

ISTITUTO ITALIANO PER GLI STUDI STORICI

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Scholarship Program 2026-2027

Call for applications (deadline 20 July 2026)

The Istituto italiano per gli studi storici is pleased to offer annual scholarships in the field of history, philosophy and literature for graduates and PhDs in order to support their further research. For the academic year 2026-2027 it offers:

- a) 12 scholarships of € 18.000,00 (gross amount) each;
- b) 1 scholarship of € 18.000,00 (gross amount) funded by the Fondazione Banco di Napoli for a research project within the documents of the historical Archive of the Fondazione Banco di Napoli;
- c) 1 «Federico II» scholarship of € 18.000,00 (gross amount) funded by the Università degli studi di Napoli for graduates from Italian universities with a final dissertation in medieval studies;
- d) 1 scholarship of € 18.000,00 (gross amount) funded by the Pio Monte della Misericordia for a research project within the documents of the historical Archive of the Pio Monte della Misericordia di Napoli;
- e) 1 «Raffaele Mattioli» scholarship of € 18.000,00 (gross amount) funded by the Fondazione Raffaele Mattioli per la storia del pensiero economico for a research project concerning the history of economic thought in modern and contemporary age and the history of the making of the ruling class from the Unification of Italy to nowadays.

1. Eligibility criteria

- candidates must be less than 35 years old by the date of 20 July 2026 (born after 21 July 1991);
- graduates and PhDs in history, philosophy or humanities must have discussed their final dissertation before the deadline (20 July 2026);
- applications from candidates who already received a scholarship from the Istituto will not be accepted.

2. How to submit

Applicants must fill in the online application form on the Institute's website page <https://www.iiss.it> **no later than 20 July 2026**, attaching the requested documents in pdf format:

1. copy of the identity card or passport;
2. *curriculum studiorum*, including linguistic competences (Italian is mandatory);
3. degree showing marks for individual exams and/or PhD certificate with overall evaluation;
4. copy of the graduation or PhD dissertation (digital file) and a list of publication titles (maximum 5);
5. abstract (max. 10 pages) of the graduation or PhD dissertation;
6. research project (max. 10 pages) including aims, timing, materials and the other institutions where the research can be carried out;
7. two academic letters of reference.

Applications which do not completely satisfy the above conditions will not be considered.

3. Board of examiners

Candidates who are shortlisted may be called for a video call interview by the Board of Examiners. Scholarships will be granted by the Board based on the evaluation of *curriculum studiorum*, publications, research project and interview when requested. The list of winners will be available on the website www.iiss.it within the end of October 2026.

4. Responsibilities of the recipients

1. The scholarship will be paid to the successful candidates in twelve monthly instalments starting from November 2026;
2. from December 2026 to May 2027 scholarship winners must carry out their research project and attend courses, seminars and conferences organized by the Institute; in the following months they can carry out their research at other institutions, either in Italy or abroad;
3. scholarship winners must submit a final report concerning their educational experience and research activities;
4. scholarship winners are requested to hold a seminar showing the results of their research project;
5. scholarship winners are expected to prepare a scientific work to be submitted to the Scientific Committee of the Institute for the publication in the Series of the Institute.

Since 1st November 2026, scholarship winners will not be receiving any scholarship or research funding and will not be engaged in any gainful activity which is incompatible with the obligations set out in the Scholarship Program.

The Institute reserves the right to withdraw funding should fellows prove themselves to be seriously inadequate.

The scholarship can be renewed for a year to particularly worthy students.

Application materials will be returned only at the applicant's request and expense. The request must be submitted no later than 31 January 2027.

Napoli, 3 June 2026

Il Presidente della Giunta scientifica
ANDREA GIARDINA

Il Presidente del Consiglio di Amministrazione
ORAZIO ABBAMONTE

The Istituto italiano per gli studi storici, founded in 1946, aims to give young university scholars with a strong interest in historical studies, the opportunity for in-depth study into history and its relationship with logic, philosophy, ethics, human rights, political economy, religion, and art. These fields define and testify human ideals, values and aims, and as such these are the subjects the historian is called upon to interpret in order to recount history.

Fellows will have a place to study at the Institute's Library, which nowadays consists of more than 155.000 volumes and they will also be allowed to use the Library of Benedetto Croce.

Scholarship works of particular relevance will be published in the «Annals», which have now reached their XXXVI volume, or in the «Monographic series», which has reached its 82nd volume, or in one of the series of the «Incipit» editorial project.

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