



RESEARCH VISA (National, up to 365 days)

The Research Visa is intended for those with a higher education qualification qualifying for a doctorate and allows them to conduct research at universities or research institutes recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research.

- Duly filled long-stay [visa application form](#) (national visa), available on the Embassy website.
- Valid passport, valid for at least three months beyond the intended travel dates.
- A recent passport-sized photograph with a white background ([ICAO format](#))
- A clear photocopy of the passport's personal information page, along with copies of recent visas and entry/exit stamps, clearly showing the actual size of the document.
- Reservation of a return flight ticket. It is not necessary to purchase the ticket before the visa decision is made.
- Valid travel health insurance, with a minimum coverage of €30,000, covering the entire planned travel period, including transfer dates.
- Consular fees payable exclusively in cash and in USD on the day of the visa appointment.

Specific Documents

- Letter from the Italian university or research center stating the duration and scope of the research. ☐
- Letter from the foreign university or research center stating the duration and scope of the research.
- Research Clearance issued by the competent Immigration “Sportello Unico”. The applicant must submit the visa application within six months of issuance of the Clearance.