



FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION CAPACITY BUILDING AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

The *Fellowships Programme for Technical Cooperation Capacity Building and Human Resources Development* is an initiative funded by the Italian Government through the General Directorate for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS). It is implemented by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) and targets post-graduate Italian nationals.

Through this Programme, young skilled professionals are selected for a one-year on-the-job training in the Field Offices of organizations belonging to the United Nations System or the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in developing countries. Before taking up their assignment in the host country, Fellows attend a mandatory orientation workshop, which is an integral part of the Programme.

The tentative timeframe for the Programme is as follows:

- *May 2021*: orientation workshop organized by the ILO/International Training Centre
- *June 2021 – May 2022*: work experience/on-the-job training period in a UN or AICS Field Office

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the starting date and implementation modality of the fellowship assignments for the **2020 / 2021 round of the Programme** (either physically present in the local office of the assignment country or via teleworking arrangements from home) may vary and be adapted in due course depending on the situation in each host country.

To be considered eligible for the **2020 / 2021 round of the Programme**, all of the following requirements are mandatory:

- born *on or after* 1 January 1992
- Italian nationality
- Fluency in English and Italian
- hold one of the following advanced university degrees (or degree combinations) awarded before the application deadline:
 - *Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica*
 - *Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico*
 - *Laurea/Laurea Triennale* plus university Master's degree
 - Bachelor's degree plus university Master's degree

For practical advice on preparing an application to the Italian Fellowships Programme, candidates are invited to attend a Webinar on one of the following dates (N.B. prior online enrolment is mandatory via www.undesa.it):

- 24 September 2020 (5 p.m.)
- 29 September 2020 (4 p.m.)
- 05 October 2020 (10:30 a.m.)
- 13 October 2020 (10:30 a.m.)
- 21 October 2020 (5 p.m.)
- 26 October 2020 (10.30 a.m.)

The deadline for application submission is **30 October 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** (Italian local time). Incomplete or late applications will not be considered valid.

Applications can only be submitted online via the 'Online Web Application' system (OWA) of the UN/DESA Rome Office. Access to this system is available from the website www.undesa.it

In view of the high expected volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted by UN/DESA regarding the outcome of the pre-selection process.

For further information, please visit the UN/DESA Rome Office website www.undesa.it or send an email to fellowshipinfo@undesa.it

