italy is home to approximately **60 million people**, making it one of the most populous countries in Europe. The majority of the population resides in urban areas, with major cities like Rome, Milan, and Naples being cultural and economic hubs.

- **Culture: A Treasure Trove of Art, Music, and Cuisine.**

Italy is synonymous with art and is considered the cradle of the Renaissance, a movement that revolutionized creativity and thought in Europe. Some of the world's most celebrated artists, including Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Raphael, were Italian. Architecturally, Italy is home to iconic structures such as: Colosseum in Rome, Florence, Duomo, Venice's St. Mark's Basilica... Italy's cities are essentially open-air museums, with UNESCO World Heritage Sites scattered across the country—more than any other nation!!! (do you want to visit something in particular?)

Italian cuisine is one of the most beloved and imitated in the world, rooted in simplicity, fresh ingredients, and regional diversity. Signature dishes include: **pasta, pizza, gelato (italian ice-cream), risotto, polenta...** Meals are **central** to Italian culture, often seen as social occasions to connect with family and friends. **Every region in Italy has its own specialities!!!** (do you know some Italian meals?)

- **Economy.** Italy has the **third-largest economy in the Eurozone** and is known for its strong manufacturing sector, luxury fashion, and tourism industry.
- **Educational System.** Italy's education system is highly regarded, with its public universities offering affordable, high-quality education. The country is home to some of the oldest universities in the world, such as the **University of Bologna**, founded in 1088. Many institutions now offer English-taught programs, making Italy an attractive destination for international students seeking degrees in diverse fields.

There are some differences between northern and southern Italy. They have differences in **culture influences, development and climate.**

CITIES WITH MASTER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Educational system**→ We have primary school for 5 years, then secondary school for 3 years and then you can choose between high school (5 years) or technical or professional school (3-5 years). After that, you can go to university.
- In Italy, the bachelor's degree is called "**Laurea triennale**".
- It requires **180 credits (CFU)**, which can generally be accumulated within three years. The "laurea" (1st cycle degree) grants access to competitions for the Italian civil service, state-regulated and non-state-regulated professions, and to 2nd cycle degree courses. After, we have the "Laurea magistrale" that is similar to a master's: it's 2 years of study and it's a sort

of specialization. After completing a **Magistrale's degree** (in English, it may be a master's degree), many study programs require **registration in a professional board/register** related to the field of study. This step allows graduates to start practicing their profession and enter the workforce. For those interested in further specialization, **Master's programs** (ranging from **1 to 2 years**) are available. These programs provide advanced training and expertise in a specific area.

OPPORTUNITIES→

1. Master Scholarship, University of Bologna, Bologna

Bologna combines affordability, accessibility, and a vibrant student life, making it ideal for international students!

Housing→

- Options include **university residences** (€250-€400/month via ER.GO) or private rentals (€400-€600 for single rooms). Neighborhoods like **San Donato** and **Bolognina** are student-friendly.

Transportation→

- Efficient **bus system** (student pass ~€25/month). Compact city, ideal for **walking** and **cycling** (bike-sharing services available). Central **train station** and **airport** connect Bologna to major cities.

Job opportunities→

- Part-time work in **cafes, retail**, or **language tutoring** but also the University offers on-campus jobs (e.g., library assistant). After, maybe you have to move from Bologna and go in the near small cities (like take the train and still living in Bologna but work a little bit outside)

2) University of Brescia, Brescia.

Housing:

- Brescia offers **university residences** managed by **ER.GO**, with affordable rates starting at **€250-€400 per month**.
- Private housing options include shared apartments (**€300-€500 per month** for a single room).

Transportation:

- The city is **walkable and bike-friendly**, with **bike-sharing services** available.
- Brescia has a **train station** with fast connections to Milan, Verona, Padua, Venice and other major cities.

Job Opportunities:

- The University of Brescia offers research assistant and on-campus job opportunities.

3) University of Turin, Turin.

Housing:

- The **University of Turin** offers **student residences** through, with affordable rates.
- Private rentals are available, with **single rooms costing around €190-400 per month**.
- The best areas for students include the **city center, and the north side, near university buildings**.

Transportation:

- Turin has an **efficient bus and tram system**, with a **student travel pass** costing about **€30 per month**.
- The city is **bike-friendly**, with dedicated cycling lanes and bike-sharing services.
- The **train station** offers **fast connections** to Milan and Genoa, with the others you may have to change trains.

Job Opportunities:

1. International students can work **up to 20 hours per week**.
2. The **University of Turin** offers student jobs, including **research assistant** and **library assistant roles**. It's also possible to enter within the foster care system and receive some money to help families with difficulties.
3. A lot of time in Italy, we have an internship in our course of study and often, after the internship they can hire you.

1. "International Talents @Unibo" University of Bologna

Scholarship details:

- **Merit scholarship**
- **30 study grants worth €6.500** per academic year each (each study grant is awarded for 2 academic years)
- The scholarship offers also a **full tuition fee waiver but at first is required to pay €157,04** for the enrollment
- **To receive the payment of the instalments, you have to earn CFU (university credits)**

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Assigned on the basis of GRE (General Test) test • The minimum scores required are:**
- Verbal Reasoning + Quantitative Reasoning = 290
- Analytical Writing = 3.0
- Must be taken after **30 May 2020** and before the deadline, no later than 30 May 2025

Application requirements

1. Hold a **qualification valid** for admission, taken by an institution outside of the Italian education system

2. Not to have applied for and received an Unibo Action 2 study grant in the past
3. Be **less than 30 years old** at the deadline for submitting applications
4. **ISEE** (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) between €16.000 and €35.000, or equivalent economic situation → **following further information**
5. submit your application **between 17 January 2025 at 12:00 CET and 30 May 2025 at 12:00 CEST**, strictly through **Student Online** (www.studenti.unibo.it) → in the pdf, you can see how to register on the site and make your application + these required documents:
 - Your passport
 - **Your unofficial GRE** score report
6. send **your official GRE** score report through ETS no later than 30 May 2025!!! → the code of bologna university is 7850.
7. submit **financial requirements document** (the equivalent of italian ISEE)

Further information →

1. How to submit financial status documents (deadline 30 May 2025 at 12:00 CEST)

- Visit ER.GO and create your account
- Fill in the “Personal data” and “Economic data” sections.
- prepare all the required documents about your financial situation
- send all the documents to ER.GO
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IMPORTANT: The documentation must meet the following requirements:

- Be translated into Italian.
- Be legalized by the competent Italian diplomatic authorities for the territory or, where required, apostilled in accordance with the applicable regulations.
- Express economic data in euros, based on the average exchange rate of foreign currencies for the reference year.

You can present also only your personal economic situation, without presenting the family heritage, only IF YOU HAVE LIVED OUTSIDE YOUR FAMILY HOUSE FOR 2 YEARS and YOU HAVE AN INCOME equal to or greater than 9.000,00 in a year.

2. The GRE SCORE →

- you can do this test different times, but attention: see the deadline of your scholarship
- you have to pay to do the test but you can control if there are any financial aids - you can do the test at your home or on a institution

Application Process Date: between 22 January 2025 and 30 May 2025 at 12:00 CEST

Website/Contact Information:

<https://www.ets.org/gre/test-takers/general-test/schedule.html> → site of the GRE

<https://www.unibo.it/en> → university site

<https://bandi.unibo.it/s/diri/bando-international-talents-unibo-borse-di-studio-per-studentiinternazionali-che-si-immatricolano-ai-corsi-di-laurea-magistrale-dell-universita-di-bolognaper-l-a-a-2025-26/view> → detail of the scholarship

<https://www.unibo.it/it/studiare/borse-di-studio-e-agevolazioni/international-talents-uniboborse-di-studio-per-studenti-internazionali/isee-e-altri-documenti-utili-per-le-borse-di-studio-international-talents-unibo> → documentation you need for the “ISEE”

TIPS:

- Since the GRE can be taken multiple times, I recommend booking a session as soon as possible to familiarize yourself with its structure. This will help you study effectively and practice the test content to achieve a high score!

2. STAR “Students at Risk”- University of Brescia

Scholarship details: STAR “Students at Risk”

- 4 Scholarships
- Merit scholarship
- Amount: €6,150 per year.

Eligibility Criteria:

A committee will evaluate the candidate's profile based on these criteria→

- **Relevance and suitability** of the degree obtained for admission to the selected Master's Degree program.
- **Evaluation of academic merit** and the applicant's curriculum.
- Holding a degree from a university institution that has **active official collaboration agreements** with the University of Brescia.

Application requirements:

1. A valid **identity document**, preferably a passport.
2. Reside and be domiciled in one of the countries listed in Article 1, Paragraph 1.--> Afghanistan is in this document!!!
3. Hold citizenship of one of the countries listed in Article 1, Paragraph 1.
4. Enroll for the first time at an Italian university.
5. Hold a valid undergraduate university degree. Certification (in the original language) verifying the **undergraduate degree obtained abroad**.

Have obtained an **undergraduate university degree** with a final grade of at least

80/100 or a **GPA of 3.2/4** The

certification must include:

- Title and level of the degree.
- Final grade achieved.
- Minimum and maximum achievable grades.
- Year of completion.
- Name and address of the awarding institution.
- List of exams taken with grades and credits.

Candidates who have not yet completed their foreign undergraduate degree will also be eligible for the evaluation process, provided they obtain the degree by the strict deadline of **July 10, 2025**. These candidates may attach a certificate (in the original language) of enrollment at the university, including exams taken with grades and credits.

6. For Master's Degree programs taught in English, possess a **B2 level CEFR English language certification recognized by the University of Brescia** (<https://www.unibs.it/en/education/useful-information/certifications-and-modules/language-certificate>) or have completed a previous study program abroad in English.

Application Process Date: 12:00 PM Italian time (11:00 UTC) on February 15, 2025

Website/Contact Information:

<https://www.unibs.it/it/ateneo/lavora-con-noi/bandi-e-gare/borse-di-studio-studenti-extraue-star-lmint-aa-20252026> → site with the call for application

<https://pica.cineca.it/login> → site for doing the application

3. LMINT Scholarship- University of Brescia

Scholarship details: LMINT – 14 Scholarships

Management – curriculum International business
Management – curriculum Green economy and sustainability
Analytics and data science for economics and management
Civil and environmental engineering
Communication technologies and multimedia

- Merit scholarship
- These scholarships are intended for candidates with non-EU citizenship and residence who wish to enroll in one of the English-taught postgraduate degrees (Laurea Magistrale).
- Amount: €4,800 per year.

Eligibility Criteria: A committee will evaluate the candidate's profile based on these criteria→

- **Relevance and suitability** of the degree obtained for admission to the selected Master's Degree program.
- **Evaluation of academic merit** and the applicant's curriculum.
- Holding a degree from a university institution that has **active official collaboration agreements** with the University of Brescia.

Application Requirements:

- 1 Be no older than **30 years** at the time of the application deadline.
- 2 Enroll for the **first time** at an Italian university.
- 3 Hold a valid **undergraduate degree** that meets the following criteria:
 - a. Duration of at least **three years**.
 - b. Grants access to **second-cycle (postgraduate)** programs in the awarding system.
 - c. Comparable to the **first cycle QF-EHEA / EQF Level 6**.
 - d. Obtained in educational systems of **non-EU countries**.
 - e. Issued by an institution authorized by local authorities to deliver higher education programs and award degrees.
 - f. Eligible for admission to the chosen **Master's Degree program**.
- 4 Possess a **B2 CEFR English language certification**, or have completed a previous study program abroad delivered in **English**.
- 5 Have achieved an undergraduate degree with a **final grade of at least 80/100** or a **GPA of 3.2/4**.
- 6 Candidates who have not yet obtained their degree may still apply, provided they earn their degree by the strict deadline of **July 10, 2025**.

Application Process Date: 12:00 PM Italian time (11:00 UTC) on February 15, 2025.

Website/Contact Information: <https://www.unibs.it/it/ateneo/lavora-con-noi/bandi-e-gare/borse-di-studio-studenti-extraue-star-lmint-aa-20252026> → site with the call for application <https://pica.cineca.it/login> → site for doing the application

3. Talents UNITO - University of Turin

Scholarship details:

- 38 scholarship
- total amount **20,000 euros**
- **merit scholarship**
- **2 scholarship for each course of study**

Area and Global Studies for International Cooperation

Department of Cultures, Politics, and Society

Artificial Intelligence for Biomedicine and Healthcare

Department of Oncology

Biotechnological and Chemical Sciences in Diagnostics

Department of Molecular Biotechnology and Health Sciences

Biotechnology for Neuroscience

Department of Neurosciences "Rita Levi Montalcini"

Cellular and Molecular Biology

Department of Life Sciences and Systems Biology

Cultural Heritage and Creativity for tourism and territorial development

Department of Historical Studies (University Campus in Biella, 70 km from Turin, can be reached by train)

Economics

Department of Economics, Social Studies, Applied Mathematics and Statistics

English and American Studies.

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and Modern Cultures

European Legal Studies

Department of Law

Geography and Territorial sciences

Interdisciplinary Department of Territorial Science, Planning and Policy

Language technologies and digital humanities

Department of Humanities

Eligibility criteria:

Evaluation of competence and academic excellence, attributing a **maximum of 50** points; the **minimum** score for eligibility for the scholarship is **32 points** - the Committee will apply the following criteria:

1. Coherence of the application in relation to the previous study path and motivation for enrolling in the chosen postgraduate degree without restricted number of places taught in English.
2. proficiency in English language.
3. Overall assessment of the CV.
4. Result in the evaluation test and/or interview for admission to the course

Admission requirements:

- have obtained, at an institution outside the Italian system, a degree valid for access to the chosen postgraduate degree, or obtain it by the deadline for enrolment at the University of Turin;
- meet **the requirements for admission to the chosen course** (check the admission requirements for the course of interest at apply.unito.it);
- have submitted their application for a maximum of 2 (two) courses of interest on the **apply.unito.it** platform from **26 November 2024 to 30 January 2025**;
- be proficient in English **at least the B2 level** of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Application Process Date: 26 November 2024 to 30 January 2025

Website/Contact information:

https://en.unito.it/sites/sten/files/bando_talents_unito_2025_2026_en.pdf → call for application

5. University of Padua

The scholarship will be published in February!

Housing:

- The **University of Padua** offers **student residences** through ESU Padova, with affordable rates starting at **€250-€450 per month**.
- Private rentals are available, with **single rooms costing around €300-€600 per month**.
- The best areas for students include the **city center, Portello, and near university buildings**.

Transportation:

- Padua has an **efficient bus and tram system**, with a **student travel pass** costing about **€30 per month**.
- The city is **bike-friendly**, with dedicated cycling lanes and bike-sharing services.
- The **train station** offers **fast connections** to Venice, Milan, Bologna, and other major cities.

Job Opportunities:

- International students can work **up to 20 hours per week**.
- The **University of Padua** offers student jobs, including **research assistant** and **library assistant roles**.
- A lot of time in Italy, we have an internship in our course of study and often, after the internship they can hire you.
- Same as Bologna, Padua is a small city and maybe, you have to move for work in the small cities around.



6. Governmental Scholarship MAECI

The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)** offers scholarships for **international students** and **Italian citizens residing abroad (IRE)**.

The **call for applications** has a **list of eligible countries/territories**. Usually, applications can be submitted through the dedicated portal, "**Study in Italy**". and the scholarships are merit scholarships. The last call closed on June 14th 2024.

link

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https://www.esteri.it/it/opportunita/borse-di-studio/per-cittadini-stranieri/borsestudio_stranieri/

Other universities that HAD scholarship the past years:

<https://www.unipd.it/padua-international-excellence-scholarship-programme> → Padua - IT
WILL OPEN IN FEBRUARY

<https://www.unirufa.it/en/orientamento/borse-di-studio-e-agevolazioni-economiche/borsedi-studio/> → Rome - RUFA, arts and design.

<https://www.luiss.edu/financial-aid-and-scholarships> → Luiss, Rome

https://www.univr.it/en/our-services/international-degree-seeking-students#categdoc_5048
→ University of Verona

<https://en.unibg.it/study/enrollment/foreign-students-join-us/fees-grants-and-scholarships>
→ University of Bergamo <https://www.unive.it/pag/19702/>

→ University of Venice

Other famous universities you can check are:

<https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina-strutturale/home> ROME - La Sapienza

<https://www.uniroma3.it/en/> ROME - Roma Tre

<https://web.uniroma2.it/en> ROME - Tor Vergata <https://www.unifi.it/en>

FLORENCE <https://www.international.unina.it/> NAPLES



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