



Ambasciata d'Italia in Etiopia

Short-Stay Research Visa

The research visa is intended for applicants holding a higher education qualification that grants access to doctoral studies and allows them to carry out research activities at universities or research institutes recognized by the Italian Ministry of University and Research.

For research periods of up to 90 days, applicants are invited to follow the checklist below.

Please note that the Embassy reserves the right to request additional documentation.

The documents required to apply for a visa are:

- Schengen application form [Schengen Form](#), duly completed and signed. For minors, the form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Valid passport + 1 copy. The passport must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended departure from the Schengen Area, issued within the last 10 years, and contain at least 2 blank pages.
- Recent photograph in ICAO format (3.5 x 4.5 cm), with a light background, taken within the last 6 months. For more information: [ICAO Photograph Guidelines](#).
- Proof of residence in Ethiopia. Valid residence document in the country of application.
- Round-trip flight reservation. It is not necessary to purchase the ticket before the visa decision is made.
- **Hosting agreement (“convenzione di accoglienza”)** signed between the researcher and the accredited Italian University or Research Institute. The agreement must indicate the **research period, the subject of the research, any scholarships awarded, and the resources available for the applicant’s accommodation and subsistence**. It must also specify the researcher’s working conditions, the monthly financial resources available, details regarding the research activity, and the estimated duration of the project.

- Documentation proving that the applicant is a **researcher employed by a foreign University or Research Institution.**
- Travel medical insurance with a minimum coverage of €30,000, valid for the entire duration of the stay.
- Copy of previous Schengen visas, if available.
- Any additional documents requested by the Embassy in support of the application.
- For foreign applicants residing in Ethiopia: copy of the applicant's Ethiopian residence permit. If the applicant intends to return to Ethiopia, the residence permit must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended stay in the Schengen Area. If the applicant does not intend to return to Ethiopia, proof of entry into the country of origin or another third country must be provided.