General Grant Information:

1. Grant Length: One semester (five months)

2. Requested Discipline: Includes but is not limited to European Union Studies; History; History of Art and Architecture; Italian Literature; Film Studies. (Any disciplines within the humanities/social sciences will be considered). Broad multi- or inter-disciplinarity is encouraged. Please review Pitt’s Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences to see covered departments/disciplines: [https://www.as.pitt.edu/departments-programs](https://www.as.pitt.edu/departments-programs).

3. Specialization(s) (discipline and subdiscipline): Open – especially gender studies, cultural studies, literary theory/criticism, translation studies, EU studies, film or media studies, Mediterranean Studies (or other transregional approaches)

4. Number of courses: one

5. Preferred Terms:
   
   Spring Term 2023

6. Start date: January 9, 2023
End date: May 3, 2023

7. Reporting date: January 3, 2023

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, Mediterranean studies, etc.). Interested candidates should review the list of courses offered in relevant departments and propose courses that complement or align with existing courses. (Links provided below.) Courses that can be offered in the Department of History, Department of Art History and Architecture, or the Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures are particularly encouraged. The departments have strengths and foci that are explicit on their respective websites. Prospective scholars should complement strengths and/or provide courses that would enrich existing offerings for students.

Type: seminar – meeting twice per week for 1 hour 15 minutes each meeting.

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

Teaching load: 3 hours per week for 15 weeks (with at least 2 hours additional per week as designated “office hours” for student meetings outside of the classroom.)
Average class size: 25

Course and syllabus requirements: No pre-requisites required. Example of standard syllabus provided. Expectations for course should be explicit and grading procedures/evaluation methods clearly outlined. Reading load consistent with other courses at the same level (varies across disciplines, but estimate 1 article or book chapter or 2-3 primary sources per class meeting)

Additional grant activities and duties

Student advising and tutorials: Regular office hours weekly to meet with students concerning the course and to answer their questions.

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 will host a lecture and reception in honor of the visiting scholar which will be co-sponsored by relevant departments across Pitt. 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.

- Introduction and interaction with the local and university community: 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 a previous Italian Fulbrighter’s experience, see: https://youtu.be/9vr7v0UBusg

- Other opportunities: The ESC coordinates a network of EU-funded Centers and Academic across the U.S. (Jean Monnet in the U.S.A) and could facilitate virtual or in-person talks at our partner institutions. For a complete list, see https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc/events/JMintheUS.

University Resources and Facilities: Please indicate which of the following resources and facilities will be available:

- 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 public transportation (Port Authority bus system) and the 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 - https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/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 must be found off campus and is the responsibility of visiting scholars to identify and secure. Suitable accommodation is generally available 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 and will advise as much as possible, but is not responsible for securing 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. See https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/pittarts/ to learn about faculty and staff discounts for performances via PITT ARTS.

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 9, 2023 to April 27, 2023 (subject to change). Grades must be submitted by May 3, 2023. https://www.registrar.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/Extended%20Academic%20Calendar%202023.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/
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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 one of our most recent Italian Fulbrighters: https://youtu.be/9vr7v0UBusg

The University Center for Teaching and Learning is a resource for any faculty member (including visiting faculty) at the University. In addition to providing one-on-one support, they also have information online to help faculty develop syllabi. See https://teaching.pitt.edu/resources/syllabus-checklist/ for a list of required syllabus statements, suggested content, and the recommendations for what should be included on a syllabus at Pitt. In addition, we have provided two sample syllabi (one from a social science course and one from a humanities course) to provide some insights into how much reading one should expect to assign students for an upper-division course. Additional examples can be provided if requested.