



**COMMISSIONE PER GLI SCAMBI CULTURALI
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The US - Italy Fulbright Commission**

**FULBRIGHT CHAIR IN ITALIAN STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
Academic Year 2020-2021**

General Grant Information

Grant Length: One semester

Requested Discipline: Includes but is not limited to History; History of Art and Architecture; Italian Literature; Film Studies. (Any disciplines within the humanities and/or social sciences will be considered). Broad multi- or inter-disciplinarity is encouraged.

Specialization(s) (discipline and subdiscipline): Open – especially gender studies, cultural studies, literary theory/criticism, EU studies, film or media studies

Number of courses: one

Preferred Terms Spring Term 2021

Dates: January 4, 2021 – May 1, 2021

Reporting date: January 4, 2021

Language

English language required, good level required, excellent level recommended.

Students will be expected to read and discuss course materials in English, unless the course is an Italian literature course. English proficiency is thus required.

Grant Activity

Course 1

Focus: Italian or European history, culture, or politics with a preference for interdisciplinarity (i.e., cultural studies, gender studies, media studies, European/European Union studies, etc.)

Type: seminar

Level: undergraduate students, upper-division, no pre-requisites

Teaching load: 3 hours/week/15 weeks (with at least 2 hours additional/week as designated office hours for students meetings outside the classroom)

Average class size: 25 students

Course and syllabus requirements: No pre-requisites required; examples of standard syllabi will be provided upon request. Expectations for course should be spelled out and grading procedures/evaluation methods clearly delineated. Reading load consistent with other courses at the same level (faculty will advise in advance). For more details please contact adelnore@pitt.edu.

Course focus is up to the instructor, though special consideration will be given to how the course would fit into previously existing course offerings at the University (see <http://www.courses.as.pitt.edu/>).

Course 2 (not required – at Visitor’s discretion)

Focus: a one-credit language “trailer” in Italian

Type: discussion

Level: undergraduate

Teaching load: 1 hour/week

Average class size: 10 students

Course and syllabus requirements: offering a formal period for discussion in the target language (Italian) of materials related to primary course being offered concurrently (interested students register separately).

Additional grant activities and duties

Student advising and tutorials

Opportunities offered to the scholar

The visiting professor would be affiliated with the European Studies Center (ESC, recognized as a Jean Monnet Center of Excellence in EU studies and a U.S. Dept. of Education National Resource Center in West European Studies) and would be invited to participate in the many activities (lectures, panel discussions, conferences) that we organize (see www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc). In addition to the ESC, the Departments of French and Italian, History, and History of Art and Architecture would help coordinate networking and collaborative projects.

The ESC would host a lecture and reception in honor of the visiting scholar. Depending upon scholarly interests, we would work with the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and other local groups to arrange lectures for the business or cultural community and could also (if the scholar were interested) coordinate visits to local public elementary and secondary schools.

Every effort is made to integrate visiting scholars into the intellectual and social life of the University and the wider Pittsburgh community. Pittsburgh is a vibrant city with an active arts and theatre culture. National Geographic Traveler named Pittsburgh one of the Top Best Places to visit in 2012, the Today

Show and jetsetter.com included it in the Top Travel Destinations of 2013. In 2014, The Atlantic ranked Pittsburgh as one of the ten best “places to pursue the American dream.” For more, please see <http://www.visitpittsburgh.com/media/press-kit/pittsburgh-rankings/>.

For a video about our recent Italian Fulbrighter’s experience, see: <https://youtu.be/9vr7v0UBusg>

University Resources and Facilities

Library facilities

Office space

Access to computer network and other IT resources

Facilitated access to other on campus resources (sports and cultural facilities such as theatre, concerts, language courses, etc.)

Visiting Distinguished Fulbright Chairs are provided with office space and access to computer network. A desktop personal computer may be arranged, though most visitors find it preferable to bring a laptop with a familiar keyboard. Once a Pitt ID has been issued, visiting scholars receive access to Port Authority bus transportation/University transportation system, full borrowing privileges at campus libraries, access to campus fitness facilities for staff/faculty, and discounts to cultural events in the city of Pittsburgh (through PittArts).

Note that the Pitt ID can only be issued AFTER a visiting faculty member has been put on payroll, which can only happen AFTER the visitor obtains a Social Security number. The process to obtain a SSN can only be begun after the official activation date and may take 2-4 weeks.

Housing

Housing is available off campus, within convenient distance for walking, biking, or public transportation (free with Pitt ID). Typically monthly rent = \$1,400 – 2,500 /month for an independent 1-2 bedroom apartment, though there are less costly options available for studio apartments or apartment shares. The staff of the ESC will gladly provide contacts and leads to the visiting professor to assist him/her in locating acceptable housing.

Additional Benefits

Visiting scholars receive a faculty ID card which entitles them to free public transportation throughout Pittsburgh, as well as discounts at most museums and cultural events throughout the city.

Stipend Payment

The \$9,000 USD stipend will be paid in monthly installments, beginning once the grantee has been processed by the Payroll Department at the University. Payments cannot be made until all paperwork has been completed and the visiting scholar receives a social security number from the U.S. government. Instructions for completing this process will be provided before arrival, but the process can only be initiated once the visiting scholar has arrived in the country. UCIS and ESC staff will do their best to expedite the process, but please be aware that there is typically a 4-6 week processing time after the official start date in Pittsburgh.

The \$3,000 USD housing stipend can be paid directly to the landlord/lessor. An official invoice will be required.

The Fulbright Commission will pay its financial contribution of \$9,000 to the Visiting Scholar in one lump sum upon his/her arrival in the United States.

Tax Matters

The stipends are subject to taxation under the U.S. Tax code and in accordance with tax treaties currently in existence. You will be required to report the stipend as income to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and expect taxes withheld up to 30% (depending on treaty status between U.S. and Italy).

Host Institution

Academic calendar

Fall semester runs from January 4, 2021 to May 1, 2021. Grades must be submitted by May 5, 2021.
<https://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/Extended%20Academic%20Calendar%202020-2021.pdf>

Host School/Department/Center - The European Studies Center (www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc) – University Center for International Studies with additional support from the Department of History of Art & Architecture, Department of History, Department of French & Italian

Web address of host institution - <http://www.pitt.edu/>

Helpful links <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc/content/information-prospective-visitors>

<http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/> <http://www.onlyinoakland.org> <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce>

<http://www.frenchanditalian.pitt.edu/> <http://www.history.pitt.edu/> <http://www.haa.pitt.edu/>

Contacts:

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Additional Information

Please see the Center's webpage, which includes a list of affiliated faculty.

<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc/>

<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc/content/affiliated-faculty>

<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc/content/information-prospective-visitors>

For a recent video featuring this past year's Italian Fulbrighter: <https://youtu.be/9vr7v0UBusg>