

A STEP-BY-STEP ROADMAP · SEPTEMBER INTAKE

Study in *Italy* Complete Process

Everything from eligibility and the application timeline to visas, DOV appointments, financial proof, and the DSU regional scholarship — distilled into one clear guide.

9

KEY STAGES

€8,000

ANNUAL STIPEND





€0-2k

TUITION (LARGELY WAIVED)


~45 days

TO ADMISSION

Italy's public universities offer world-class degrees with little to no tuition and generous need-based scholarships. This guide walks you through the full journey — from shortlisting courses to receiving your first scholarship installment.

| | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
|  <p>60% Minimum marks for bachelor's admission</p> |  <p>Nov–May Applications open for Sept intake</p> |  <p>€10,179 Funds to show for the visa (one year)</p> |  <p>< ₹25 L Family income cap for DSU scholarship</p> |
|--|---|---|--|

SECTION 01 Eligibility Requirements

| | |
|--|--|
| <p>Bachelor's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 years of schooling completed Minimum 60% marks TOLC exam (replaced old SAT/CISIA tests) — required for most engineering programs, not always for management Alternative: SAT exam — confirm acceptance with each university | <p>Master's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15–16 years of education (a completed bachelor's degree) Relevant academic background matching your chosen master's course <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; background-color: #e6f2e6; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> Admission requirements vary widely per university — always read each program's official admission call.</p> </div> |
|--|--|

SECTION 02 Application Timeline · September Intake

| Stage | Timeline |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Applications open | November – May (for the following September intake) |
| Admission letter | ~45 days after submission |
| Pre-enrollment | From March / April onward (after admission) |
| Summary release | Days to weeks after pre-enrollment |
| Scholarship applications open | June – July |
| Scholarship deadline | Late July – September (varies by region) |
| Visa & DOV applications open | June onward |
| Provisional scholarship ranking | September |
| Final scholarship ranking | October |
| Visa deadline | Nov 28–30 |
| Classes start | October |
| First scholarship installment | December — 50% |
| Second scholarship installment | After August next year — 50% |

SECTION 03

Step-by-Step Process

- 1 Shortlist universities & courses via **universitaly.it** (or unique application portals).
- 2 Read the admission call / requirements for each university (they vary widely).
- 3 Gather documents — 10th / 12th certificates, TOLC / SAT scores if needed, passport, etc.
- 4 Submit application + fee (typically ₹0–150).
- 5 Receive admission letter (~45 days).
- 6 Pre-enroll on the university portal — only **one** active pre-enrollment at a time.
- 7 Receive the "**Summary**" document — required for both DOV and visa.
- 8 Apply for scholarship (June onward) using the Summary.
- 9 Book DOV appointment (~₹631) at the VFS center matching your consulate jurisdiction.
- 10 Submit DOV documents → wait 7 days to 1 month for DOV approval.
- 11 Apply for student visa at the correct VFS / embassy (passport address or 6-month residency proof).
- 12 Pay enrollment fee (₹0–200) — paying early can help your visa case.
- 13 Travel to Italy.
- 14 Submit scholarship documents physically at the CAF office + university scholarship office.
- 15 Get scholarship credited — December marks installment 1.

SECTION 04

Consulate / VFS Selection Rules

- Consulate is determined by (a) **passport address**, or (b) **6-month residency proof** (rental agreement / admission letter) in another jurisdiction.
- DOV must be applied in the **same city** as your consulate (e.g. Mumbai consulate → Mumbai VFS for DOV).
- Visa can sometimes be applied at additional VFS centers (e.g. Kolkata jurisdiction now also accepts at Bhubaneswar).
- Mumbai consulate allows **DOV + visa simultaneously**; other consulates may not.



CHIMERA (online DOV) has issues

Limited daily slots and a time-zone bottleneck (6:30 PM IST).
It is mandatory only in Pakistan (Karachi / Islamabad).



SECTION 05

Financial Requirements • Visa

€10,179

PER YEAR REQUIRED

Up from €7,000 — based on €850/mo × 12

₹9–9.5 L

APPROX. MINIMUM (INR)

Recommended to show more

1 Year

FUNDS TO SHOW

Not multi-year — later years via scholarship

Recommended Amounts to Show

Bachelor's  ₹15–20 L

Master's  ₹12–15 L

MBBS  ₹20–25 L

Bars indicate the ideal upper range; minimum across all paths is ₹12 L.

Proof & Sponsorship

- 6 months of consistent bank statements
- Sponsor income proof + ITRs (recommend ₹5–12 L range for recent years)
- Sponsor affidavit / letter required
- Subsequent years covered via scholarship proof at Permesso di Soggiorno renewal



Avoid last-minute lump-sum deposits

The embassy checks fund consistency closely — sudden large deposits can raise red flags.



SECTION 06

Tuition Fees

Officially €0–2,000/year — largely waived

Public university tuition is mostly waived in practice. The real out-of-pocket cost is just the enrollment / admin fee.

- Actual cost: enrollment / admin fee of ~₹15,000/year (₹0–200 in EUR terms)





DSU Regional Scholarship · Need-Based

Eligibility

- Admission to an Italian public university
- Family income **below ₹25 lakh/year** (~€25,000)
- Property ownership must be declared

Coverage

- Full tuition fee waiver
- Stipend of **€8,000/year**
- Optional free accommodation (deducts ~€3,000) & free canteen meals
- If neither is taken → full €8,000 in cash

Total Stipend Value Over the Degree

| | | |
|------------|--|----------|
| Master's | | ~€20,000 |
| Bachelor's | | ~€28,000 |

Master's: 2 yrs + extra half-semester. Bachelor's: 3 yrs + extra ≈ ₹30 lakh.

Required Documents

1 · Family Income Certificate

All members, professions & yearly income — must total under ₹25 L.

2 · Property Certificate

Or a "No Property" certificate if none is owned.

3 · Bank Balance Certificate

As of the date specified in the scholarship call.

Document Legalization · 3 Steps



Local Attestation

Sarpanch / SDM / MLA / Tehsildar / Councillor



MEA Apostille

Ministry of External Affairs apostille stamp



Italian Translation

By an authorized translator — Google Translate not accepted

Important Notes

- Income docs usually required from **2 years prior** (e.g. 2026 application → 2024 docs) — verify per call.
- Find the scholarship by region — search "university name + region" or the University map.
- Calls are released in Italian — translate and read fully; terms change yearly.
- Application portal varies (university or separate regional portal).
- Physical submission deadline varies (often **Nov 30 / Dec 31**) — missing it can cancel the scholarship.
- Some regions (e.g. DSU Tuscany — Florence, Pisa) require docs **couriered from India before the visa**, fully apostilled & translated.
- Lower family income = better ranking chances.
- Second-year scholarship requires passing a minimum of **30/60 credits** in year one.
- Some scholarships carry a "return obligation" if the student doesn't continue studying.
- Choose universities where scholarship funding is reliable — some run out of funds.



SECTION 08

Other Scholarships

Invest Your Talent in Italy

Opens around **February**. Applying post-admission is preferred. A strong supplementary option alongside the DSU regional scholarship.



SECTION 09

Key Warnings & Tips



One pre-enrollment at a time

Cancellations via email often get no response and can take 2-3 months.



11 universities still open for late applicants

Apply now to avoid a 1.5-year wait for the Sept 2027 intake.



Pre-enrollment deadlines vary

Check per university / course before committing.



Re-applications are succeeding

Visa re-applications after rejection are seeing good success rates this cycle.



Finalize your diploma early

It must be done before the pre-enrollment deadline, or the summary won't release — no summary, no visa.



Fastest visa slots

Mumbai & Delhi are currently fastest; Kolkata is slower.