The Frances Merenda Travelling Scholarship

This Scholarship was established to support students who are spending a period of study in Italy.

**Scholarship value and duration**

$4,000 tenable for 1 year only.

**Eligibility criteria**

− Second or third year undergraduate students currently enrolled in an Italian Studies major who are undertaking an approved exchange at an Italian university; or

− A postgraduate research student enrolled in Italian Studies, who intend to travel to Italy to pursue further language and cultural studies, or to conduct research in a relevant area of study as part of their degree program.

**For more information**

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**Background**

The purpose of the Merenda Scholarships is to support students who are spending a period of study in Italy.

**Selection criteria**

− For undergraduate candidates, marks in both Italian language studies and cultural units will be taken into account. Applicants need to include:
  
i. personal statement regarding their reasons for their study in Italy and relevance to their future studies/career, and

  
ii. letter of reference from relevant academics.

− For postgraduate research candidates, significance of the proposed program of study and academic progress of the student will be taken into account. A supervisor’s recommendation will also be requested. Applicants need to include:
  
i. their program of study and a letter outlining its relevance to their degree program, and

  
ii. letter of recommendation from their main Supervisor who will forward it directly to the Chair of the Department of Italian Studies

− Preference will be given to students demonstrating financial hardship.
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Terms and Conditions

Background
The purpose of the Merenda Scholarships is to support students who are spending a period of study in Italy.

Eligibility
The Merenda Scholarships are offered to

(i) 2nd or 3rd year undergraduate students currently enrolled in Italian Studies major who are taking up an approved exchange place at an Italian university to be credited towards their degree; or

(ii) Masters or PhD students enrolled in Italian Studies, who intend to travel to Italy to pursue further language and cultural studies or to conduct research in a relevant area of study as part of their degree program.

Selection Criteria
Up to five scholarships will be awarded annually (funds permitting) with the approval of:

- the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and
- the Chair of the Department of Italian Studies.

In awarding the Scholarship,

(i) for undergraduate candidates, marks in both Italian language studies and cultural units will be taken into account;

(ii) for postgraduate candidates, significance of the proposed program of study and academic progress of student will be taken into account. A supervisor’s recommendation will also be requested.

In both cases preference will be given to students demonstrating financial hardship.

Conditions of award
Each scholarship will be awarded for a maximum period of one year only. No student will be eligible to hold more than one award from this legacy.

The value of each scholarship will be $4,000. In exceptional cases additional amounts may be awarded at the discretion of the Chair of the Department of Italian Studies.

As part of their applications

(i) undergraduate candidates will need to include a personal statement regarding their reasons for their study in Italy and relevance to their future studies/career; and a letter of reference from relevant academics.

(ii) MPhil and PhD students will need to include their program of study and a letter outlining its relevance to their degree program. A letter of recommendation will also be sought from their main Supervisor who will forward it directly to the Chair of the Department of Italian Studies.

The Scholarship will be terminated if the student

(i) does not go on Exchange;
(ii) changes institution.