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Fulbright Program to Italy for US Students a.y. 2020-21

Fulbright Open Study/Research Awards in all Disciplines

- **Number of Awards:** 11
- **Application Deadline:** **October 8, 2019**
- **Grant Description:** Fulbright grants are offered to US citizens for study and research at the post-graduate level, at an Italian institution (i.e. university, research centre, library, archives and museums, or other institutions).
- **Grant Duration:** 9 months: October 5, 2020 to July 5, 2021 (to be confirmed). Fulbright grantees will be required to participate in a two day Orientation Program organized by the Fulbright Commission in mid-October.
- **Candidate Profile:** Candidates at all degree levels and in all fields of study are eligible: B.S./B.A. graduates or graduating seniors, master's and doctoral candidates, young professionals and artists.
Candidates whose projects are concerned with innovative and contemporary topics or whose projects are in Science and Technology; or who wish to enroll in courses held at Italian universities are particularly encouraged.
Preference will be given to candidates interested in conducting their research in a university /institution outside of large cities. Candidates interested in conducting their research in a university/institution in the south of Italy are also encouraged.
Preference will be given to students who are enrolled in a graduate program in the U.S. at the time of application.
- **Affiliation:** The role of the affiliation in the U.S. Student Program is to provide ongoing and substantive oversight and support to the grantee's project. Grantees will be required to have affiliations with accredited academic or research institutions in Italy.

Applicants must initiate contact with the host institution of preference and obtain a formal letter of affiliation between the applicant and the host institution. The letter should state that a host contact will be available during the grant year to mentor the applicant and/or supervise the applicant's work on the proposed project. While issuing the letter, the host contact must describe accurately the following points: 1) Origin of the collaboration; 2) Role of the Host Contact in the Candidate Project; 4) Possible enrollment of the candidate in classes held in English; 5) how the Host affiliation is planning to involve the Candidate in the Institution's activities; 6) Are the candidate and host contact planning to explore potential collaborations?; 7) access to facilities and resources; 8) collaboration with an ongoing project.

Please note that the U.S.-Italy Commission will contact the proposed host institution of semi-finalist candidates and request that the host contact confirm these arrangements.

Although encouraged candidates are not required to enroll in an Italian university; however, as indicated above, applicants must establish contacts and secure affiliations with an Italian university or research center.

Affiliations with U.S. institutions located in Italy are discouraged, and will be considered only if secondary to the affiliation with an Italian institution; and if "the faculty and student body of the school are primarily nationals of the host

country, with courses and research opportunities primarily in non-U.S. subjects.” (FFSB Policies)

Grantee's city of residence in Italy has to be the city of the host institution.

Applicants enrolling in an Italian university must follow the enrollment procedure through the Italian diplomatic missions in the United States. Information can be downloaded from the following websites: www.esteri.it (see section, “Benvenuti in Italia”) or www.ambwashingtondc.esteri.it (see section, “Information and Services” – Consular Services).

For information about Italian universities, please consult, “Guide to Higher Education in Italy” at <http://www.miur.it/guida/guide.htm>, or <http://www.university.it/index.php/>.

■ **Music and Arts:**

Candidates should establish contacts with Italian specialists in their fields teaching at Italian institutions (conservatories of music, art academies or private institutes) and request a letter of affiliation. The Commission does not accept music and art students who wish to study exclusively with private teachers. In no case will the Fulbright Commission make financial provisions to pay for private lessons. Additional personal funds will be required to cover costs for private lessons, practicing facilities, studio space, purchase of materials, etc.

Applicants in the creative and performing arts will also be considered for the Fulbright/Miguel Vinciguerra Award made possible by a trust established by Miguel Vinciguerra.

■ **Tuition**

Tuition fees are not covered under these grants

■ **Language Requirement:**

Proficient spoken and written Italian commensurate with the project is required at the time of application. Language study begun after applying is considered insufficient. The Fulbright Commission will make no provision for Italian language instruction.

On the Fulbright application, applicants should include the Language Self-Evaluation and a Foreign Language Evaluation by a professional language instructor in relation to their language proficiency.

■ **Grant Benefits:**

The grant amounts to € 13.800. This sum includes a maintenance allowance of € 9.900, a settling-in allowance of € 1.300, a housing allowance of € 1.500 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 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 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>.

- **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.

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Resources on the Italian university system and research:

- ❖ MIUR - Ministry of Education, Universities and Research - www.istruzione.it
Italian Government - Ministry of Education, Universities and Research
- ❖ CRUI - Conference of Italian University Rectors - www.crui.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