

RESEARCHERS VISA

This visa is to be issued pending the "**Nulla Osta**" (entry clearance), to be requested by the Institutions/University at the competent Italian Authority: "**Sportello Unico per l'Immigrazione**" (SUI - Unified Immigration Desk). When the **Nulla Osta** is granted, the Consulate will be notified by the **SUI**. The applicant must present the original and copy of the **Nulla Osta** at the visa interview.

The **Nulla Osta** is not needed if the research is **less than 90 days**.

The research activity for which the foreigner is requested may be performed, in accordance with the specific agreement "**convenzione di accoglienza**" stipulated with the University or Research Institute, in the form of subordinate work, self employment (independent work) or through a grant or scholarship for research training.

- **Duly filled Visa Application Form.** Please note that all the names appearing on the passport must appear on the application form (all data must match those on the passport). The form must be dated and signed before a Visa Officer;
- **Recent passport-size photograph (2"x2")**, on white background, full face and front view, stapled/glued to the application form. Scanned or photocopied photos will NOT be accepted;
- **Valid passport plus 1 copy of the page with photograph and expiration date.** The passport or travel document must be valid at least three months after the visa expiration date. Please make sure the passport has at least a blank page to affix the visa;
- **If you are not US citizen :original and copy of Permanent Residence Card OR other US immigration document allowing re-entry into the United States (e.g., valid long-term US visa, Advanced Parole, etc.);**
- **Original and copy of Driver's License or State ID** as proof of residence in the jurisdiction of this Consulate General. If you recently moved and have not updated your ID, you must submit another proof of current address (e.g., utility bills, bank statements, etc.);
- **Lodging** Confirmed reservations of suitable lodging or Institution/University declaration;
- **Proof of medical insurance covering the entire period of stay**
- **Confirmed flight reservation;**
- **Visa fee** in the form of cash or Money Order, payable to the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia, with applicant's name and address as the remitter;
- **Return envelope:** required if applicant cannot pick up passport with the visa in person. Please provide **postage paid, self addressed envelope** with tracking number plus mailing disclaimer form. Carefully complete mailing label with all required information.

This consular administration has full authority to evaluate and request additional documentation, if deemed, in addition to what is submitted. Furthermore, the applicant is hereby informed that submitting all required documentation does not guarantee the issuance of any visa.