

Fulbright Grant in Deafness for academic study, research and collaboration on new projects in Deafness-related fields

- **Number of Awards:** 1
- **Application Deadline:** **October 17, 2012**
- **Grant Description:** This scholarship allows graduate students to conduct research, to teach, and/or collaborate on new projects in deafness-related fields in Italy.
- **Grant Duration:** 4-6 months during academic year 2013-14 (usually second semester, especially for those projects that directly involve Italian schools).
- **Candidate Profile:** Deaf and hearing graduate students in deafness-related areas, with at least some experience in the area of the proposed project.
- **Grant Activity:** Proposals should involve research, teaching, and/or collaboration on projects aimed at:
 - Improving the lives of deaf and/or deafblind children; Improving the lives of deaf adults; Improving infrastructure accessibility for deaf individuals; Strengthening specific areas of expertise which are lacking in Italy

Examples include: Early intervention for deaf and/or deafblind children; deaf education; specialized teaching methods for deafblind children; bilingualism and biculturalism; school psychology; clinical psychology; counselling; theater education; art education; interpreter education; teaching ASL to deaf students; teaching English through ASL; developing tools that will contribute to creating a positive environment where deaf and/or deaf-blind people can enjoy free and total access to curriculum and the world around them.
- **Affiliation:** When developing proposals and for information regarding project ideas, feasibility and possible host institutions, applicants for grants in deafness are encouraged to contact :

Dr. Miriam Grottanelli de Santi, Director of the Siena School for Liberal Arts in Siena and President of the Mason Perkins Deafness Fund Onlus, Siena at m.grottanelli@sienaschool.com

Dr. Stefania Fadda, Director of the Centro Assistenza per Bambini Sordi e Sordociechi ONLUS (CABSS), Rome at stefania.fadda@cabss.it
- **Tuition** Tuition fees are not covered under this grant
- **Language Requirement:** Some knowledge of at least one romance language is required; preference will be given to candidates with some fluency in the Italian language. Fluency in American Sign Language (ASL) is required.
- **Grant Benefits:** The grant amounts to € 10.500. This sum includes a maintenance allowance of € 6.600, a settling-in allowance of € 1.300, a housing allowance of € 1.500 and a travel allowance of € 1.100. The grant is offered for one semester only and cannot be renewed. Interpretation services will be provided for the orientation sessions only.

- **Additional Benefits:** The grantee will be covered by a Health Care Benefit Plan 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. Cost for the release of the permit to stay will be borne by the grantee.
- **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 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>.
- **Additional Info:** For information about the grant, please contact Fulbright Commission staff:
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