



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 Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) of Italy. 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 (AICS) 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 **2021 / 2022 round** of the Programme is as follows:

- *May 2022*: orientation workshop
- *June 2022 – June 2023*: work experience/on-the-job training period in a UN or AICS Field Office

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation modality of the fellowship assignments (either physically present in the local office of the assignment country – full time or on a rotating basis - 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, all of the following requirements are mandatory:

- born *on or after* 1 January 1993
- 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):

- 21 October 2021 (5:00 p.m.)
- 28 October 2021 (10:30 a.m.)
- 3 November 2021 (5:00 p.m.)
- 11 November 2021 (10:30 a.m.)

The deadline for application submission is **15 November 2021 at 3:00 pm** (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

