# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS VIA SCHOLARSHIP FOR GARGNANO 2025 - "CHIARA e GIUSEPPE FELTRINELLI" INTERNATIONAL COURSES OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

#### DESCRIPTION

SLAM - University of Milan Language Centre has made available up to 14 scholarships to attend the 68<sup>th</sup> International Courses of Italian Language and Culture which are being held in Gargnano (BS) on Lake Garda, from Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025.

The course has a duration of three weeks and includes 90-hour teaching of Italian language and culture, which will give participants the right to earn 3 ECTS university credits.

Daily activities are organised as follows:

- 4 hours of Italian language classes;
- 2 hours of conferences on topics related to Italian literature, history and culture, held by lecturers or experts in those fields.

The teaching activities will take place at Palazzo Feltrinelli.

The programme also includes cultural and didactic activities, among which an opera performance at the Arena of Verona, a visit to the ancient lemon house 'La Malora' and a guided tour of the MuSa Museum in Salò.

# REQUIREMENTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Foreign students enrolled at the University of Milan are eligible to apply for the *Gargnano 2025* scholarships.

Erasmus+ incoming students, PhD students, research fellows, and specialisation school students at the University of Milan are entitled to apply as well.

All applicants must be aged between 18 and 35. All applicants must prove a level of Italian language proficiency equal to B1 at the least in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR) so as to be able to regularly attend classes and conferences, which will be held in Italian. Applicants must provide relevant evidence by attaching their Italian language certificate or statement to their application.

Applications by applicants proving a C2 language proficiency level or by applicants who teach <u>Italian as a second language will be rejected.</u> Furthermore, applicants who already received a scholarship in the past editions will not be awarded another scholarship.

# **RANKING CRITERIA**

Eligible applicants are ranked based on the following criteria:

- curriculum vitae:
- education/research/working career;
- motivation letter;
- previous attendance of an Italian language for foreigners course;
- Italian language proficiency level (B1, B2 and C1) in order to form different learning groups.



Please note that the selection of scholarship-worthy candidates will be based on a comparative evaluation of the applications received for the call for self-funded applications. The aim is to create a multicultural context, therefore preferring highly motivated applicants who hail from different countries and at their first experience in Italy. The total number of course participants will be 14.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The candidates ranked as winners will be accommodated in the Casa Bertolini university residence, in double and/or triple rooms shared with other students of the course.

## **SELECTION**

A dedicated Committee, made up of Ms. Michela Argenti, Ms. Stefania Scarpetta and Ms. Arianna Bianchin, shall draft the ranking of winners.

The list of winners will be published online by **16**<sup>th</sup> **May 2025** on the following webpage: <a href="https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/international-courses-italian-language-and-culture-garda-lake">https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/international-courses-italian-language-and-culture-garda-lake</a>

#### **SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship covers the following expenses:

- The 90-hour course of Italian language and culture (estimated economic value: 350 euros);
- Three meals per day: breakfast, lunch and dinner (estimated economic value: 500 euros);
- Accommodation at the Casa Bertolini university residence (estimated economic value: 320 euros);
- Roundtrip transportation by bus from Milan Central Station to Gargnano, plus a stop at the Orio al Serio Airport in Bergamo (estimated economic value: 30 euros);
- Cultural activities (estimated economic value: 50 euros).

# It does not cover:

• The registration fee which is equal to 300 euros.

All winners will have to inquire by themselves about the procedures to be followed to obtain/renew a visa or the residence permit, as well as arrange health and accident insurance for their stay.

## **COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER GRANTS**

The 2025 Gargnano scholarship is compatible with any other grants.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted **by and no later than 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025** at 12:00 noon, by filling in the following online form:

https://elixforms.unimi.it/rwe2/module\_preview.jsp?MODULE\_TAG=Gargnano2025\_BORSE&ELANG=it&IATL=it



The following documents must be attached to your application:

- curriculum vitæ in Italian;
- education, research or working qualifications/statements at Unimi;
- motivation letter;
- language proficiency certificate or statement at B1 level or higher;
- one photograph;
- scanned copy of your identification document.

Under the provisions laid down in Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, the University undertakes to respect the confidentiality of all information provided by the applicant. All the data provided are processed for the relevant purposes connected to the call exclusively and for entering into and managing a potential cooperation with the University, according to the legislation in force. Please note that class attendance is compulsory from Monday to Friday and no early departures are allowed, under penalty of losing the scholarship. Any such requests shall be examined and authorised by the SLAM Centre.

#### FINALISING YOUR REGISTRATION

The selected applicants shall confirm their participation by **26**<sup>th</sup> **May 2025** by paying the 300-euro registration fee, according to modalities which will be communicated in due time.

### WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND

Should one of the winners withdraw or not pay the registration fee within the deadline, the applicant following them in the ranking will be contacted.

Participants unable to attend the course are entitled to a refund of the registration fee only in the event of serious and documented impediments. Refunds can be claimed from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. For the refund to be issued, the candidate must be the holder or co-holder of the current account. Should this not be the case, the refund is not guaranteed.

#### STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

At the end of the course, participants will receive a **statement of attendance** provided they will have attended at least 90% of the course on a regular basis. Such statement will also report the attainment of 3 ECTS university credits whose validation for university career purposes depends on each participant's degree course programme.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the "Chiara and Giuseppe Feltrinelli" Office for Italian Language and Culture for Foreigners of the SLAM - University of Milan Language Centre, by sending an email to <a href="mailto:gargnano@unimi.it">gargnano@unimi.it</a>.

Milan, 25th March 2025

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