UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO



Centro Linguistico d'Ateneo SLAM

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - GRANTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COURSES OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE *GARGNANO 2020*

DESCRIPTION

The University Language Centre SLAM has made available 20 places with financial support for attending the International Courses of Italian Language and Culture, now in its 63rd edition, which will be held in Gargnano (BS) on the Lake of Garda, in the following sessions:

- 1st session from Monday, 29 June to Saturday, 18 July 2020;
- 2nd session from Monday, 20 July to Saturday, 8 August 2020.

Each session lasts three weeks and consists of 80 hours dedicated to the teaching of Italian language and culture.

Daily activities are organised as follow:

- 4 hours of Italian Language classes;
- 2 hours of conferences on themes related to Italian literature, history and culture, held by lecturers or specialists in the subject.

The course includes cultural and leisure activities (optional and payable), among which a visit to the Arena to attend an opera performance.

REQUIREMENTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Foreign students enrolled at the University of Milan are eligible to apply for a *Gargnano 2020* grant.

Erasmus+ grant recipients, PhD students, research fellows and postgraduate students at the University of Milan are equally eligible.

All participants must demonstrate a minimum proficiency in Italian at level B1 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in order to be able to regularly attend classes and conferences, which will be held in Italian.

Applicants must provide evidence that they meet the Italian language requirement by submitting a language certificate during the application process or by taking the test organised by the University Language Centre SLAM on 31 March 2020 (link to register).

Candidates must be aged between 18 and 30.

RANKING CRITERIA

The final ranked list of candidates is drafted based upon the evaluation of the curriculum vitae, the academic career and the motivation letter.

Attendance to an Italian language course organised by SLAM gives an extra point.

Applicants with Italian level B1, B2 and C1 will selected in order to form three different classes. The enhancement of interculturality is accorded priority when awarding the grants, by preferring students who hail from different countries.



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Points are distributed as follow:

Curriculum vitae (learning experiences related to Italian language and culture)	Points max: 20
Academic career	Points max: 15
Motivation letter	Points max: 10
Attendance to Italian courses organised by SLAM	Points max: 5

Candidates who score less than 35/50 will not be considered eligible.

EQUAL MERIT

Should two or more candidates be considered of equal merit, priority will be given to younger the candidate or accorded to the country of origin.

GRANT AWARD

A dedicated Commission, formed by Dr. Marina Brambilla, Dr. Michela Argenti and the staff unit in charge of the activity in question, will assign points and draft the ranked list.

The list of winners will be announced online by 21 April:

https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/competenze-linguistiche/corsi-di-lingua-e-cultura-italianagargnano-sul-garda

WHAT THE GRANT COVERS

The grant will cover the following expenses:

- 80-hour course of Italian language and culture (appraised value: 500 euro);
- Three daily meals throughout the stay: breakfast, lunch and dinner (appraised value: 300 euro);
- Accomodation in double and/or triple sharing rooms at Palazzo Feltrinelli or Casa Bertolini (appraised value: 270 euro);
- Roundtrip transportation by bus from Milan, Central Station, to Gargnano.

The grant does not cover:

- Registration fee (100 euro);
- Transportation from place of residence to Milano Centrale Railway Station;
- Optional cultural and leisure activities.

Winners must inquire about the procedures they need to follow to obtain/renew a visa or the resident permit, as well as arrange health insurance for their stay.

COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER GRANTS

Gargnano 2020 grants are compatible with other grants.



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

Candidates must submit their application **no later than 14 April 2020** at 12:00 pm, by filling out the online form:

<u>https://elixforms.unimi.it/rwe2/module_preview.jsp?MODULE_TAG=Gargnano2020_Borse</u> Candidates can indicate their session of preference, while applying, otherwise they can select both sessions, if they do not have a preference.

The following documents must be attached to your application:

- curriculum vitae in Italian;
- academic career;
- motivation letter;
- certificate of language proficiency at level B1 or higher (optional);
- one photograph;
- scanned copy of the identity card.

Pursuant to Legislative Decree 196/2003, the University undertakes to treat candidate information as confidential. All data provided will be processed exclusively for the purposes of the call for applications and to establish and manage the relationship with the University in compliance with current applicable legislation.

FINALISATION OF REGISTRATION

Winning candidates must confirm their participation by **30 April 2020** by paying the registration fee of 100 euro, according to modalities which will be communicated at a later date.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND

In case of withdrawal or non-payment of the registration fee within the deadline, the following candidate in the ranked list will be contacted.

Participants unable to attend the course are entitled to the refund of the registration fee only in the event of a major impediment which must be proven (e.g. death in the family or hospitalization).

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

At the end of the course, students will receive a certificate of attendance provided they have attended the full duration of the course

INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the University Language Centre SLAM, by sending an

email to gargnano@unimi.it.

Milan, 6 March 2020

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