

Fulbright- Fondazione Falcone – NIAF Scholarship in Criminology

- **Number of Awards:** 1
- **Application Deadline:** **October 8, 2019**
- **Grant Description:** With the support of NIAF (National Italian-American Foundation), one grant is available for a U.S. graduate student to study and carry out research in criminology and the rule of law at the Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone in Palermo. The aim of this scholarship is to foster and strengthen exchanges in promoting the value of the rule of law and legality among young people and to promote the development of the anti-mafia culture in the society.
- **Grant Duration:** From 6 to 9 months. Candidates can opt for a grant for a period varying from six to nine months during the academic year 2020-21. Financial benefits will change depending on length of stay. The winner of this award will be required to be in Italy in May 2021 and to participate in the event organized by Fondazione Giovanni and Francesca Falcone that will be held in Palermo on May 23rd anniversary of the death of Judge Giovanni Falcone.
- **Candidate Profile:** This grant is intended for candidates with a special interest in relevant priority issues related to Sicily and the promotion of the rule of law. Best candidate for this award is a student with future plans for an academic/professional carrier in the field of Law and Criminology. Candidates with projects involving interdisciplinary disciplines related to Criminology, such as Law, Economics, Sociology, Education, Anthropology, are invited to submit the application. Applications must be consistent with the Fondazione “Giovanni e Francesca Falcone” mission and program. Preference will be given to students who are enrolled in a graduate program in Criminology at a university in the U.S. at the time of application. Familiarity with or deep knowledge of Sicily’s economic context and social background will be a priority selection requirement during candidate’s evaluation process. Candidates at the B.A., M.A. and PhD/JD level can apply for this award.
- **Some Notes on Fondazione “Giovanni Francesca Falcone” and NIAF:**

Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone:
Was constituted in December 1992 after the assassination of Judge Giovanni Falcone who was killed by the mafia in May 1992 (*Strage di Capaci*), together with his wife Judge Francesca Morvillo and three escort guards. According to the Statute, the principal aim of the Fondazione is to implement initiatives in order to contribute to a real permanent education to legality principles through social and cultural initiatives.
Further information on the Fondazione “Giovanni e Francesca Falcone” can be found at:
<http://www.fondazionefalcone.it/>

National Italian-American Foundation (NIAF)
The mission of NIAF is to serve as a resource for the Italian American Community; to preserve the Italian American heritage and culture; to promote and inspire a positive image and legacy of Italian Americans; and to strengthen and empower ties between the United States and Italy.
Further information on NIAF can be found at:
<http://www.niaf.org/>
- **Affiliation:** The grantee will be affiliated with Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone and will be introduced to various Italian institutions in Palermo/Sicily where

the project will be conducted. Applicants are not required to include a letter of affiliation with their application.

The grantee will need to obtain an entry visa to Italy for study (study grant) purposes for the whole duration of his stay in Italy.

At the end of the grant period, the grantee will be required to send a report on his/her experience to the Fulbright Commission in Rome, to be shared with Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone and with NIAF.

- **Tuition**

Tuition fees are not covered under this grant. The grantee will not be required to enroll at an Italian University.
- **Language Requirement:**

The candidate must have a proficient knowledge of Italian language at the time of application. Recommended 2/3 years of college-level study, or the equivalent, prior to commencing the grant.
- **Grant Benefits:**

The grant's amount will vary according to the duration of the grant period, as follows:

 - Euro 9.400 for a period of six months;
 - Euro 10.500 for a period of seven months;
 - Euro 11.600 for a period of eight months;
 - Euro 12.700 for a period of nine months.

In addition, the grantee will receive a travel allowance of € 1.100 towards roundtrip transatlantic air transportation USA-Italy-USA.
- **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>.
- **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:**

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