

RESEARCH VISA

The research visa may be requested by foreign nationals who meet the admission requirements for a doctoral programme and intend to carry out research at an officially recognised university or research institution in Italy.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Scientific research:** depending on the agreement concluded with the university or research institution, the activity may fall under employed work (*Lavoro Subordinato*), self-employment (*Lavoro autonomo*) or a research training grant.
- **Health-sector research:** when no healthcare activity is planned, the visa application must include a declaration confirming this from the legal representative of the healthcare facility where the research will be carried out.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Visa application form

Filled and printed, to be signed before a consular officer.

2. One recent passport-size photograph

Taken no more than 6 months ago, with a white background and measuring 35 × 40 mm. It must comply with the ICAO guidelines available at: https://www.icao.int/sites/default/files/FAL/Annex_A-Photograph_Guidelines.pdf

3. Passport (original and one colour copy)

Valid for at least 3 months beyond the visa expiry date.

4. Certificate of identity (국문기본증명서) + colour copy of the front and back of the Korean identity card; or colour copy of the front and back of the Korean residence permit, valid for at least 3 months when the visa application is submitted; or alternatively, a Certificate of Fact on Alien Registration (외국인등록사실증명서).

5. Resident registration certificate in English (영문 주민등록등본); or, for foreign nationals, a Certificate of Entry and Exit Records from the Republic of Korea (대한민국 출입국에 관한 사실증명서).

6. Return airline ticket (or reservation), or proof that private means of transport are available.

7. RESEARCH AUTHORISATION (Nulla Osta per ricerca).

After receiving notice that the Immigration One-Stop Office (*Sportello Unico per l'Immigrazione*, SUI) has sent the research authorisation to the Embassy of Italy in Seoul, the applicant may book an appointment at the Embassy and submit the visa application. The authorisation must be used within 6 months of its issue date.

For stays of less than 3 months, an SUI research authorisation is not required. Instead, the applicant must submit:

- documents proving that the applicant is a researcher employed by a foreign university or research institution; and

- a hosting agreement concluded with the applicant by an accredited Italian university or research institution.

8. For short-stay visas and for national visas where insurance is not provided for in the contract

Schengen health insurance. The policy must be valid in every Schengen country for the entire stay and provide minimum total coverage of €30,000 for hospitalisation, illness abroad and repatriation.

This Embassy reserves the right to request any additional supporting documentation deemed necessary for the assessment of the visa application. The submission of all the required documentation **does NOT automatically guarantee the issuance of a visa.**