



Embassy of Italy
Kuala Lumpur

Research Visa (Schengen/National Visa)

General Documents Required

1. National Visa Application Form (For long stay visas beyond 90 days)

OR

-Schengen Visa Application Form (VSU) (For short stay visas up to 90 days)

2. One recent [ICAO](#)-compliant photograph.

3. Proof of residence within the consular jurisdiction:

-Proof of legal residence in Malaysia, as long-term stay visa, must have a remaining validity of at least three (3) months beyond the last day of your trip in the Schengen Area for short stay visas up to 90 days

OR

- For long stay visas beyond 90 days three (3) months of remaining validity.

4. Valid passport, original plus one photocopy, with an expiry date at least three months beyond the expiry date of the requested visa.

5. Proof of transportation arrangements:

-Confirmed flight reservation (one way) for long stay visas beyond 90 days.

OR

- Confirmed flight reservation (round trip) for short stay visas up to 90 days.

Note: If the trip includes multiple stops, provide reservations for any intra-stop (trains, flights, car rentals).

6. Proof of accommodation:

-Reservation for accommodation covering the entire stay (hotel, serviced apartment, holiday home, campsite, youth hostel). For long-term National visa longer than 90 days, a reservation for the first period (30 days minimum) is required.

OR

- Rental agreement.

OR

-If staying with family members, friends, or a guarantor, a private accommodation and/or guarantee declaration (download the relevant form from the forms section), along with the host's ID (valid permit of stay for non-European Union citizens) where the signature of the holder appears.

7. Travel medical insurance policy for Schengen visa, if not included in the employment contract and if the journey includes transit through the Schengen Area for National visa.

Note:

-A complete coverage table of the insurance must be provided. Insurance presented without this document will be considered incomplete.

Additional mandatory documentation depending on the Applicant's status

- For stays longer than 90 days "Nulla osta" (authorisation) for research from the Immigration Desk (SUI) of the relevant Questura (Police Station);
- For short stays documentation certifying that the applicant is a researcher employed by a foreign university or research institution;
- For short stays hosting agreement (Convenzione di accoglienza) concluded with the applicant by the Italian accredited University or Research Institute specifying the research program activity, salary and insurance;

Note:

The "Nulla Osta" is valid **6 months** from the issuing day, therefore you should submit your request accordingly.

The Embassy reserves the right to request any additional documentation deemed necessary.