

Fulbright-Casten Family Foundation Award at the University of Gastronomic Sciences

- **Number of Awards:** 1
- **Application Deadline:** **October 17, 2011**
- **Grant Description:**

The Fulbright-Casten Family Foundation Award is intended for candidates with a special interest in the Slow Food movement and awareness of food culture and food sector issues. This award will allow the grantee to attend the Master in Food Culture Program: Communicating Quality Products at the University of Gastronomic Sciences (<http://www.unisg.it/eng/index.php>), Pollenzo campus.

The main goal of this English-language Master's is to provide students with knowledge about quality food products, as well as the communication and promotion of such products based on a thorough anthropological and historical study of food consumption, not only in Italy, but also the rest of Europe. The course combines theoretical knowledge acquired in the classroom with practical skills acquired during work experience and field trips. The Master's includes a full program of practical training (field seminars) during which students will discover the best foods and wines of a number of Italian regions and European countries.
- **Host Institution:**

Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche
Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, 9
fraz. Pollenzo - 12042 Bra (Cn)
University website: www.unisg.it
- **Grant Duration:**

The course will last one year beginning in September 2012 or in March 2013. The starting date of the Master's will be defined in Spring/Summer 2011.
- **Candidate Profile:**

Preference in this program is for graduating seniors. Candidate study project must be consistent with the University of Gastronomic Sciences' mission and program.
- **Language Requirement:**

Proficient knowledge of the Italian language, at the time of application, is strongly recommended, in view of social interaction and additional activities.

A proficient knowledge of the Italian language should comprise advanced comprehension, reading, writing and speaking abilities. At a minimum, this means that a candidate should have completed at least two years of college level study of the Italian language or its equivalent, at the time of application.

Language knowledge must be evaluated during the application process either by a college professor or university faculty member. On the Fulbright website at http://us.fulbrightonline.org/preparing_completinglanguage.html you can find detailed information on application and language evaluation.
- **Grant Benefits:**

The grant will cover costs in connection with participation in the Master's program: tuition, lodging in the university dorms, lunches, all planned *stages*, room, board and transportation associated with *stages*, required didactic material and participation in all events organized by the University of Gastronomic Sciences and Slow Food. The grantees will also receive a contribution towards the purchase of an international round-trip plane ticket.
- **Additional Benefits:**

The grantee will be covered by Health and Accident Insurance for the whole grant period, offered by *United States Department of State*. The Fulbright Commission will sponsor the entry visa to Italy for study purposes of the

grantee, as well as the residence permit for the grant period.

■ **Dependents:**

No dependent allowance is available. Candidates must ensure that they have sufficient funds to support accompanying dependents during their stay.

■ **How to apply:**

Fulbright US student scholarships are awarded through an annual merit-based competition administered in the US at the national level by the Institute of International Education - IIE, in collaboration with the Fulbright Commission in Italy.

Information on the Fulbright US Student Program, eligibility criteria, selection process, application, deadlines and competition timeline is available on the Fulbright US Student Program website at <http://us.fulbrightonline.org>. Applicants are required to submit the standard Fulbright application and are not requested to present a letter of affiliation with the University of Gastronomic Sciences.

The selected candidate will be requested to submit the application for the Master's program and complete enrolment procedures at the University of Gastronomic Sciences.

■ **Additional Info:**

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