

Call for Scholarships for the Emuna Program

A call for applications is now open for the following opportunity:

4 scholarships to attend the Emuna program, two sponsored by the Soka Gakkai Italian Buddhist Institute and two by the Italian Buddhist Union.

Emuna is a lifelong learning and research program that aims (through attendance at 17 seminar days during the academic year and participation in collective and individual research projects) to build a foundation of fundamental skills from a multidisciplinary perspective and to develop a network of acquaintances among people of non-religious or different religious beliefs (from Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, or other minority faiths in Europe such as Hinduism), useful for interreligious and intercultural dialogue. The complete program for the latest edition of EMUNA (2025-2026) and the provisional program for the next academic year (2026-2027) can be found at the following link: <https://leap.luiss.it/emuna/>.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications are open to undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, doctoral, and research students, and professors from both Luiss Guido Carli and other universities in Rome, as well as individuals outside the University who are interested or active in teaching. In both cases, both undergraduate and graduate students must demonstrably belong to faiths or beliefs not covered by an agreement with the Italian State (Muslims, Reformed-Progressive Jews, Orthodox Christians, other minority religions in Europe, and atheists).

Application Requirements and Procedures

The candidate must submit:

- A detailed academic or professional curriculum vitae (CV);
- A cover letter;
- A copy of a valid ID;
- A high-resolution photograph.

Applicants are also required, by signing a self-declaration form online, to guarantee that the documentation submitted is truthful, corresponds to the original, and does not infringe the rights of third parties. Applicants may also submit their ISEE form if they deem it useful.

The first half of the scholarships will be funded by October 1, 2026, as specified in the application form on the website. The second installment will be paid by December 15, 2026, provided that the scholarship recipient demonstrates regular and committed attendance at both the Emuna seminars and group work sessions.

Interested candidates are asked to send their applications to the following email address: emunaitalia@gmail.com

Application deadline: July 30, 2026

Selection Procedures

Candidates considered suitable based on their CV and cover letter will be invited to an online interview.

The selected candidate will be notified via the email address provided in the application. A reserve list will be considered. The selected candidate must confirm their formal acceptance and submit other required documents within 5 business days of receiving notification. Otherwise, the Evaluation Committee will move to the first candidate on the reserve list.

Contacts

For inquiries or further information, please contact emunaitalia@gmail.com.