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Fulbright Program to Italy for US Students a.y. 2013-14

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships

- **Number of Awards:** 3
- **Application Deadline:** **October 17, 2012**
- **Grant Description:**

The Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) Program, administered by the Italian Fulbright Commission in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) and the US Embassy in Rome, aims at strengthening English language instruction at Italian high schools by establishing a native-speaker presence to provide part-time assistance for 12-25 teaching hours per week to permanent teaching staff. English Teaching assistants work to improve students' English language abilities and knowledge of the United States' culture. At the same time, they are integrated in the host community and gain from intensive cross-cultural interaction.

Applicants should submit detailed descriptions of their study or career interests and also include well-thought-out and feasible project proposals. In addition to their English Teaching Assistant activities, grantees may enroll in academic courses each semester, if the regional assignment permits such activity, or engage in independent research related to their fields of study. These activities, combined with the Teaching Assistant responsibilities, will comprise a full-time program. Each host institution will tailor the assistantship to its language teaching needs and the grantee's background, academic interests, and abilities. Teaching assistant activities may include: serving as resource persons in conversation groups; providing small group tutorials; serving as attendants in language laboratories; giving talks related to American studies in English classes or civic/school organizations.
- **Grant Duration:** 9 months: October 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Grant dates must correspond to the school year in Italy. Fulbright English Teaching Assistants will be required to participate in a one-to-two day Orientation Program organized by the Fulbright Commission and the Ministry of Education, University and Research in early October. Fulbright English Teaching Assistants will be required to participate in a one-to-two day Orientation Program in October.
- **Candidate Profile:** Applications from students at all degree levels will be accepted, but strong preference will be given to applicants already possessing a BA degree at the time of application. Master's level candidates with the initiative, maturity, and self-reliance needed to assist in teaching English language and American studies to Italian students in high schools as well as applicants with teaching background are encouraged to apply.
- **Affiliation:** The Commission will match the grantee with the appropriate educational institution. Details of assignments will be subject to communication between the Fulbright Commission and the school and based on the academic profile of the selected candidate, the school's needs, and the grantee's research or study requirements. Each host institution will tailor the assistantship to its language teaching needs and the grantee's background, academic interests, and abilities. Placement and details of teaching duties will be communicated after selection.
- **Language Requirement:** A good knowledge of Italian is strongly recommended, but at least basic facility in Italian is required. Successful candidates must be articulate native English-speakers.

- **Grant Benefits:** The grant amounts to € 12.800. This sum includes a maintenance allowance of € 9.900, a settling-in & housing allowance of € 1.800 and a travel allowance of € 1.100. The grant is offered for one academic year only and cannot be renewed for subsequent years.
- **Additional Benefits:** The grantee will be covered by an 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 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>.
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