**CALL FOR SELF-FUNDED APPLICATIONS**

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

**DESCRIPTION**

SLAM – University of Milan Language Centre has made available up to 14 places on a self-funded basis 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 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 citizens, **aged between 18 and 35,** are eligible to apply for the aforementioned *Gargnano 2021* 14 places.

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/working 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/working career |  Points: up to 15 |
| Motivation letter | Points: up to 10 |
| Previous attendance of Italian courses | Points: up to 5 |

Candidates 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 candidate 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 2021 on the following webpage:

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

**PARTICIPATION FEE**

The participation fee is equal to 500.00 euros and covers the following expenses:

* 84-hour course of Italian language and culture;
* Three meals per day: breakfast, lunch and dinner;
* Accommodation in single rooms at Palazzo Feltrinelli or Casa Bertolini;
* Roundtrip transportation by bus from Milan Central Station to Gargnano.

It does not cover:

* Travel expenses from place of residence to Italy;
* 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.**

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE**

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

<https://elixforms.unimi.it/rwe2/module_preview.jsp?MODULE_TAG=Gargnano2021_contributo&ELANG=en>

While applying, candidates can indicate their round of preference, otherwise they can select both rounds, if they do not have any preference.

The following documents must be attached to your application:

* curriculum vitæ in Italian;
* education qualifications;
* 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 respecting the confidentiality of all information provided by the candidate. 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 must confirm their participation by 7th May 2021 by paying the participation fee, according to modalities which will be communicated in due time.

**WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND**

Should one of the winners withdraw or not pay the participation 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 participation 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, students 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