

Grants in All Disciplines

Award # 8224

Grant Category: Teaching, Research, Teaching/Research

- Number of Awards:** Six grants
- Discipline and specialization:** Open to **all academic disciplines** and specializations in the **humanities, sciences, social sciences and the arts**, with a preference for projects on contemporary topics.
- Grant period and activity:** Four months. Grant period must be agreed with the host institution. Grants may begin any time after September 1, 2018 and must be completed by June 30, 2019. Possible exceptions should be agreed with the host institution.

Conduct research/teaching at the Italian university or research center of affiliation, or any other appropriate institution, and give occasional lectures or seminars at various Italian universities.

During the Fulbright grant, the scholar may be also invited to take part in academic meetings, conferences, seminars and other program-related activities organized by Italian or European universities, under the Fulbright Inter-Country Program (<http://www.fulbright.it/fulbright-intercountry/>).
- Qualifications:** Open to academics only, faculty members in all academic ranks. Ph.D. required (or equivalent terminal degree such as MFA, JD, or MD), as well as 7 years of teaching experience
- Language:** Teaching and Teaching/Research Grants: Italian language fluency may be required for teaching depending on the host university's preference. Conversational Italian is helpful, even for those who will be able to teach in English.
Research Grants: Italian language proficiency sufficient to complete the research project is required. For applicants without local language proficiency, feasibility of conducting the project must be demonstrated in the project statement.
- Affiliation with host institution:** Candidates must arrange affiliation and include letter of invitation from the host institution in support of the candidacy. It is advisable that the letter include:

 - ❖ a description of the research project and other scientific/academic activities for which the candidate is invited by the host institution
 - ❖ a description of the host's interest in the research project and how it will benefit the host institution
 - ❖ name of the inviting faculty/researcher with whom the candidate will collaborate during the research period
 - ❖ the start date and length of the research period
 - ❖ a description of facilities and resources offered by the host institution (i.e. laboratories, equipment, libraries, archives, computing and IT facilities, logistic support, other facilities)

The letter should be preferably written by the Dean of the Faculty/Head of the Department or Director of the inviting institution and/or by the inviting professor. Affiliation with a university in the South of Italy is encouraged.

Grantees will be required to live in the city where the host institution is located.

- Project proposal:** Applicants should submit a detailed project proposal in the Fulbright US Scholar application, and are encouraged to include documentation demonstrating access to research facilities in Italy such as laboratories, archives, libraries and other research facilities.
- Award benefits:** The grant amounts to € 10.700. This sum includes a maintenance allowance of € 9.600 and a travel allowance of € 1.100. The grantee will be covered by Health and Accident Insurance for the whole grant period, provided to participants in the Fulbright cultural exchange Program by the *United States Department of State*.
- How to apply:** Fulbright Scholar Awards to Italy are assigned through an annual competition administered at the national level in the US by the *Council for International Exchange of Scholars - CIES* in Washington DC, in collaboration with the Fulbright Commission in Italy. Potential candidates can apply online through CIES (<http://www.cies.org/application-login>). Information on the Fulbright US Scholar Program, catalogue of awards, eligibility requirements, tips, guidelines and resources for applying, review criteria, selection and competition timeline is available on CIES website at <http://www.cies.org/program/core-fulbright-us-scholar-program>.
- Application Deadline:** August 1, 2017

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Resources on the Italian university system and research:

- ❖ MIUR - Ministry of Education, Universities and Research - www.istruzione.it and <http://www.miur.it/guida/guide.htm>
 Italian Government - Ministry of Education, Universities and Research
- ❖ CRUI - Conference of Italian University Rectors - www.cru.it
 National Conference of Italian state and private universities
- ❖ ENIC-NARIC network - www.enic-naric.net/index.aspx?c=Italy
 Italy Country page on the ENIC-NARIC network of European Information Centers on academic recognition and mobility
- ❖ Ricerca Italiana - www.ricercaitaliana.it
 National portal on the world of Italian Research
- ❖ ICCU - www.iccu.sbn.it
 National Institute for the Italian Library Catalogue

Travelling to Italy

- ❖ ITALIA - www.italia.it
 Discover Italy - info, ideas and resources for the travel to Italy
- ❖ CULTURA ITALIA, Un patrimonio da esplorare - www.culturaitalia.it
 Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities - Cultural paths and resources from the world of Italian culture