



Consulate General of Italy  
Bengaluru

## REQUISITE FOR RESEARCH VISA (D)

**Research visas** (National - Long Stay) allow Ph.D. holders or applicants with an equivalent higher study title to move to Italy in order to conduct research in an academic institution. Applicants must have been granted a research permit (*Nulla Osta*) by the Italian competent authority (*SUI - Sportello Unico Immigrazione*) and shall submit a copy of the host agreement (*Convenzione di Accoglienza*) with the Italian academic institution.

CHECKLIST			✓
1.	<b>Passport (along with a copy)</b>	<p>a) Issued within the last 10 years, with validity not exceeding 10 years.</p> <p>b) No handwritten passports will be accepted. Passports with manual observations will not be accepted.</p> <p>c) Must contain at least 2 blank pages.</p> <p>d) Should be issued within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru (Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh &amp; Puducherry).</p> <p>In case the address shown on the passport does not lay in the mentioned States or in case of non-correspondence of the addresses shown in the documents submitted, the applicant must provide proof of residence in the jurisdiction (Aadhaar card, home rental agreement, electricity bill, water bill, broadband bill, bank statement) for the last 6 months prior to application submission.</p>	
2.	<b>Completed Application Form</b>	<b>Application form</b> fully completed and duly signed along with two passport-sized photographs on white background (do not staple to the application).	
3.	<b>Cover Letter</b>	A personal covering letter.	
4.	<b>Copy of Nulla Osta</b>	A photocopy of the Nulla Osta issued by the competent S.U.I. (Sportello Unico Immigrazione) in Italy must be submitted. Please note that the “Nulla Osta” is valid for a period of six months from the date of issue and must be renewed upon expiration. Any discrepancies in the details of the applicant on the “Nulla Osta” must be corrected to align with the passport data. Failure to do so will result in the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru requesting corrections from the competent S.U.I. Sportello Unico Immigrazione in Italy, which may delay the visa processing until the necessary amendments are received.	
5.	<b>Host Agreement</b>	<b>A Host Agreement “Convenzione di Accoglienza”</b> between the host institution in Italy and the researcher is required. This agreement must outline the employment conditions, monthly financial support, research activities and their estimated duration, researcher mobility (if applicable), and the specifics of the medical insurance provided for the researcher.	
6.	<b>Air Ticket</b>	A one-way air ticket or airline reservation.	

Kindly note that applicants have no legal right to be issued a visa, but a legitimate interest to have their application processed in compliance with the Italian law and the Schengen regulations. The consular authorities have therefore no obligation to compensate the applicant for any financial loss or moral prejudice resulting from the processing of his/her application.

**By signing here below, the applicant formally confirms:**

- **to have submitted the tick-marked documents;**
- **that the purpose of his/her visit to Italy or the Schengen area corresponds to the requested visa category** (tourism, business, etc.);
- to be aware that, in accordance with the Schengen Visa Code and Italian law, the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru can extend the application's processing time in order to request the applicant for a personal interview and/or additional documentation.

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**Acknowledgement by Applicant**

Date :

Sign :