



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MYANMAR STUDENTS AWARDED BY THE EMBASSY OF ITALY IN YANGON IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AWBA GROUP

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

The Embassy of Italy in Yangon is proud to partner with the AWBA Group in order to support Myanmar students.

The AWBA Group will sponsor 4 (four) scholarship grants for Bachelor's or Master's Degree studies in Agricultural, Environment, Sustainability or Food Security at a University in Italy. Interested candidates are required to submit an application to the Embassy of Italy by 26 July 2024. Details and requirements are specified below.

The procedures for entry, residency and enrolment of international students and the respective recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy for the academic year 2024-2025 are established by the Italian Ministry for Universities and Research, in agreement with the Ministry of Education and Merit, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Ministry of the Interior. Applicants are strongly advised to carefully read the rules and regulations published on the following page: <https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri>.

Art. 1

GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES

The grants must be used to cover part of tuition fees and living costs related to the attendance of a Bachelor's or Master's Degree programme related to Agriculture, Environment, Sustainability and Food Security at a University in Italy.

Applicants must autonomously choose their course (a search tool is available on the following page: <https://www.universitaly.it/cerca-corsi>) and verify that they fit the requirements.

In general, admission to a Bachelor's Degree course in Italy requires a final secondary education qualification and the completion of at least 12 scholastic study years. Admission to a Master's Degree course requires the completion of a Bachelor's degree. For some courses, enrollment is possible only after passing admission tests. Applicants are urged to verify this or other requirements with the University of their choice.

Art. 2

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be Myanmar citizens in possession of a **valid passport**. They must attach a legible copy of the document to their application, under penalty of exclusion.

Applicants must also be in possession of the following requirements by the deadline date of the call (26 July 2024, 11.59 PM Myanmar time):

2.1 Academic qualifications

Applications must only be submitted by Myanmar students holding an appropriate **academic qualification** required to enroll in their chosen course (more information on the website of the relevant University).

2.2 Age requirements

Applicants for Bachelor's Degree Courses should have attained the age of majority and shall not exceed the age of **25 years** by the deadline of this call (born on or after 27 July 1999).

Applicants for Master's Degree Courses should have attained the age of majority and shall not exceed the age of **28 years** by the deadline of this call (born on or after 27 July 1996).

2.3 Language proficiency

2.3.1 Italian-taught courses

In order to enroll in an Italian-taught course, applicants must provide a certification regarding their **proficiency in Italian language**. The minimum level required is B2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Candidates who were enrolled in an Italian-taught course or in an Italian language course at University may submit a language certification, issued by the person in charge of the above-mentioned courses, certifying the Italian language level required.

2.3.2 English-taught courses

In order to enroll in an English-taught course, applicants must provide a language certification regarding their **proficiency in English Language**. The minimum level required is B2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Candidates who have successfully completed an English-taught High School or Bachelor's degree programme may submit a document certifying that the study program of their High School or Bachelor's degree was entirely held in English.

No proof of proficiency in Italian is required for courses entirely taught in English.

2.4 Pre-enrolment

Applicants should have completed their **pre-enrolment** to their chosen course, or at least submitted their pre-enrolment application, through the website <https://www.universitaly.it/>.

Art. 3

FUNDING PERIOD

Grantees can benefit of the grant in the **Academic Year 2024-2025**.

The grantees will receive an Awarding Letter by the AWBA Group, specifying the amount of the scholarship. This document represents the official act awarding the grant.

Art. 4

INELIGIBILITY

Grants cannot be awarded to attend: First-level/Second-level Postgraduate courses (“Master Universitari”); single courses or one-year university and specialization courses.

Grants cannot be awarded to attend courses in foreign Institutions based in Italy or abroad, nor in private Institutes, Research Centres or Labs not recognized by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR).

Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered.

Art. 5

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applicants must submit the application by email to the following address: yangon.culturale@esteri.it

Applicants should submit their applications from a frequently used email address. An acknowledgment of receipt of the application and further communications to the applicant will be sent to the email address.

Please note: each applicant will be notified by email that the application has been correctly received. If this acknowledgement is not received by the applicant within 1 (one) working day, the applicant is advised to send the application again.

Applications must be received by 26 July 2024, 11.59 PM Myanmar time.

Applications received after the deadline will be automatically rejected.

Applications should include:

- **Application form with signed Notice on the protection of individuals with regard to the use of personal data (EU GDPR 2016/679);**
- **Copy of the applicant’s valid Passport;**
- **Copies of all relevant documents related to the applicant’s education (Matriculation Exam Pass/High School Certificate, Bachelor’s Degree, Transcript of Records etc.) and their notarial translation in English (if applicable);**
- **Proof of submission of pre-enrolment;**
- **CV of the applicant;**
- **Motivation letter.**

In addition to the documents specified above, applicants may attach additional documents that they deem useful.

Please note: emails with too many and/or large attachments may be blocked by the server. Moreover, for security reasons, the Embassy cannot open file-sharing links (e.g. Google Drive, WeTransfer etc.). Applicants are therefore advised to send emails with less than 10 MB attachments and/or split the attachments in more than one email. In the event applicants wish to share large files, they should contact the Embassy (yangon.culturale@esteri.it) to receive specific instructions.

Art. 6

SELECTION AND AWARDING OF GRANTS

9.1 Selection of the candidates

Applications will be evaluated by a Committee set up by the Embassy of Italy.

9.2 Awarding procedures

Grants will be awarded on the basis of a **comparative assessment of applications** according to the entry requirements and other criteria of merit related to applicant's CV. The Committee will interview a short list of candidates in order to further assess their CV and motivation.

Preference will be given to Master's Degree candidates.

9.3 Results

The Embassy of Italy will notify each candidate individually about the outcome of their application.

Art. 7

TERMS OF GRANT

The winners of the scholarship will receive a **total amount of 7,500 EUR** paid in three installments of 2,500 EUR each. The payment details will be directly agreed by each grantee with the AWBA Group.

The first installment of the grant will be paid after the successful completion of the pre-enrolment into the programme upon verification by the Embassy.

The second installment can be received after the completion of enrollment in the University. The grantee will have to prove the enrollment, the payment of the first installment of the tuition fees (if applicable) and the submission of the stay permit ("permesso di soggiorno") application at the relevant Immigration office ("Questura").

The last installment will be paid after the end of the first semester, upon verification of a satisfactory academic progress.