



Ambasciata d'Italia in Etiopia

Long - Stay Research Visa

The research visa is intended for individuals holding a higher education qualification suitable for access to a PhD program 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 longer than 90 days, applicants are requested 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:

- National visa application form [National 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 4.0 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.
- **Letter from the Italian University or research center and letter from the foreign University or research center.** The letters must indicate the duration and the subject of the research.

- **“Nulla Osta” for research** issued by the competent Immigration One-Stop Shop (“Sportello Unico per l’Immigrazione”). The applicant must submit the visa application within six months from the issuance of the “nulla osta”.
- Optional notes and additional documentation (if required).