**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS VIA SCHOLARSHIP**

**FOR *GARGNANO 2021 -* “CHIARA e GIUSEPPE FELTRINELLI” INTERNATIONAL COURSES OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

**DESCRIPTION**

SLAM – University of Milan Language Centre has made available 34 scholarships to attend the 64th International Courses of Italian Language and Culture which are being held in Gargnano (BS) on Lake Garda, in the following periods:

* 1st round from Monday, 28th June to Saturday, 17th July 2021;
* 2nd round from Monday, 19th July to Saturday, 7th August 2021.

Each round lasts three weeks and includes 84-hour teaching of Italian language and culture.

Daily activities are organised as follows:

* 4 hours of Italian language classes;
* 2 hours of conferences on topics related to Italian literature, history and culture, held by lecturers or experts in those fields.

The programme also includes cultural and leisure activities (optional and upon payment), among which a visit to the Verona Arena to attend an opera performance.

**REQUIREMENTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Foreign students enrolled at the University of Milan are eligible to apply for the *Gargnano 2021* scholarships.

Erasmus+ incoming students, PhD students, research fellows, and specialization school students are entitled to apply as well.

All applicants must be aged between 18 and 30. All applicants must certify a level of Italian language proficiency equal to B1 at the least in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) so as to be able to regularly attend classes and conferences, which will be held in Italian.Applicants must provide relevant evidence by attaching their Italian language certificate or statement to their application.

**RANKING CRITERIA**

Eligible applicants are ranked based on their curriculum vitae, university career, and motivation letter. Previous attendance of an Italian language for foreigners course organised by SLAM gives extra points.

Applicants with B1, B2 and C1 language proficiency levels will be selected in order to form two different groups. When awarding scholarships, priority is given to enhancing interculturality by preferring students who hail from different countries.

Points are distributed as follows:

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| Curriculum vitae (learning experiences related to Italian language and culture) |  Points: up to 20 |
| University career-Students: you are required to attach your self-certification of the exams taken at Unimi;-PhD students/research fellows/spec. school students: you will be given all the 15 points. |  Points: up to 15 |
| Motivation letter | Points: up to 10 |
| Previous attendance of SLAM Italian language for foreigners courses | Points: up to 5 |

Applicants who score less than 30/50 will not be considered eligible.

**EQUAL MERIT**

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

**SELECTION**

A dedicated Committee, made up of Professor Marina Brambilla, the SLAM Centre Manager Michela Argenti and the programme supervisor Stefania Scarpetta, shall assign points and draft the ranked list.

The list of winners will be published online by 30th April on the following webpage:

<https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/international-courses-italian-language-and-culture-garda-lake>

**SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship covers the following expenses:

* The 84-hour course of Italian language and culture (estimated economic value: 500 euros);
* Three meals per day: breakfast, lunch and dinner (estimated economic value: 300 euros);
* Accommodation in single bedrooms at Palazzo Feltrinelli or Casa Bertolini (estimated economic value: 270 euros);
* Roundtrip transportation by bus from Milan Central Station to Gargnano.

It does not cover:

* The registration fee which is equal to 100 euros;
* Travel expenses from your home to Milan Central Station;
* Optional cultural and leisure activities.

**Winners have to inquire about the procedures required to obtain/renew a visa or the residence permit by themselves, as well as arrange health insurance for their stay.**

**COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER GRANTS**

The *2021 Gargnano* scholarship is compatible with any other grant.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE**

Applicants must submit their application **by and** **no later than 2nd April 2021** at 12:00 noon, by filling in the following online form:

https://elixforms.unimi.it/rwe2/module\_preview.jsp?MODULE\_TAG=Gargnano2021\_Borse&ELANG=en

While applying, applicants can indicate their round of preference or choose both rounds if they do not have any preference.

The following documents must be attached to your application:

* curriculum vitæ in Italian;
* Unimi university career qualifications (students only);
* motivation letter;
* language proficiency certificate or statement at B1 level or higher;
* one photograph;
* scanned copy of your identity card.

Under the provisions laid down in Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, the University undertakes to respect the confidentiality of all information provided by the applicant. All the data provided are processed for the relevant purposes connected to the call exclusively and for entering into and managing a potential cooperation with the University, according to the legislation in force.

**FINALISING YOUR REGISTRATION**

The selected applicants shall confirm their participation by 7th May 2021 by paying the 100 euro registration fee, according to modalities which will be communicated in due time.

**WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND**

Should one of the winners withdraw or not pay the registration fee within the deadline, the applicant following them in the ranked list will be contacted.

Participants unable to attend the course are entitled to a refund of the registration fee only in the event of a serious impediment, which must be proven (e.g. bereavement or hospitalization). Refunds can be claimed from 1st to 30th September 2021.

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

At the end of the course, participants will receive a statement of attendance provided they will have attended the course on a regular basis.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

The courses will be held in compliance with the legislation governing the Covid-19 emergency control and management in force as of the start date of the courses.

For further information, please contact SLAM – University of Milan Language Centre, by sending an email to gargnano@unimi.it.

Milan, 16TH February 2021 **The Centre Manager**

 Michela Argenti