

IAERE Visiting PhD Scholarship 2026

The **Italian Association of Environmental and Resource Economists** (IAERE) is proud to announce the second edition of the **IAERE Visiting PhD scholarship** to support doctoral students developing their research in the field of environmental and resource economics.

The scholarship is open to all PhD candidates registered at the **10th IAERE School, which will be held on 15-18 September 2026, at the University of Ferrara.**

The total value of the scholarship is up to **€ 10.000,00**

Applicants must be enrolled in a PhD programme in Italian or foreign universities, or other higher education institutions, and must be members of IAERE throughout the duration of the scholarship (the application for the IAERE membership and for the scholarship can be done at the same time). The selected applicant will be required to participate in future Annual Conferences to present the results of the research developed during the visiting period.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

27 July 2026	Deadline for applications to IAERE Visiting PhD Scholarship
7 August 2026	Deadline for registration to IAERE Summer School
15-18 September 2026	10th IAERE Summer School

[Application Form](#)

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

- CV, including: Title, Name, Surname , Telephone number and Email
- Research project to be developed at the host institution, including:
 - Title
 - Abstract (max 100 words)
 - Literature review and research hypotheses (max 250 words)
 - Project structure: theoretical/conceptual reference model, empirical strategy, adopted data and methodology (max 500 words)
 - Expected scientific outputs (max 250 words)
 - Name of the hosting institution and acceptance letter stating the expected visiting period. If not available when submitting the application to the School, the acceptance letter can be sent later but before the beginning of the school to nicolo.barbieri@unife.it (subject: IAERE School 2026-award).
- Reference letter
- Document attesting the PhD scholar status
- Copy of ID

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed based on:

- Clarity and originality of the research
- Relevance and quality of the methodological approach
- Consistency between the research's objectives and the proposed methodology
- Ability to implement the project
- CV of the applicant
- Coherence of the project with the hosting institution

Incomplete applications or applications arriving after the closing date will not be considered.

The selection process will be implemented by the Evaluation Committee appointed by the IAERE Council. The Committee will not provide feedback on individual applications. The decision of the Committee is unquestionable.

The selected applicant will be announced at the end of the 10th IAERE School held on 15-18 September 2026, at the University of Ferrara.

The visiting period should start, at latest, within 3 months of the start date stated in the application form. Otherwise, the scholarship will be invalidated and reallocated.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be PhD candidates enrolled in Italian or foreign universities, or other higher education institutions
- Applicants must attend the 10th IAERE School
- Applicants must be members of IAERE throughout the duration of the scholarship (applicants may apply for the IAERE membership and for the scholarship at the same time)
- The visiting period should be in the range 6-12 months, in at least one host institution located in a country different from that in which the PhD candidate is enrolled
- The scholarship will only be allocated to the PhD candidate presenting the project
- Co-authored or team applications are not eligible

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

- IAERE funding shall be acknowledged in all reports, presentations, and publications¹
- The recipient of the scholarship will be required to participate at least to a future IAERE Annual Conference right after the end of the visiting period to present the results of the research
- The scholarship cannot be combined with other IAERE awards (i.e., IAERE Young Environmental Economist Award)
- The scholarship holder will be subject to the research rules and ethics of the host institutions
- In case of withdrawal from the scholarship, IAERE reserves the right to request the repayment of the amounts paid. Withdrawal requests shall be addressed to IAERE secretary by email (iaere@iaere.org)
- The total value of the scholarship is up to 10,000 €. In case of ex aequo, the scholarship will be divided among the awarded candidates
- A first payment (50% of the amount of the scholarship) will be paid at the beginning of visiting period. The final payment will be made at the end of the visiting period, after having received a report indicating the research activities, together with a certificate from the hosting institution attesting the actual visiting period

DISSEMINATION

IAERE wishes to have the opportunity to support all its researchers and therefore if any events or promotions are to be organised as a part of the research, IAERE should be alerted so that they may assist with communication and marketing.

IAERE requires the right to access all unpublished papers, records, data or collections resulting from the work carried out under the scholarship scheme, some of which may be

required for Annual Reports and Board Meetings. For clarity, this clause is intended to ensure that IAERE can maximise exposure of published outcomes from funded research and reference it within IAERE communication tools. It is not intended to require the sharing of information collected under conditions of anonymity and confidentiality (see below about GDPR). IAERE may, at any time, require detailed information on the results of work funded through the scheme for use in reports and financial audits.

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

IAERE values and encourages knowledge transfer and actively supports partnership and other schemes that enable this. Recipients of the scholarship are encouraged to ensure that the outcomes of this research investment are used to the benefit of the regional science community and should inform IAERE where research materials are deposited.

ETHICS, MISCONDUCT, AND LIABILITIES

IAERE accepts no responsibility for the views or opinions expressed by the scholarship holder, who maintains the responsibility to ensure that the research is organised and undertaken within a framework of best practice that recognises the various factors, including rigour, respect, and responsibility, that may influence or impact on a research project. The scholarship holder will be required to comply with the host institution ethics code.

The scholarship holder is responsible for any matters arising out of the process of a scholarship holder's research, the hosting institution or from the results of the research.

The scholarship holder and the host institution are responsible for any human resources related, health and safety issue (the host institution health and safety regulations will apply). IAERE accepts no responsibility for issues directly or indirectly resulting from the funded research, the scholarship holder or other organisations and individuals involved.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

It is the scholarship holder's responsibility to ensure that the research complies with all correct GDPR, the Data Protection Act and PECR (Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations).

¹ The financial support of the IAERE scholarship should be acknowledged when the research results are presented and in all publications. Where possible and appropriate, IAERE expects that datasets arising from the research will be deposited in a public repository and that the links to the dataset will be made known.