



Study Award and Scholarship Announcement Fondazione Isacchi Samaja Onlus

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Fondazione Isacchi Samaja Onlus, recognized by the Prefecture of Milan on 23 July 2012, was established according to the will of Mrs. Amelia Isacchi Samaja, sensitive about the problems faced by ever larger segments of the population as a consequence of the socio-economic changes within a society in crisis.

The aims of the Foundation are:

- «To offer food, lodging, clothing, medical care to the poor, sick and needy, **and to allow deserving students to further their studies**» (from the *Public Will* of Mrs. Amelia Isacchi Samaja).
- «The implementation of initiatives contributing to the social interest, charitable assistance to individuals in need, **the growth in education and learning of youth in disadvantaged economic conditions, even in scarcely practised disciplines such as arts and music, by awarding grants, awards, scholarships**» (Article 2 of the Statute).

Economic difficulties in pursuing further study currently occur at all levels of higher education, both in the early stages of university studies and in the post-degree path of doctoral candidates, a category which has been penalized for several years as a result of the international economic crisis.

Scholarships and Study Awards

Students of Universities located in Lombardy meeting the requirements stated in the Will of Mrs. Amelia Isacchi Samaja and the Statute of the Foundation dedicated to her, that is, that they are deserving and willing to further their studies but with economic limitations



undermining their continuation of the same or the choice and completion of a thesis matching their expectations and interests, can apply for

2 scholarships (for MSc students) and/or study awards (for PhD students) of **7,500 Euros** each (before taxes).

Who can apply for the Scholarship or Study Award

The **scholarship** is awarded:

- to young students of Master of Science programmes offered by Universities in Lombardy.

The **study award** is granted:

- to PhD students enrolled in programmes offered by the above mentioned universities, including programmes carried out in agreement with other universities.

Beneficiaries must be interested in studying **diseases and issues related to the disadvantage of migrants and/or homeless people**, with particular regard to the **analysis of the causes and processes of social distress, poverty and inequality** as well as the **responses** to these issues.

Requirements

Eligible applicants (both Italian and foreign) must fulfill the conditions specified in our *Statute*, be regularly enrolled at their University and, only for Master of Science students, have a grade point average of at least 27/30.

They also have to:

- a) declare if they are beneficiaries of other scholarships or financial aid;
- b) submit their application no later than **30 November 2017** by sending an e-mail to direzione@fondazioneisacchisamaja.it with the following attachments:
 - their **curriculum vitae**;
 - a **motivation letter** detailing their reasons for applying, with reference to their future career plans;
 - **documentation** attesting their family's socio-economic condition, displaying a value for the University Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator (ISEEU) not exceeding **20,000 Euros** (the scholarship or study award is granted to disadvantaged students);
 - their Master of Science or PhD thesis **project** detailing the essential literature regarding the investigated area, the proposed contribution to be given through their



original study, the research method to be employed, the nature of the data to be collected and of the analysis to be carried out, a budget of the foreseen expenses;

- a **summary** of their thesis project, prepared following the structure of the form attached to this announcement;
- **contact details** of their Master of Science thesis or PhD **supervisor**.

Evaluation of submitted projects

Each application will be considered by the **Scientific Committee** of Fondazione Isacchi Samaja Onlus, who will decide whether to fund one or more projects.

The decision of the Scientific Committee will be unappealable.

The **Scientific Committee** is composed of the following members:

- Prof. Valerio Onida, President Emeritus of the Constitutional Court;
- Prof. Xavier Emmanuelli, Doctor of Medicine. Co-Founder of Médecins sans frontières, founder of SAMU Social Paris, Founder and President of SAMU Social International, President of Haut Comité pour le logement des personnes défavorisées.
- Prof. Maurice Aymard, Professor Emeritus at EHESS (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales) in Paris;
- Prof. Achille Marzio Romani, Professor Emeritus of Economic History and Institutional Law at Università Bocconi in Milan;
- Father Luciano Bertazzo, Dean and Professor of Theology at the Theological Institute in Padua;
- Dr. Paola Arzenati, General Manager and Scientific Director of Fondazione Isacchi Samaja Onlus, currently independent researcher of Economic History at MSH.

The following features will be taken into consideration in the evaluation of submitted projects: the originality of the project; its consistency with the principles underlying the awarding of the grants; the adequacy of the data that are to be collected and the proposed statistical treatment with respect to achieving the objective of the thesis; the feasibility of the project; the appropriateness of costs assessed on the basis of the presented budget.

The winners will be announced each year from **12 December** at the headquarters of the Foundation.

Should none of the submitted applications meet the minimum requirements for the realization of an original research, the funds will be allocated to the following year competition.



The winners will be part of and contribute to the activities of **Network Roberto Franceschi**, the transnational network of scholars formed for the purpose of carrying out and promoting scientific research in the field of study of prevention of social pathologies and forms of social exclusion, on matters pertaining to underdevelopment, marginalization, poverty, migration and civil rights. The Network, which was originally made up solely of scholars awarded by Fondazione Roberto Franceschi Onlus, is thus enriched of the complementary contribution of information and expertise provided by the researchers awarded by Fondazione Isacchi Samaja, with a view to the sharing of ideals and common goals between the two Foundations, despite the specific nature of their respective missions.

Members of the Network are given the opportunity to submit their research projects in the annual selection for the Young Professional Grant programme. The programme aims at supporting the entrance of motivated and deserving young graduates and doctorates into the professional field of research, by providing one or more grants to support research for a period of 6 months.

Payment of Scholarships or Study Awards

One third of the amount allocated will be paid at the time of acceptance of the project, subject to the need to anticipate pocket expenses to carry out the research, another third nine months after the acceptance, upon presentation of a report of the progress made, and the remaining part at the time of delivery of the completed project and no later than eighteen months after the acceptance.

Once defended their Master's or PhD thesis, the winners will have to hand in the collected dataset to Fondazione Isacchi Samaja Onlus, which will make the data available to the whole scientific community through its website or through other channels.

The dissemination of data by the Foundation may be postponed for a maximum period of three years, at the request of the winners, until their possible publication.

According to the provisions of Article 13, Paragraph 1 of the Italian Legislative Decree No.196, 30 June 2003, "Code on the issue of personal information" and following modifications and integrations, applicants' personal details will only be used for selection purposes or for the possible process of scholarship or study award assignment.



Attachment 1 – Summary of research project – To be attached to candidate's application
(facsimile)

For Master of Science and PhD students

Title of the research:

Photo	Name	Surname	Address
Tax code	Phone	Mobile	e-mail

Keywords (up to four):

Thesis abstract (maximum length 5,000 characters) detailing: a) research goals; b) methodology to be employed; c) timing of data collection; d) summary description of the dataset that will be made available.

Supervisors:
