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UP TO 300 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES DELIVERED IN ITALY, FOR STUDENTS RESIDING IN EEA* COUNTRIES

REGULATIONS

Deadline: 30 September 2026

Fondazione Francesco Morelli, Istituto Europeo di Design S.p.A. Società Benefit and Accademia di Como "Aldo Galli" are launching a new scholarship competition for undergraduate courses for the 2026/27 academic year.

The aim is to offer an opportunity to highly motivated young people who wish to begin a course of study at IED or Accademia di Como Aldo Galli.

Up to **300 scholarships** are available to residents of the countries of the European Economic Area (EEA*), covering 50% of one academic year's tuition fee. The scholarship will cover 40% of the first year's tuition fee and 10% of the second year's tuition fee. The scholarships apply to courses offered at the **Milan, Cagliari, Como, Florence, Rome and Turin** campuses.

HOW TO APPLY

To take part, applicants must submit a motivation letter and attend a selection interview.

Scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis, according to the order in which applications are received. Each application will be reviewed as soon as it is received and, the candidate if it meets the requirements, a selection interview will be scheduled within 5 days of submission of the required documents.

Once the maximum number of available scholarships has been reached, applications will close – even if this occurs before the official deadline of **30 September 2026 at 23:59**.

Step 1. Read these Regulations carefully.

Step 2. Choose the Course and the Campus you are applying for.

Step 3. Register by completing the form at ied.edu/scholarships/undergraduate. Once registered, you will receive an e-mail

with the link to access your Admission Personal Area and upload your documents and motivation letter.

Step 4. If your profile meets the requirements, a selection interview will be scheduled within 5 days.

Step 5. If you are awarded a Scholarship, you will have 5 days to confirm your acceptance and complete your enrolment.

Good luck!

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Academic Year 2026/2027

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Fondazione Francesco Morelli (hereinafter FFM), Istituto Europeo di Design S.p.A. Società Benefit (hereinafter IED), Accademia di Como "Aldo Galli" (hereinafter Accademia Galli) aim to support young creatives through the promotion of merit-based contests for the attribution of scholarships in the following subject areas:
- Design Futures;
 - Fashion, Accessories and Jewelry;
 - Interior, Product and Mobility Design;
 - Film, Video and Sound;
 - Illustration, Animation and Game Design;
 - Photography and Visual Narratives;
 - Fine Arts and Curation;
 - Strategy, Marketing and Communication;
 - Visual Communication, Graphic and Interactive Media.
- 1.2 The Competition will be promoted on the institutional website at ied.edu/scholarships/undergraduate and on the IED and Accademia Galli social media channels.
- 1.3 The purpose of the Competition is to award **300 scholarships** to residents of EEA* countries, covering 50% of one academic year's tuition fee, granted as 40% in the first year and 10% in the second year.
- 1.4 The merit-based Competition is governed by these Regulations and takes place according to the stages described herein, between **31 August 2026** (publication of the Regulations) and **30 September 2026** (deadline for submitting applications to the competition).

2. Participation requirements and deadlines

- 2.1 It is not possible to take part in the Competition without registering at ied.edu/scholarships/undergraduate
- 2.2 Participation is open to all young creatives aged between 18 and 26 as at 31 December 2026 who have obtained a Secondary School Diploma by 30 September 2026. Applicants with a foreign qualification should consult the [admission procedure guide](#).
- 2.3 Where a Scholarship has been awarded, failure to obtain the Secondary School Diploma results in revocation of the award.
- 2.4 Applicants who already hold a Bachelor's Degree or First Level Academic Diploma obtained at IED, Accademia Galli or comparable institutions are not eligible for selection.
- 2.5 Applicants must have a knowledge of the language in which the course of their choice is delivered equal to or higher than **CEFR level B1** for courses held at the Italian IED campuses and at Aldo Galli.
- 2.6 Employees and collaborators of IED and Accademia Galli may not take part in the Competition.

3. Competition

- 3.1 To take part in the Competition, applicants must complete the registration form and indicate a single Course of interest and a single IED Campus. Once registered, IED will send an email with the link to access the personal area; the applicants must upload, no later than **23.59 on 30 September 2026 (GMT+2, Italian time zone)**, their motivation letter describing what sets them apart and how they imagine their professional future in the creative field (to be uploaded in the "Upload your project for the competition" Box within their Personal Area).
- 3.2 Registration for the Competition and submission of an application constitute acknowledgement and full acceptance of these Regulations in their entirety.

4. Legal notices

- 4.1 Each participant may apply for one campus only and for one course only.
- 4.2 In providing the personal data requested in the registration form, each Applicant is aware of the criminal penalties applicable in the event of false declarations and is required to provide accurate, complete, correct and truthful data.
- 4.3 Such data will be processed in accordance with the privacy notice pursuant to **EU Regulation 2016/679**; accordingly, none of the data requested for registration may be considered sensitive within the meaning of that regulation.
- 4.4 The Applicant shall be held liable for any damage and prejudicial consequence caused to IED and Accademia Galli as a result of failure to comply with the above.
- 4.5 The Applicant warrants that the motivation letter uploaded to the Site is the result of their own personal work and, aware of the criminal penalties applicable in the event of false declarations, warrants in particular that it:
- was produced exclusively for participation in this competition and has not been submitted for participation in other competitions;
 - is the exclusive product of their own creativity, and not of counterfeiting and/or plagiarism;
 - is not contrary to law, public policy or public morality;
 - does not infringe any right, whether registered or not, of intellectual and/or industrial property of third parties, including by way of example and without limitation copyright, trademarks, patents, designs and utility models;
 - does not infringe any third-party right arising from law, contract, usage or custom.

- 4.6 The Applicant assumes full responsibility for the content, lawfulness, nature, quality and truthfulness of the motivation letter, expressly releasing IED and Accademia Galli and their successors in title from any obligation to verify and/or check the same.
- 4.7 The Applicant undertakes to indemnify IED and Accademia Galli and their successors in title, both substantively and procedurally, holding them harmless from any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense, including legal expenses, arising from any breach of the preceding points of this article.

5. Required documents

- 5.1 To be considered eligible, each applicant must provide:
- A motivation letter in the language of the chosen course describing what sets them apart and how they imagine their professional future in the creative field (to be uploaded in the "Upload your project for the competition" Box within their Personal Area).
 - A copy of their identity card or passport.
 - A certificate of knowledge of the language in which the course is held, if different from their mother tongue (alternatively, an online interview in the language of the chosen course may be arranged). Admission to the course requires language proficiency equal to or higher than level B1.
 - Upper secondary school diploma (if already graduated).
 - Strongly recommended: ISE (Economic Situation Indicator) certificate.

6. Permitted use of chatgpt and other AI tools

- 6.1 Students may use ChatGPT or other AI tools for brainstorming and improving the text's structure but not for generating complete content without personal revision.
- 6.2 It is not permitted to use ChatGPT or other AI tools to generate entire essays or substantial sections of text without personal revision.
- 6.3 Each participant must include a transparency statement in their submission, specifying if and how AI tools were used.
- 6.4 The use of AI must be limited to technical enhancement and not replace personal contributions.
- 6.5 The essay may be analyzed using specific tools to verify any excessive use of AI tools that could compromise the integrity of the submission.

7. Scholarships

- 7.1 Fondazione Francesco Morelli, Istituto Europeo di Design S.p.A. Società Benefit and Accademia di Como "Aldo Galli" are making available up to 300 scholarships for residents of the countries of the European Economic Area (EEA*), equal to 50% of one academic year's tuition fee. The scholarship will be disbursed as 40% during the first year of the course and the remaining 10% in the second year.

Winners will pay the enrolment fee in full and the first-year tuition fee calculated on the basis of their contribution bracket, discounted by 40%.

IED and Accademia Galli assign contribution brackets on the basis of the income and asset situation of the student's household as calculated using the ISE indicator (Economic Situation Indicator) and certified by a third party (typically a CAAF tax assistance centre). The ISE value can be obtained from the Isee Università certification. The contribution bracket will be determined by considering the income, asset and economic situation of the household, combined with that of the student where applicable.

To determine the contribution bracket, a reduction of € 10,000 will be applied to the value calculated as above for each child from the 3rd onwards within the student's household of origin. This applies up to the limit of the immediately lower contribution bracket.

In the absence of the above ISE value, the tuition fee corresponding to bracket VI will be applied.

- 7.2 For the second year of the course, a scholarship equal to 10% of the tuition fee will be granted to scholarship holders provided they pass all the examinations set out in the study plan for each year, by the end of the ordinary September examination session, with an average of 28/30. In the absence of these conditions, the Scholarship will not be renewed.

Should the contribution bracket change in the second year of the course, the scholarship granted will be equal to 10% of the tuition fee corresponding to the new bracket. For the third year of the course, the tuition fee must be paid in full. The enrolment fee is not covered by the Scholarship and must be paid by the student for each of the three years of the course.

- 7.3 Scholarships will be awarded – according to the number allocated to each individual Course – on the basis of the quality of the motivation letter and the selection interview. Assessment will be at the sole discretion of the Jury. IED and Accademia Galli reserve the right not to award one or more scholarships where the motivation letters received and the interviews held are not considered suitable, at the sole discretion of IED and Accademia Galli.

- 7.4 IED and Accademia Galli reserve the right to revoke the Scholarship where, following the award, breaches of these Regulations by the Applicant come to light.
- 7.5 IED and Accademia Galli reserve the right not to run one or more Courses where an adequate number of enrolments has not been reached, or where, for any reason, the necessary teaching, logistical and administrative support requirements are no longer met. In such cases, the Scholarships allocated to Courses that do not run will not be awarded, without this giving rise to any right to compensation and/or indemnity of any kind on the part of the winner.
- 7.6 The reductions and concessions referred to in the preceding articles may not be combined.

8. Selection of winners and Jury

- 8.1 Motivation letters will be assessed by a Jury made up of staff and faculty of IED and Accademia Galli.
- 8.2 Assessment will be at the sole discretion of the Jury.
- 8.3 The Jury will base its decision on the assessment of the motivation letters and the selection interview assigning an overall score from 1 to 100. Students obtaining a score equal to or higher than 75/100 will be entitled to a scholarship, up to a maximum of 300.
- 8.4 Winners will be notified by email.
- 8.5 The scholarship is deemed accepted only when IED and Accademia Galli receive the declaration of acceptance by email together with payment of the enrolment fee within 5 days of notification. Otherwise, the Scholarship will be deemed automatically declined and will therefore be awarded to the next Applicant in the Ranking.
- 8.6 The tuition fee must be paid by 15/10/2026; in the event of non-payment, the scholarship will be revoked.
- 8.7 Scholarship winners must complete the admission procedure in their Personal area.

9. General conditions and terms of Participation

- 10.1 Incomplete applications will not be considered valid.
- 9.2 Applications that are incomplete or submitted after **23.59 on 30 September 2026 (GMT+2, Italian time zone)** will not be accepted.
- 9.3 IED and Accademia Galli accept no liability in the event of facts and/or events not attributable to IED and Accademia Galli that compromise the submission of motivation letters, such as loss or delay due to the malfunctioning of electronic devices.

10. Exclusion of warranties

- 10.1 IED and Accademia Galli do not state or warrant that the site and its functionalities are "error-free", or that they meet any particular standard or the Applicant's requests or needs.
- 10.2 IED and Accademia Galli do not declare or warrant that use of the site and its functionalities will be uninterrupted, timely, secure or error-free, nor that the information and content on the site are correct, truthful and/or reliable.
- 10.3 Under no circumstances may IED and Accademia Galli be held liable towards the Applicant and/or third parties for any consequential, incidental or indirect damage, or damage of any nature whatsoever, whether foreseeable or not, arising from the use of or inability to use the site.
- 10.4 IED and Accademia Galli shall furthermore not be liable for inaccuracies or delayed performance due to force majeure.
- 10.5 IED and Accademia Galli are not liable for improper use of the site and do not warrant or authorise its use in applications where it may cause harm to persons or property.
- 10.6 The Applicant undertakes and is obliged to hold IED and Accademia Galli harmless from any and all consequences arising from unlawful, improper or unauthorised use of the site.
- 10.7 Consequently, the Applicant declares themselves solely responsible towards IED and Accademia Galli and third parties for anything that may constitute conduct or an act punishable by law in connection with use of the site.

11. Obligations of the candidate

11.1 The Applicant undertakes to:

- not disclose, directly or indirectly, and not transfer to third parties passwords and/or logins and/or any access keys;
- not reproduce, duplicate, copy or distribute, in whole or in part, for commercial purposes or otherwise, the site or the IED and Accademia Galli content published thereon, whether in printed form or in machine-readable form;
- not commit any act that may compromise the security and integrity of the IED and Accademia Galli site.

11.2 The Applicant is expressly prohibited from:

- providing material protected by copyright, unless the Applicant holds that right or has the authorisation of the rights holder;
- providing material that discloses trade secrets, unless the Applicant holds those secrets or has the authorisation of the holder thereof;
- providing material that infringes intellectual property rights or harms the privacy of others or rights relating to advertising contracts;
- providing or otherwise transmitting unlawful material or material otherwise contrary to public policy or public morality;
- providing, uploading and/or publishing sexually explicit material;
- providing, uploading, publishing or otherwise transmitting or disseminating promotional material, junk mail, spam or any form of unauthorised or unsolicited canvassing;
- falsifying their identity;
- providing or otherwise transmitting any material containing viruses or, in any case, code, files or programs created to interrupt, destroy, damage or limit the functioning of the software, hardware, sites or telecommunications systems of IED, Accademia Galli or third parties.

11.3 Any established breach of the obligations under this article will entitle IED and Accademia Galli to terminate this agreement, without prejudice to the right of IED, Accademia Galli and/or third parties to compensation for damages.

13. Applicable law and jurisdiction

13.1 All disputes (including non-contractual ones) arising in connection with the interpretation and performance of these Regulations and, in any case, all disputes connected with and/or arising from use of the site shall be governed exclusively by Italian law.

12.2 All disputes (including non-contractual ones) arising in relation to the use of and access to the site, as well as in relation to these Regulations, including those concerning their validity, interpretation, performance and termination, shall fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Milan.