



CALL FOR COMPETITION

for the assignment of 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 teaching-linguistic curriculum and 5 for the arts, music and entertainment curriculum** (coverage period: **SEPTEMBER 2024 – FEBRUARY 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* attendance in self-study of the first semester of the first academic year of the Degree Course.

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

Scholarships winners will receive a 50% reduction on the six-monthly fee for self-study enrolment. 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, and will give the possibility of taking 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 by the ICoN language test to be taken on its educational platform compulsorily and during the registration and application process for the call for applications. The minimum score for admission is 60/100.

Article 3 **How to participate**

Are you ready to apply? Email us at: infodidattica@italicon.it and you will be contacted when the online scholarship application procedure is available!

To participate in the competition, candidates can apply online **starting from THURSDAY 18 JULY to MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2024**, via 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 you will be asked to take a test to verify your knowledge of the Italian language: to continue with the procedure and apply it is essential to pass the test.

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. The candidates who do not receive a copy of the application must immediately contact our “Segreteria Didattica”.

After finishing 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, 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 9 SEPTEMBER 2024** 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 resulting 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;

Those applicants who will be awarded the scholarships will receive notification of the assignment by email by 11 SEPTEMBER. Moreover, the award will be reported in the user’s personal area too 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 the personal area.

They must also present the necessary documentation for final enrollment, 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 2024**.

Article 5

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

The scholarship may be revoked at any time if lack of continuity in study or serious shortcomings on the part of the beneficiary are ascertained.

Failure to submit the documentation necessary to regularize enrollment by the final date (**10 NOVEMBER 2024**) 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 able to benefit from the scholarship only for the first semester of the first year of the course.

Subsequently, who will fall within the merit criteria required by ICoN, available at the following link

<https://laurea.italicon.it/sites/laurea.italicon.it/files/pdf/criteri-di-merito.pdf>

will be allowed to take advantage of the fee reduction.

In Pisa, JUNE, 2024

The President of the ICoN Consortium
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