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### Now Accepting Applications For Fulbright-Falcone-NIAF Program

**(Washington, D.C. – June 23, 2017)** The **National Italian American Foundation (NIAF)** is now accepting applications for its Fulbright-Fondazione Falcone-NIAF Scholarship in Criminology for 2018-2019. In its third year, this collaborative scholarship program, formed in cooperation with the **Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone** and the **Fulbright Program in Italy**, provides funding for one American student and one Italian student to carry out research for 6-9 months in criminology.

“The National Italian American Foundation is proud of the partnership with the U.S. State Department to administer the Fulbright-Fondazione Falcone-NIAF grant. This is a great example of the valuable exchange opportunities for American and Italian students,” said **John M. Viola**, NIAF president and chief operating officer.

“The Fulbright Commission in Italy is proud of having partnered with the Fondazione Falcone and the National Italian American Foundation to carry out the legacy of Judge Falcone and promote the Rule of Law in younger generations,” said **Paolo Sartorio**, executive director of the U.S.-Italy Fulbright Commission. “This is an especially valuable program because it allows youth of both nationalities to benefit of this opportunity thus contributing to strengthening the U.S.-Italy relations.”

Ideal applicants will be students with future plans for academic or professional careers in the field of Law and Criminology, as well as a special interest in relevant issues related to Sicily and the promotion of the rule of law. Candidates with projects involving interdisciplinary studies related to Criminology, such as Law, Economics, Sociology, Education or Anthropology, are encouraged to submit applications. Preference will be given to graduate students.

The American recipient will work with the Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone in Palermo, Italy; the Italian recipient will conduct research at a university in the United States. Full details on the program and the application process can be found at <http://www.niaf.org/programs/fulbright-fondazione-falcone-niaf-program/>. **The deadline for American applicants is October 6, 2017. The deadline for Italian applicants is February 16, 2018.**

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**The Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone** was established in Palermo, Italy, in 1992, to sponsor cultural activities, studies and research that promote the development of anti-mafia culture in society and, in particular, among young people.

**The Fulbright Program in Italy** promotes study, research and teaching opportunities in Italy and the United States through a program of scholarships for Italian and U.S. citizens.