

Full Scholarships in Philosophy, Theology, and Liturgy with a Focus on Christian Thought and Spiritual Practice

In connection with a new [Endowed Professorship](#), the international Benedictine University in Rome will offer full scholarships to highly talented prospective students wishing to pursue a licentiate, doctorate or post-doctoral studies. These scholarships will be awarded for two or three years, depending on the program of studies chosen, beginning with the academic year 2022/2023.

About Our Institution

The *Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo*, the university in Rome led by Benedictine order, is located on the Aventine hill. It has three faculties: The Philosophical Faculty offers a baccalaureate in philosophy as well as a Licentiate and a Doctorate in Philosophy of Religion with a particular focus on mysticism. Besides a Baccalaureate in Theology, the Theological Faculty offers Licentiate and doctoral programs in Monastic Studies, the History of Theology, and Sacramental Theology. The Pontifical Liturgical Institute, the largest faculty, internationally acclaimed for its liturgical scholarship, offers a Baccalaureate, Licentiate, and Doctorate in Liturgy. Special programs and diplomas are also offered by the various faculties.

Purpose of the Scholarships

These scholarships are made possible thanks to the generous contribution of a Foundation that wants to support, at the worldwide center of Benedictine monasticism, scholarly work in view of its significance for contemporary life. Research and teaching at Sant'Anselmo are pursued in the context of monastic traditions, whether implicit or explicit. The *proprium* of Sant'Anselmo is centered thus on liturgical sources and sacramental praxis, an experiential-sapiential theology as well as on mystical traditions. The scholarships are meant to become part of a broader re-orientation of the unique outlook that Sant'Anselmo can offer; thus prospective students awarded with these scholarships are expected to be aware of the formative role of Benedictine life and thought for professors and students at Sant'Anselmo. They are meant, in connection with the new Endowed Professorship, to build on the rich expertise of academic work done at Sant'Anselmo in the past and present and should concentrate on how this can be communicated in a meaningful way to contemporary culture. Successful scholars will be expected to fulfill an ambassadorial role for Sant'Anselmo by means of collaborations, publications, and participation in international academic events.

Students awarded scholarships will enroll in one of the academic programs of the three faculties on the level of a licentiate or doctorate. They are expected to collaborate with the Endowed Professor, by assisting actively in some of his or her courses, publications and activities (*Third Mission*). The students being awarded these scholarships of excellence are encouraged to form a vibrant research team among them, in collaboration with the professors and students of the various faculties at Sant'Anselmo towards highlighting the relevance of such academic work for the Church and Society.

Who can apply

- new students who enroll at the Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo to pursue a licentiate or doctoral degree in the Faculty of Philosophy, the Faculty of Theology or in the Pontifical Liturgical Institute; those interested to pursue a doctorate must have completed a licentiate;
- in addition, a post-doctoral position is also possible in connection with these scholarships;

- students who have a basic knowledge of the Italian language and demonstrate in their first year at Sant'Anselmo the mastery of the B1 level of Italian;
- It is understood that successful candidates for these scholarships are expected to begin their studies at Sant'Anselmo in the academic year 2022/2023, a justified reason may allow the deferral of studies beyond October of 2022.
- Potential applicants include also those who are pursuing a doctorate in another international institution and want to study at least for one academic year at Sant'Anselmo (joint doctorate; in this case a reference of the moderator must be supplied and a formal agreement with the other institution).
- For the duration of the scholarship, the students are expected to reside in Rome during the academic year.

What we offer

These Scholarships of Excellence are available to selected students who are distinguished by their previous academic work and personal achievements. The scholarships provide talented students with the opportunity to pursue their studies in an international context and in an inspiring monastic environment in the city of Rome. With this opening, Sant'Anselmo is looking for female and male students, especially laypeople, that can enrich the university's mission with their own unique perspectives and experiences as they will be receiving a unique opportunity to cultivate their own academic talent and personality.

The full scholarships enable the students to pay for tuition, room and board, and living expenses in Rome. Depending on the program, the scholarships are biennial or for a three years period. The candidates are expected to report other sources of funding, including scholarships, in their application.

Application Process

Candidates who meet the requirements are invited to submit their application in English or Italian to Claudia Burger at the Rector's office in electronic form: ufficiorettore@anselmianum.com. The deadline to submit applications is 15 March 2022. Exceptionally, late applications may also be taken into consideration.

Applicants are requested to send the following documents:

- a *Curriculum Vitae* detailing education and language skills as well as any other information the applicant considers relevant
- a personal statement, explaining motivations and expectations with regard to the scholarship
- academic transcripts obtained during previous studies
- photocopy of an identity document

Every application will be confirmed; once a decision about the scholarships has been made by a commission, all applicants will be informed.