



FULBRIGHT CHAIR IN ITALIAN STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
Academic Year 2025-2026

General Grant Information:

1. Grant Length: One semester
2. Requested Discipline: Any of the Humanities or Social Sciences
3. Specialization(s) (discipline and sub discipline): European Traditions, with preference given to candidates who demonstrate a particular focus on one or more of the following themes: Big questions about Europe and humanity (e.g., questions related to migration, resilient democracies, sustainability, or Ukraine); human dignity; peripheries; memory and remembering; faith and religion in Europe.
4. Number of courses: 1
5. Preferred Terms (please underline chosen term):

Spring Term 2026
6. Start date: January 12, 2026 End date: May 17, 2026
7. Reporting date: January 8, 2026

Language:

English language required: excellent level recommended, even though courses offered within the discipline of Italian Studies (Italian history, culture, or language) can be taught in Italian.

Grant Activity:

Courses

Course 1

Focus: Depends on the field of the Chair. We invite course proposals within any discipline of the humanities or social sciences, with preference given to courses with a particular focus on one or more of the following themes: Big questions about Europe and humanity (e.g., questions related to migration, resilient democracies, sustainability, or Ukraine); human dignity; peripheries; memory and remembering; faith and religion in Europe.

Type: Seminars are more common but lectures are possible.

Level: Undergraduate

Teaching load: 3 hours / week

Average class size: 7-20

Course and syllabus requirements: Course description and title required by late August 2025 along with provisional syllabus. Final syllabus and detailed book list required by early October 2025

Additional grant activities and duties

Student advising and tutorials

Opportunities offered to the scholar

- Research and collaboration with peers
- Teaching or guest lecturing at other departments and other institutions in the city of affiliation of the scholar
- Introduction and interaction with the local and university community, especially through the Nanovic Institute for European Studies and the Center for Italian Studies

The Center for Italian Studies (and other related institutes at Notre Dame, including the Medieval Institute and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, among others) afford immense opportunities for engaging other faculty and finding common research interests. Italian Studies (see Italian Studies at Notre Dame) draws together about 30 faculty members, and sponsors regular academic lectures and events. The institutes have very active lecture and conference schedules, and sponsor research and initiatives; the Medieval Institute also has a wonderful, highly accessible library, a focal point for more than 60 medievalists on campus.

University Resources and Facilities:

- library facilities
- office space
- access to computer network and other IT resources
- access to university canteen: Pay per use
- facilitated access to other on campus resources (sports and cultural facilities such as theatre, concerts, language courses, etc.). Faculty pricing for performing arts center and some sports

Housing:

The University will pay the Scholar's housing expenses for on-campus housing for up to four family members. If on-campus housing is not available, the University will provide reimbursement up to the cost of the on-campus housing. The housing will be provided only for the duration of the one semester during the Scholar's teaching. If due to the Scholar's family size or the unavailability of on-campus housing, the Scholar shall pay any amount over the on-campus housing cost.

Additional Benefits:

The South Bend Bus Service (Transpo) is available for free with an active Notre Dame ID card

Stipend Payment:

Salary paid at the end of each month.

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:

Information on tax policies can be found here: <https://controller.nd.edu/tax/>

Host Institution:

Academic calendar: In spring 2026, the teaching term runs from January 12 to April 29, with reading days concluding on May 3 and exams concluding on May 8, and with a spring break (March 7-15) and an Easter break (April 3-6).

Host School/Department/Center: University of Notre Dame, Center for Italian Studies and Nanovic Institute for European Studies

Web address of host institution: <https://italianstudies.nd.edu> and <https://nanovic.nd.edu>

Helpful links: <https://romancelanguages.nd.edu> and <https://al.nd.edu>

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