

CALL FOR THE ADMISSION AND FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS based on income and merit FOR THE ACCOMODATION TO THE ALCANTARA BOY'S RESIDENCE OF CATANIA.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

1. ARCES ORGANIZATION AND ITS UNIVERSITIES COLLEGES

The ARCES Association is a moral body that manages University Residences, "Colleges of Merit", recognized by the Ministry of the Education, University and Research (D.P.C.M. of 19 November 1991) and is member of CCUM - Conferenza dei Collegi Universitari di Merito (www.collegiuniversitari.it).

These are residential structures of high educational and cultural qualification, **which pursue the valorization of the merit and the cultural preparation, ensuring to each student, on the basis of a personalized project**, educational services, guidance, coaching, tutoring and integration of training services.

The University Residences managed by ARCES are located in Palermo and Catania:

- RUME University Residence, Palermo (female);
- Alcantara University Residence, Catania (male).

For the academic year 2026-2027, ARCES hereby announces a **call for admission** to the **University Residence for boys in Catania, ALCANTARA**, and for the **assignment of scholarships for income and merit** to partially cover tuition fees.

2. PURPOSES

Places assigned at the **ALCANTARA** are **intended for highly motivated students who want to join excellent academic results and excellent soft skills**.

For this purpose, the admitted and the winners of the scholarships undertake to actively participate to the educational and personalized program that Arces realizes for the development of the skills, (courses, workshops, group meetings and individual sessions) and to make the most of the opportunities and the relational aspects of life inside residence (management of common areas, meetings in small groups, assignments) because these are opportunities for join excellence in the

development of the *soft skills*. The personalized educational and training project involves participation in non-formal and informal activities, supplementing the university study.

3. SERVICES OF THE RESIDENCE

The Admission to the ALCANTARA University Residence give the possibility to have an excellent hosting offer and a personalized educational program.

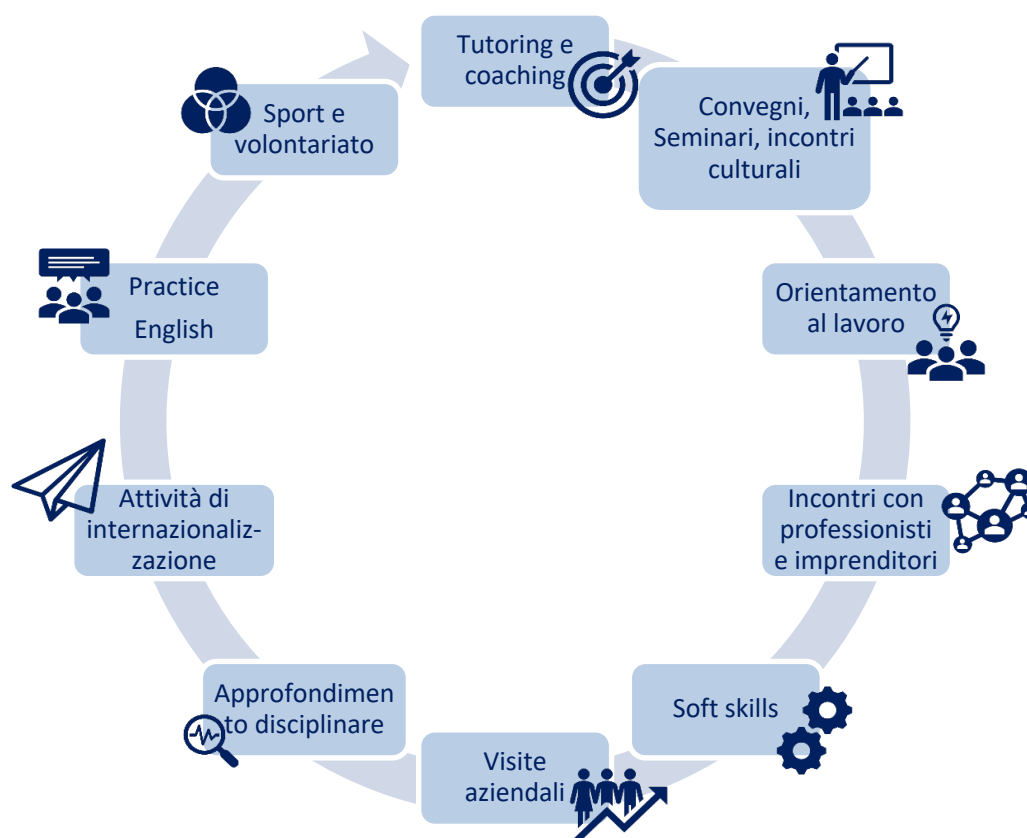
A. HOSTING OFFER

SERVICE	ALCANTARA RESIDENCE (MASCULINE)	
Host	Single or triple room	
Meals	Breakfast, lunch and dinner every day	
Air conditioning	Heating and air conditioning	
Supply	Bed linen and towels	
House cleaning	Daily cleaning - weekly change of towels and bed linen	
Laundry	Laundry service and wardrobe ¹	
Wi-Fi	Free WI-FI throughout the structure	
Shared spaces	Studying room- tutor room-library , pc rooms, newspaper library, lecture hall, cinema.	
Relax spaces	Living room with TBV, fitness room and various spaces for relaxation equipped with musical instruments such as guitars and pianos	
Parking	Internal parking area reserved for motorcycles and bicycles	

¹ There is an additional charge for laundry service: 5€/week.

B. PERSONALIZED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

In the college the personalized educational and training course is developed through a continuous dialogue that begins the first year of university with **tutoring** and continues with **coaching** to support the development of skills. This model, typical of the ALCANTARA Residence, is called CREATE and is designed for each student through a personalized plan of development of their skills and potentialities, respecting their commitments, first of all the study. It is a structured project that includes:



4. WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE ADMISSION

Male students who during the academic year 2026/2027 will enroll in any one-year degree (single-cycle, three-year-master degree) at Catania University or any University or other educational AFAM institutes in Catania, can apply for admission and they need to:

- a)** have passed the State Exam of secondary school with a score equal to or higher than 70/100 (for students enrolling in the academic year 2026-2027);
- b)** have an academic performance with a score not lesser than 24/30 (for students enrolling from the second year onwards in the academic year 2026-2027) or equivalent degree grade for those enrolling in the specialist degree;
- c)** have not turned 22 on the date of submission of the application, unless they are student enrolled in a doctoral course;
- d)** had not any criminal convictions and they have not ongoing criminal procedures.

The applications of those who do not possess the requirements **a)** and **b)** will be considered only in case of residual places.

The curriculum vitae must be attached to the application, including:

- **for students matriculate in the academic year 2026-2027**: copy of the baccalaureate with relative mark or, if they are not yet in possession, a self-certification attesting the passing of the State Exam with the relative mark, with the burden of subsequently integrating this documentation;
- **for the university student who in the academic year 2026-2027 who enrolls from the second year onwards**: copy of the certificate of all the exams taken with the relative dates, marks and number of credits (ECTS) or, in case it is not temporary in possession, a self-certification attesting the exams taken with the relative dates, votes and number of ECTS, with the burden of subsequently integrating this documentation;
- **for students already in possession of a three-year degree that in the academic year 2026-2027 enrolled in the specialist degree**: copy of the three-year degree with final mark or self-certification attesting the attainment of the degree, with indication of the vote with the burden to subsequently integrate this documentation.

For all students: you must also attach:

- ISEE certificate relating to family income for 2025;
- self-certification of the absence of criminal convictions;
- two passport sized photographs.

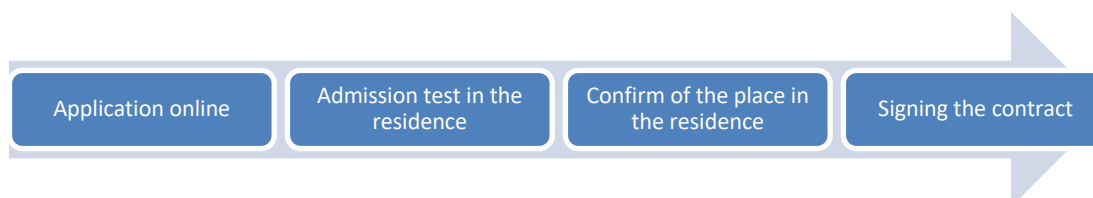
The lack of one of the requested documents may prejudice the admission to the competition.

5. METHODS AND TERMS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE APPLICATION

The admission process is structured as follows:

- application online in the platform <https://www.arces.it/candidatura-collegio-alcantara-2026-2027>
- admission test in the residence;
- confirming of the place in the residence
- signing the contract.

The deadline for the application online (point A) is **28/08/2026**.



6. THE ADMISSION TEST

The admission test consists of a questionnaire (to evaluate the motivations, the curriculum of studies, interests, extra-curricular experiences) and a subsequent individual interview to talk about the curriculum of studies and deepen professional projects, interests, motivations, extra educational activities, interpersonal skills.

In this interview, particular importance will be given to human, cultural and professional motivations. Preference will also be given to certified participation in voluntary work and possible language certification in foreign languages.

The assessment of the curriculum and questionnaire is entrusted to the Directorate of the ALCANTARA University Residence which has a maximum of 40 points of which: up to a maximum of 20 for the interview; 10 points for the questionnaire and 10 for the titles. The judgment of the Management is incontestable.

The candidate is also required to read the internal regulations (called "Essential points for the life in the Residence") and of the proposed educational and training project and to accept them.

The management reserves the right to interrupt or not renew the place of study in the event of non-compliance with the internal rules of residence.

7. FEES and SCHOLARSHIPS

The fee for the college is annual, from September 2026 to July 2027, and is equal to € 10,200 with accommodation in a single room and € 9,750 with accommodation in a triple room, to which must be applied reduction rates based on the scholarships provided.

TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP
INPS (EX INPDAP, EX ENAM, EX IPOST management) ¹	up to 100%
ENPAM ²	up to 60%
ARCES for income ³	over 40%
ARCES FOREIGN STUDENTS ⁴	Up to 40% for the first 2 foreign students admitted

1. **INPS (EX INPDAP, EX ENAM, EX IPOST management):** For information and requirements see the following paragraph 8 and the specific INPS call, annually published by INPS in June / July with expiration in August. It should be noted that in addition to participating in the INPS call for

applications, it is in any case necessary to pass the test as well admission to the Residence (see paragraph 6);

2. **ENPAM:** For information and requirements see the specific site of the institution www.enpam.it, in the section dedicated to the "Colleges of Merit". It should be noted that in addition to the question addressed to ENPAM, it is in any case it is also necessary to pass the admission test at the Residence (see paragraph 6);
3. **ARCES for INCOME:** managing body of the ALCANTARA Residence, in compliance with and in accordance with its statutory purposes, reserves the right to make scholarships available, to cover partial, to students who are not beneficiaries of other grants, depending on the ISEE group they belong to.
4. **ARCES for FOREIGN STUDENTS**, the managing body of the ALCANTARA Residence, to promote the climate within the Residence provides scholarships for an amount equal to 40% of the fee for the first two foreign students admitted to the Residence and wish to stay there for at least one semester.

8. INPS MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS (EX INPDAP MANAGEMENT, EX ENAM, EX IPOST)

Thanks to an agreement with the "University Colleges of Merit", the INPS annually announces a call to provide grants to cover tuition for university students admitted to the "University Colleges of Merit", which includes ALCANTARA Residence.

The INPS grants are intended for children and orphans:

- a) of Employees and retirees of the Public Administration assisted by the INPS - Management ex INPDAP;
- b) of those enrolled in Magistral Assistance, ex ENAM;
- c) of the members of the IPOST Ex Assistance.

The assignment of the place is bound to:

- the participation to the INPS call (which is published in June-July on www.inps.it expiring in August) and to the relative outcomes
- obtaining the place in the Residence through the admission test (see paragraph 6)

9. METHODS OF PAYMENT

Payment will be made monthly until the 5th of the month, from September to July (the residence will be closed in the month of August, as you can see in the "Economic Regulation" that is integral part of the agreement).

The payment must be made by bank transfer to:

E.M. ASSOCIAZIONE ARCES

IBAN: IT15V0200816910000300413857

BIC/SWIFT: UNCRITM1H39

10. RENEWAL OF THE STUDY PLACE

From year to year the place in the Residence will be renewed at the discretion of the Management, based on academic performance (score not lesser than 24/30 or equivalent degree mark for those enrolling in the specialist degree) and the percentage of Credits earned in previous academic year, as well as the participation in the proposed educational and training program; it will also be necessary to be in compliance with the payment of the fee. The renewal of the place for the following year will be mutually confirmed within the month of April on the basis of a specific application that every resident must fill in.

11. FALSE STATEMENTS

The candidate is aware that anyone who issues false declarations is punished under the mendacious and criminal code. (art. 46D.P.R. n.445/2000). Any facilitation obtained, in case of false declarations, will be considered void.

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