

PhD and Postdoc opportunities in Italy

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ITALY – an Overview

Population: 60 Million

More than 90 universities

1.7 million students

Nearly 1000 PhD courses (yearly)

10.000 new PhD holders every year

A system of 150 Higher Institutes of ARTS

(Higher Education in Arts, Music and Coreography - AFAM)

How are the PhD programs organised in Italy?

- Common framework for all recognised universities
- Call for application in the same period in all universities (notice in the web sites in spring/ early summer every year) – the participation in calls is compulsory if you want to enrol
- Scholarships for the three year period of PhD Program for the majority of selected candidates*
- Possibility to run the PhD in English in many universities
- PhD Course are accredited by the National QA Agency, with a particular view to the research qualification of the members of the Doctorate Programs Councils

* Enrollment without scholarships are possible as well (often for employees who want to upgrade their competencies to have better professional opportunities): enrolment fees are in any case low; it is possible to have access - with a moderate investment - to a valid PhD offering an excellent research training

How it works

Each academic year the University issues a Call for applications (in Italian "Bando di Concorso"). The Call for applications provides candidates with information regarding access requirements and selection procedure

Generally Ph.D. courses offered by the University in the relevant academic year include, for each Ph.D. course, the following information:

- Selection procedures;
- Duration of the course;
- Number of places with scholarships and funding institutions;
- Number of non-scholarship places;
- Partner institutions, if any;
- Access requirements;
- Application guidelines and qualifications/annexes to be attached to the application form

Access requirements

A foreign university degree (from a recognised institution) corresponding to the second cycle of studies (second level - master level degree) – the same level required in Italy to access a PhD Program. Priority for specific disciplines may be foreseen.

Selection procedure

Candidates for a Ph.D. Program are selected on a competitive basis.

Selection procedures may include the evaluation of specific qualifications.

Additional written/oral examinations might be required according to the type of Ph.D. Program.

You may be asked to attach letters from your university/ faculties

Benefits

- Amount of scholarship defined by Law
- Tax exempt
- Social security (2/3 paid by university; 1/3 by the candidate)
- 10% additional budget for research (from the second year)
- 50% increase for periods abroad (rules for travels - min. stays etc)

- Scholarships reserved to foreign citizens
- Online applications
- Online interviews

Additional funding (from private Foundations/Regional Bodies/ National programs) = additional scholarships, duly advertised

As the PhD enrolment is made on a competitive basis, and there is a common framework for the whole system, the University is in any case your entry point

Research Fellowships in Italy

Research fellowships (*assegni di ricerca*) are envisaged by national Law for scholars with a **scientific-professional curriculum** appropriate for conducting research.

The fellowship is assigned by a public selection procedure on the basis of qualifications and interview, and is formalised by a contract under private law between the University and the winner.

The contract does not give right of access to the role of university personnel, but figures as collaboration of a continuous nature under the direction of a scientific supervisor, under conditions of autonomy and within the limits foreseen by the objectives of the research programmes.

Research Fellowships in Italy

Generally its duration ranges from 1 to 3 years. It can be renewed up to a maximum of 6 years (limitations may apply).

The minimum yearly gross amount of the fellowship is defined by law.

It is tax exempt.

! Limitations for other incomes apply according to university regulations and national provisions

What you will find online

University websites generally have a section or a version in English.

Information on PhD courses may be displayed directly on the homepage or under «Research» section.

On the websites you will find:

- The yearly calls;
- General information on PhD programs at the chosen university;
- Information about research fellowships;
- Contacts for PhD calls or for fellowships;
- In some cases International Guides - in English
- Information on funding institutions or special projects;
- In the sub-websites of PhD programs in a given discipline you may find also focused information on opportunities for the target research area, alumni associations, DB for opportunities, etc.
- You can always reach the appropriate websites and contacts by browsing the EURAXESS Portal in the «JOB» section, by selecting «ITALY» and looking at the most appropriate offers for you (see examples).

EURAXESS as Entry point: some examples

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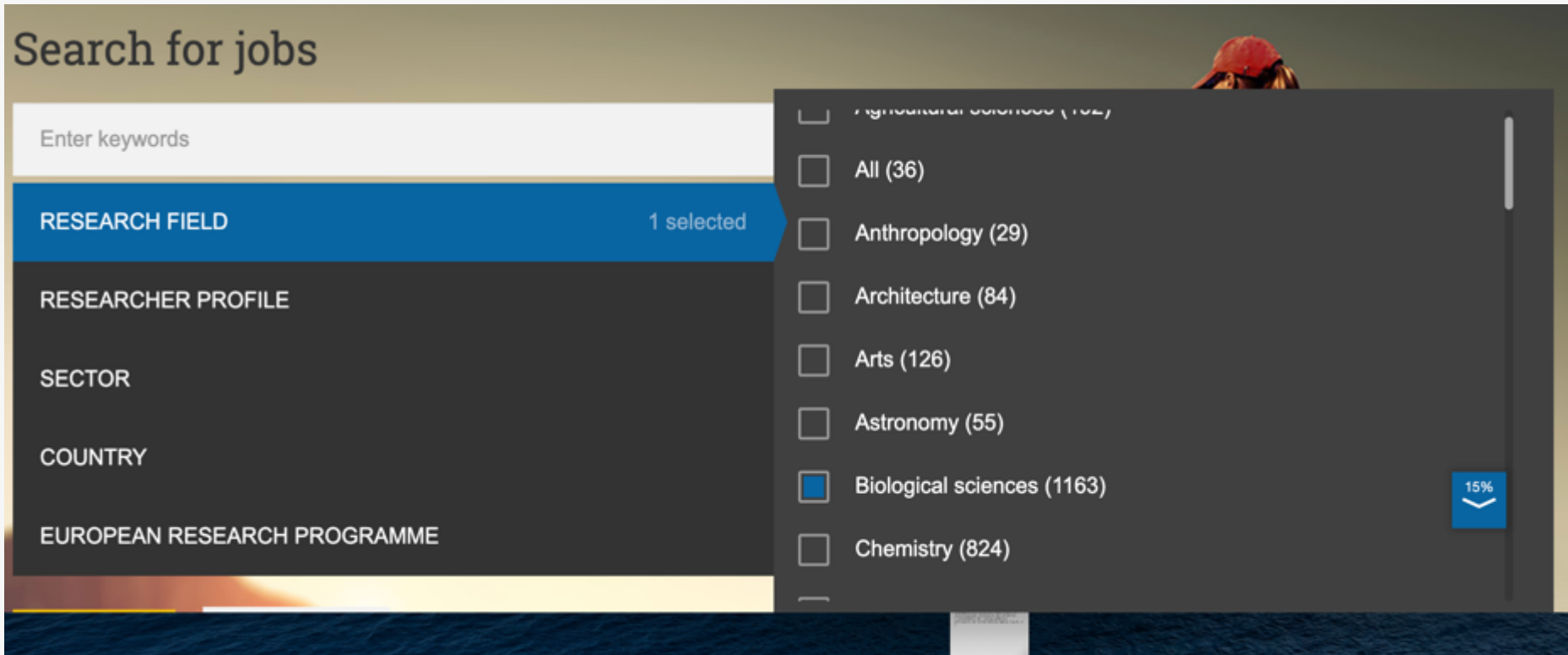
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EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROGRAMME

- Agricultural sciences (102)
- All (36)
- Anthropology (29)
- Architecture (84)
- Arts (126)
- Astronomy (55)
- Biological sciences (1163)
- Chemistry (824)

15%



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EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROGRAMME

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- Germany (168)
- Greece (12)
- Hungary (4)
- Ireland (24)
- Italy (109)
- Latvia (10)
- Lithuania (1)

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