



**Fulbright Chair in Italian Studies
Northwestern University
Academic Year 2023-2024**

General Grant Information:

1. Grant Length: Two quarters (one course each), with an option to teach two courses in one quarter, depending on the candidate's preference and the department's teaching needs.
 2. Requested Discipline: Italian Studies
 3. Specialization(s) (discipline and sub discipline): Any field in the discipline of Italian Studies: literature, history, cinema, art, cultural studies
 4. Number of courses: Two
 5. Preferred Term: Most likely Winter and/or Spring Quarters, in consultation with the department chair and in consideration of other departmental course offerings.
 6. Start date: To be determined (depending on the length of the teaching)

End date: no later than 06/30/2024
 7. Reporting date: Approximately one week before the start of the teaching Quarter
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Language:

Very good to excellent spoken English required.

One course will be taught in Italian (primary sources/texts should also be in Italian), and one course in English (primary sources and texts in English translation). Please note that, while their aural abilities are excellent, many of our students in Italian have a basic level of proficiency in written and spoken Italian. Consideration must be given to reducing the complexity, density, and/or length of readings and assignments in Italian that might be used in courses at the same level in Italy. Even 300-level courses in Italian must be based on a limited number of texts that are accessible to students who are still mastering the language.

Grant Activity:

Course 1

Focus: Any aspect of Italian or Italophone history, culture, literature, art, society, political, or social thought

Type: Lectures and seminars/discussions

Level: Undergraduate

Teaching load: Three hours per week; 1 of which is usually discussion based (seminars). Office hours: one to two hours per week.

Average class size: Some classes in English may recruit up to 35 students, but the majority of classes are usually capped at max. 15.

Course and syllabus requirements: Syllabi must provide detailed weekly schedule and be ready for students to consult on the first day of class. Syllabi must include a definition of requirements and assignments as well as required and suggested readings. Attendance policies must also be specified, deadlines must be clearly stated. The professor must be ready to provide grading scales and rubrics for their assignments. Information on Office Hours should be included. Northwestern's virtual platform is 'Canvas'. The scholar will be given access to their courses on Canvas and will be able to develop this as much as they need to. As stated, in the case of the course in Italian, reading assignments must be accessible to students with a still developing proficiency in Italian. Some supplementary readings in English, or English translations, may be helpful, although the primary texts, teaching, and discussion should be in Italian.

Course 2

Focus: Any aspect of Italian or Italophone history, culture, literature, art, society, political, or social thought

Type: Lectures and discussions/seminars

Level: Undergraduate

Teaching load: three hours per week; 1 of which is usually discussion based (seminars). Office hours: one to two hours per week.

Average class size:

Some classes in English may recruit up to 35 students, but the majority of classes are usually capped at max. 15.

Course and syllabus requirements: Syllabi must provide detailed weekly schedule and be ready for students to consult on the first day of class. Syllabi must include a clear definition of goals, requirements and assignments as well as required and suggested readings. Attendance policies must also be specified, deadlines must be clearly stated. The professor must be ready to provide grading scales and rubrics for their assignments. Information on Office Hours should be included. Northwestern's virtual platform is Canvas. The scholar will be given access to their courses on Canvas and will be able to develop this as much as they need to. As stated, in the case of the course in Italian, reading assignments must be accessible to students with a still developing proficiency in Italian. Some supplementary readings in English, or English translations, may be helpful, although the primary texts, teaching, and discussion should be in Italian.

Additional grant activities and duties

No additional duties. Scholar is requested to provide 2 hours per week to meet with individual students, also by appointment. Scholar will be invited to give a talk on a topic of the scholar's choosing to faculty, students and the university community.

Opportunities offered to the scholar

Opportunities to meet and share with peer scholars depending on the scholar's interests and the availability of colleagues at Northwestern.

The University can assist the Fulbright Lecturer in making inquiries in the Chicago area to seek out contacts and collaborations with other institutions.

The scholar will give a public lecture that will introduce them to the departmental and university community. We will also suggest colleagues for the scholar to contact based on the scholar's interest, and we will help to facilitate those contacts within Northwestern.

Past Fulbright Lecturers have offered talks within the Northwestern community, at other academic institutions in Chicago, at the Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Chicago, and at other universities nationally

The scholar will be free to explore libraries and institutions throughout the Chicago area, including the Newberry Library and libraries of the University of Chicago. The cultural life of Chicago is also quite rich.

University Resources and Facilities:

- Secretarial/student assistance
- Library facilities
- Office space
- Personal computer: arrangements can be made to provide a temporary computer, if needed. The scholar will need a laptop to use Northwestern technology tables.
- Access to computer network and other IT resources
- Access to university canteen: All food is payable à la carte.
- Facilitated access to other on campus resources: The university ID makes one eligible to join the NU recreation center for a nominal fee. Membership provides access to the Henry Crown Sports Pavilion, Norris Aquatics Center and all fitness classes as well as discounts for many NU Recreation services and classes.

Housing:

The University is happy to provide advice on finding off campus accommodation through short term rentals, hotels, or Airbnb. Accommodation prices for a furnished flat might range from 1500 to 3000 dollars (all inclusive).

Stipend Payment:

Salary of \$11,000; Research and housing allowance of \$6,000

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:

Payroll: <https://www.northwestern.edu/hr/essentials/pay-taxes/foreign-nationals/index.html>

Host Institution:

Academic calendar: <https://www.registrar.northwestern.edu/calendars/planning-calendars.html>

Host School/Department/Center: Department of French and Italian, Weinberg College, Northwestern University

Web address of host institution: <http://www.frenchanditalian.northwestern.edu/>

Helpful links: <https://www.northwestern.edu/>
<http://www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/>
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