

CALL FOR THE GRANTING OF 4 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PARTICIPATING IN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH DGR 739/2013 - I-CARE PROJECT

The MIT APS association, in order to ensure more opportunities for trans and gender-non-conforming (TGNC) people who are holders of international protection, by facilitating their professional career, independence, integration and social well-being, announces a contribution for the granting of 4 Scholarships for those who intend to enroll in a professional training course issuing a Certificate of Qualification in accordance with DGR 739/2013. The granting of the scholarships has been made possible thanks to the contribution of Wellspring Philanthropic Fund (I-CARE project - Italian Core Actions for the Rights and Empowerment of trans and gender-non-conforming asylum seekers and refugees).

Art. 1 - Object and purpose

The four scholarships are aimed to offer concrete support to trans and gender non-conforming people who are holders of international protection and resident within the metropolitan city of Bologna, by allowing them to live quality training experiences, regardless of their starting economic and social conditions. This project also aims to strengthen the working autonomy of trans and gender non-conforming people who are holders of international protection by empowering them to express their capacity and acquired skills during the training courses financed by this call/contribution.

Art. 2 - Requirements

The target beneficiaries of this call are trans and GNC people who are holders of international protection and unemployed as of 31/3/2022, with the following requirements:

- a) Being a member of the MIT APS association;
- b) Having an ISEE indicator lower than or equal to € 5,000 (The relative documentation will be requested only from candidates who enter the selection phase, a self-certification would be sufficient in the process of the application);
- c) Being engaged to promote and contribute to MIT APS activities as its ambassadors. In this regard, the winners of the Scholarships will have to write an article on the gained experience through the Scholarship. They will also be asked to participate in internal and external activities promoted by the Association, along with promoting the mission, vision and activities of MIT APS both within the professional network and via their social media (LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook).
- d) Not being a member of the MIT APS Board of Directors.

Art. 3 - Necessary documentation

1. In order to apply, candidates must be in possession of the following documents:
 - A copy of a valid identity document;
 - CV with authorisation to process personal data;
 - A motivation letter (in Italian or English or French or Spanish or Portuguese or Arabic or Urdu) explaining the training project that they wish to access and the training objectives that they intend to achieve;
 - Self-certification of qualifications obtained in Italy or abroad with indication, if any, of the grades (valid only for the first phase of the selection);
 - Self-certification of statement of income (valid only for the first phase of the selection);
 - Duly signed authorization form for personal data processing;

2. The following additional documents will be required for candidates who pass into the final round:
 - Valid ISEE or ISEUP certificate;

Art. 4 - Selection Process

The selection process is divided into two phases: a pre-selection phase and a final selection phase. During the pre-selection phase, the documentation of the candidates will be reviewed. An internal ranking will be drawn up and the first 10 candidates passing into the final phase.

The candidates passed into the final phase, in addition to presenting the documentations referred to in Art. 3 paragraph 2, will be invited for an interview with the Awarding Commission.

Art. 5 - Methods and Terms for Submitting Applications

Applications can be submitted by hand at the office of the MIT APS association, located in Via Po-lese n. 22, Bologna, or by sending emails to fellowshipi-care@mit-italia.it with all the attachments requested in the Art. 3 of this application call.

Under penalty of exclusion, applications must be received no later than 23:59 on April 30, 2022. The date of receipt of applications will be proven by the date of receipt of the email. Incomplete applications or applications received after the indicated date and hour will not be accepted. MIT APS assumes no responsibility for any technical errors or problems attributable to third parties due to unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure events.

Art. 6 - Amount

The amount of the scholarship will be equivalent to the enrollment fee of the training program chosen by the winning candidates and will be paid directly to the training institution.

Art. 7 - Awarding Criteria and Scoring

The selection will be made through a valuation of the documents and after an interview with the candidate (the interview will be held in the final selection phase). The assignment of scores will be divided as the following:

- up to a maximum of 40 points for motivational letter
- up to a maximum of 40 points for need of the candidate
- up to a maximum of 20 points for the interview

Art. 8 - Awarding Commission

1. The Award Commission consists of the president of MIT APS, Dr. Nicole De Leo, the head of the MIT APS Sarah Hegazi migrant help desk, mr. Mazen Masoud and the head of the project department of MIT APS, Dr. Maria Carolina Vesce or their delegates.
2. The Awarding Commission will use the support of the MIT APS Board of Directors in verifying the objective requirements referred to in Art. 2 and 3 of this call.
3. The Commission is also competent to decide for situations that may not be regulated by the call. The assessment of the Commission is incontestable and there is no appeal against the decisions taken by this authority.
4. The Commission shall prepare a report with the list of all candidates depending on the score they have received and call the first 10 candidates for the interview. The convocation will take place through the methods chosen and communicated when submitting the application by the candidates. At the end of the application evaluation procedures, MIT APS will communicate the outcome of the call to all participants, relating exclusively to their position, to the email addresses indicated in the application. The publication of rankings will therefore not be provided.

Art. 9 - Non-Overlapping

1. The contribution is not combinable with other study or work grants provided by other institutions.
2. In the grant application, the interested person must state, under their direct responsibility, not to obtain grants provided by other institutions.

3. If the candidate becomes a grantee of another scholarship/contribution/loan after the assignment of the grant referred to in this call for the same academic year, they must immediately notify MIT APS, declaring whether they intend to continue completing their grant with this call or choose another scholarship/contribution/loan.

Art. 10 - Revocation of Contributions

The contribution would be revoked in the event of substantial differences found between what is declared by the beneficiary and the actual economic, financial or family situation of them; in the event of receiving other scholarships/contributions/loans for the same academic year, except as stated in Art. 9. MIT APS will proceed with the recovery of the sums paid according to the mechanisms provided by law.

ART. 11 - Official Announcement of the Winners

MIT APS will organize the concluding ceremony for the awarding, which will be held at the association's office in May 2022. MIT APS will pay the contribution decided by the Awarding Commission and at the enrollment of the winners in the training courses identified in accordance with the current offer of the Certificated Training Institutions in the Metropolitan City of Bologna.

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