



5 FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS TO ITALY

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GRANT DESCRIPTION

The Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) Program aims to strengthen English language instruction at Italian educational institutions by establishing a native-speaker presence to provide part-time assistance for between 12 and 16 teaching hours per week to permanent teaching staff. At the same time, U.S. participants will gain from intensive cross-cultural interaction and international educational and/or research opportunities at Italian institutions.

Applicants should submit detailed descriptions of their study or career interests and also include well-thought-out and feasible project proposals. In addition to their English Teaching Assistant activities, grantees may enrol in academic courses each semester, if the regional assignment permits such activity, or engage in independent research related to their fields of study. These activities, combined with the Teaching Assistant responsibilities, will comprise a full-time program. Each host institution will tailor the assistantship to its language teaching needs and the grantee's background, academic interests, and abilities. Teaching assistant activities may include: serving as resource persons in conversation groups; providing small group tutorials; serving as attendants in language laboratories; giving talks related to American studies in English classes or civic/school organizations. English Teaching assistantships may include home-stays with Italian families.

NUMBER OF AWARDS: Up to 5 awards to be offered.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Master's level candidates with the initiative, maturity, and self reliance needed to assist in teaching English language and American studies to Italian students in high schools or elementary schools are encouraged to apply. Applications from students at all degree levels will be accepted, but strong preference will be given to applicants already possessing a BA degree at the time of application. Additionally, applicants with teaching background are encouraged to apply.

GRANT DURATION/PERIOD:

9 months. Mid-September to the end of May. (Grant dates must correspond to the school year in Italy.) Fulbright English Teaching Assistants will be required to participate in a one-to-two day orientation program organized by the Fulbright Commission in early October.

GRANT BENEFITS

The grant amounts to €12.800. This sum includes a maintenance allowance of €9.900, a settling-in & housing allowance of €1.800 and a travel allowance of €1.100. The grantee will be covered by Health and Accident Insurance for the whole grant period, provided by *United States Department of State*.

AFFILIATION

The Commission will match the grantee with the appropriate educational institution. Details of assignments will be subject to communication between the Fulbright Commission and the school and based on the academic profile of the selected candidate, the school's needs, and the grantee's research or study requirements.

LANGUAGE

A good knowledge of Italian is strongly recommended; basic facility in Italian is required. Successful candidates must be articulate native English speakers.

DEPENDENTS

The Fulbright Commission does not provide maintenance for dependents. Candidates must ensure that they have sufficient funds to support accompanying family members during their stay.

ENTRY VISA TO ITALY

The Fulbright grantee will need to obtain a visa for study purposes (*visto per studio*) for the whole duration of his/her stay in Italy. The Fulbright Commission gives assistance to the grantees in the application for the visa and for a residence permit (*permesso di soggiorno*).

FURTHER INFORMATION

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