

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

- **Number of Awards:** 2
- **Application Deadline:** **October 8, 2019**
- **Grant Description:**

The Fulbright-Casten Family Foundation Awards are intended for candidates with a special interest in the Slow Food movement and awareness of food culture and food sector issues. Grantees will attend the “Master in Gastronomy: World Food Cultures and Mobility” at the University of Gastronomic Sciences, Pollenzo campus during the 2020-21 academic year.

 - 1st level post-graduate Master's degree (according to the Italian Law)
 - 90 European Academic Credits (1 credit = approx. 25 hrs. of student work)
 - Duration: November 2020 – February 2022
 - 10 months of class lectures, workshops, and field trips
 - 4 final months for an internship or a final research project

Objectives

The Master's programs intend to train post-graduate students to become holistic gastronomes, i.e. gastronomes, who are able to understand and critically reflect upon food cultures and history, food anthropology and ecology, and sensory and aesthetic features linked to local food productions, gastronomies, and their attached "sociabilities." The specific aim of the Master's program is to provide students the means for becoming professionals, who will be cultural mediators in the food production, distribution, marketing/communication, as well as in the educational and food policies arenas. The Master programs will use the case of the Italian food culture and system (GCI) and of the gastronomies of the world (GCW) to enlighten global issues related to culture, sustainability, and food justice inspired by the fundamental principles of the international movement Slow Food (Good, Clean, and Fair).

Structure

Class lectures on the most salient current topics in Food Studies, delivered by forefront international scholars and experts:
Food History, Food Anthropology, Food and Sustainability, Food and Public Health, Food Philosophy, Food Psychology, Food Writing, Food Photography

Class lectures:

- African Gastronomy
- North American and Caribbean Gastronomy
- South American Gastronomy
- Pacific Gastronomy

3. Tasting Workshops on the most important 15 worldwide food products (approx. 100 hours), i.e., Wine, Beer, Bread, Cured Meat, Cheese, Teas, Chocolate

4. Five study trips in Italy, Europe, and outside Europe

5. Final 4-months internship or research project.

Teaching & Learning Strategy:

Students will work on designing and conducting ad-hoc projects, to write self-reflective papers on their education experiences (both in the class, in the workshops, and in the field).

- **Host Institution:** Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche
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fraz. Pollenzo - 12042 Bra (Cn)
University website: www.unisg.it
- **Grant Duration:** November 2020 -- February 2022. Exact starting and ending dates will be defined in Summer 2019.
As indicated above, this period includes **10 months** of class lectures, workshops and field trips **and 4 final months for an internship to be held in Italy or a final research project.**
- **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> 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 lump-sum travel allowance towards the purchase of an international round-trip plane ticket.
The grant will cover also housing costs during the internship or research period provided the grantees stay at UNISG.
- **Additional Benefits:** The grantees will be covered by a limited 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 grantees.
- **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 **must not present a letter of affiliation with the University of Gastronomic Sciences**.

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

■ **Entry Visa**

Grantees must enter Italy on a study visa covering the authorized length of grant.

Basic information about visas and their application process is available at <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

The possibility to stay for longer periods and/or being accompanied by dependents is subject to the provisions and restrictions of Italian Law.

■ **Additional Info:**

For information about the grant, please contact Fulbright Commission in Rome:

- ❖ Barbara Pizzella, Senior Program Officer, bpizzella@fulbright.it
- ❖ Chiara Petrilli, Program Officer, cpetrilli@fulbright.it

For information about the program, you can contact Professor Simone Cinotto at UNISG, s.cinotto@unisg.it.