

Call for co-financing of intensive foreign language courses abroad

2026 Edition

§ 1 – Available scholarships and deadlines

Students of the Scuola Normale can apply for up to 20 scholarships of a maximum amount of 800€ each intended for co-funding the costs of attendance of in-presence of foreign language courses of at least two weeks offered by universities or accredited language schools abroad.

Candidates are invited to submit their application no later than **May 31, 2026**.

Courses must be attended, and their costs accounted for, during the period of enrollment to the courses (including any periods of extension of the administrative career of undergraduate courses or extension of the PhD scholarship) and in any case they must end no later than **April 2027**.

§ 2 – Purpose

Students may apply for one of the following purposes:

- deepening and integrating the knowledge of foreign languages already studied during the candidate's current study level in one of the language classes offered by the Scuola Normale in Pisa (**Consolidation of languages studied at the Normale**);
- Only for those languages that are not taught at the Normale in the site of the candidate, (**Specific linguistic formation**), linguistic immersion in a foreign language necessary for the candidate's study and/or research activities, as confirmed by the thesis supervisor or by the teacher responsible for the study plan at the Normale.

The final number of scholarships assigned for each kind of activity will be determined by the Interfaculty Mobility Committee based on the number of applications received for each category.

Students of the Normale who have already been selected for an international mobility are encouraged to use the co-funding for language courses offered under the present call for meeting the linguistic pre-requisites requested by the host institution before the start of their mobility. Applications submitted for this scope will therefore receive precedence in the rankings.

§ 3 – How to Apply

Applications must be submitted through the Esse3 platform following the instructions divulged by the International Office.

Applications for the **Consolidation of languages studied at the Normale** must contain indication of the academic year and the level of the course followed at the Normale.

Applications for **Specific linguistic formation** must have in attachment a certificate issued by a language school or linguistic centre specifying confirming the attendance of the candidate during their current course of study and the final level obtained. Students who have not yet started studying the language they are interested in are still eligible to apply, but their application will follow in the ranking order.

All candidates must declare any other eventual contributions they have received for similar activities in the past editions of this call.

All candidates are also required to declare any past mobility (under the Erasmus, SEMP, or International Exchanges calls) in a country whose official language is the same for which they are applying for co-funding.

§ 4 – Evaluation criteria and rankings

An Inter-Faculty Mobility Commission, headed by the Director or his Delegate and composed of the Presidents of the Mobility Committees of each Faculty of the Normale together with one student representative from each Faculty, will examine the applications received and define a ranked list for each of the activities listed in § 2.

The priority criteria adopted for ranking the applications will be the following (in order of importance):

Consolidation of languages studied at the Normale:

1. Not having received any contribution or having received fewer contributions than other candidates during the current Study Course under the past editions of the present call, regardless of the language requested.
2. Not having benefited or having benefited from fewer international mobilities offered by the Internationalisation Office of the Scuola (international exchanges, Erasmus mobilities) in a country whose official language is the one the candidate is applying for.
3. Evaluation of the candidate's linguistic knowledge attested by the language Teacher of the Scuola.
4. Studying the language in preparation for or in combination with an already-approved international mobility of at least two months.
5. Shorter seniority in the current study cycle at the Scuola Normale.

Specific linguistic formation:

1. Having already started the study of the language requested (and attaching a certificate).

2. Not having received any contribution or having received fewer contributions than other candidates during the current Study Course under the past editions of the present call, regardless of the language requested.
3. Not having benefited or having benefited from fewer international mobilities offered by the Internationalisation Office of the Scuola (international exchanges, Erasmus mobilities) in a country whose official language is the one the candidate is applying for.
4. Studying the language in preparation for or in combination with an already-approved international mobility of at least two months.
5. Shorter seniority in the current study cycle at the Normale.

The Director or his Delegate will approve by decree the ranked lists, and scholarships will be subsequently assigned.

§ 5 – Procedures before departure and upon returning

Selected candidates, after sending the required [declaration before mobility](#) to international@sns.it, will receive in advance a first instalment covering 60% of the scholarship maximum amount stated in § 1.

The final instalment will be paid based on actual costs that must be documented by submitting proofs of payment in original following the regulations of the current [Regolamento Missioni](#). Proof of payments can be related to the costs of enrolment to the course, costs for travel (e.g. travel tickets, check-in codes, etc.), and for accommodation. All payments must be traceable (e.g. by debit cards, credit cards, bank transfers).

In case the total costs are inferior to the first instalment paid in advance, refund of the difference will be requested. In case they are equal, no second instalment will be paid.

At the end of the course, selected candidates must submit a signed certificate of attendance as provided in Annex B.

The scholarships offered under the present call are not compatible with any other funding, even partial, provided to cover the same costs by the Scuola or other public or private institutions. If the co-funding is requested in combination with an already-authorized international mobility, it can cover the costs of enrolment to the language course. Accommodation costs may only be covered in case the course is taking place before the authorised start of the mobility. Travel costs in this case will not be covered by the co-funding.

Failure to provide the above-listed documentation by **2nd May 2027** will result in the request for a refund of the first instalment.



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§ 6 – Information

For clarifications and information, interested students can refer to the International Office (international@sns.it).

Annex A – Specific linguistic formation

EVALUATION BY THE SNS THESIS ADVISOR / PROFESSOR IN CHARGE OF THE STUDY PLAN

I, the undersigned, _____,
in relation to the application submitted by the student _____, for the co-
funding of an intensive course of the _____ language,
which is not available in the didactic offer of the SNS Faculty, in my capacity of:

- Candidate's thesis supervisor;
- Professor in charge of the candidate's study plan at the Scuola;

Declare

- That I deem an intensive course of the requested language necessary for the candidate's study and research curriculum for the following reasons (*if necessary, please attach a separate paper*):

_____;

- That the language course is necessary for the compilation of the candidate's final thesis, of which I am supervisor, in _____ and about

_____.

Pisa / Firenze, _____

Signature

Allegato B

To the Internationalisation Office

Subject: Final report for the co-funding of an intensive language course - year 2026.

I, the undersigned, _____ student at the ____ year of the Corso Ordinario / PhD course in _____ at the Faculty of _____, having completed the course of _____ language offered by _____ in the period from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____ in _____

ATTACH

- Certificate of attendance;
- Proof of expenses for enrolment, accommodation and travel for a total amount of € _____.

I REQUEST

The payment of the final instalment of the scholarship in relation to the proofs of expenses submitted and up to the maximum amount of the scholarship I have been assigned.

I DECLARE

To be aware of the regulations set by the call regarding my obligation to refund the Normale of any amount exceeding documented expenses.

The candidate

Pisa / Firenze, _____
