

**ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL
MASSIMO BONAVIDA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
FOR MAJORS AND MINORS IN ITALIAN**



The Italian Cultural Center of Minneapolis/St. Paul and the Department of French and Italian announce the following scholarship to support study abroad in 2018-2019:

The Italian Cultural Center of Minneapolis/St. Paul Study Abroad Scholarship in Italian will provide program fee, housing, and airfare (up to \$3,000) for a student at the University of Minnesota, majoring or minoring in Italian. The student must use the Scholarship to support enrollment in a study abroad program in Italy that is approved by the Learning Abroad Center at the University, carrying at least 13 credits of coursework per semester while in Italy. This scholarship may be used during the student's junior year (Fall or Spring semester or both) or the Fall semester of the senior year.

- Recipients shall be in good academic standing and shall have demonstrated exceptional academic promise.
- Applicants should currently be sophomores or juniors in Spring 2018, intending to enroll in a study abroad program approved by the Learning Abroad Center for Fall 2018 and/or Spring 2019.

- Students are required to have completed at least 4 semesters of Italian before they begin their study abroad program.
- Students participating in programs for the summer only are not eligible to apply.
- This scholarship can be used only for the payment of program fee, housing, and airfare.
- Minimum GPA requirement: 3.25.

Application material must include the following:

1. An application form;
2. An unofficial transcript;
3. A letter of recommendation from the instructor who is best able to assess the applicant's academic and intellectual capacities; and
4. An application essay describing the applicant's engagement with Italian studies or culture and the life or career goals which this scholarship would make it possible for the applicant to attain.

The award selection will be made by a selection committee made up of faculty, staff, and alumni of the Department of French and Italian, in consultation with the Italian Cultural Center.

In an effort to forge a closer relationship with the student selected for this scholarship, the Italian Cultural Center asks the student to provide a brief, written monthly update to the ICC during the time the student is on the study abroad program. The update should consist of a description of or anecdote about something the student is doing during the study abroad program (150-200 words) and picture(s) (at least one per month). Suggested topics include not only classes but living circumstances, neighborhood of residence, favorite locations or activities in the city where the study abroad program takes place, learning outside of class, and travels within Italy. The update is to be posted on the ICC website and published in the ICC monthly newsletter. Students who wish to do so may later create a portfolio of these illustrated updates, as published in the newsletter, to list upon their resumes, to provide a starting point for informing future employers or teachers about the study abroad experience supported by the Scholarship.

Applications should be submitted to the Department of French and Italian, 314 Folwell Hall, by 4 PM on Friday, March 2, 2018.

For further information about the Scholarship, please contact Professor Susan Noakes, Director of Italian Studies at the University, at noake001@umn.edu or 612.624.0076. For information about study abroad programs in Italy approved by the Learning Abroad Center, please visit the Learning Abroad Center in Heller Hall or contact Jessica Hartnett, Associate Program Director, at hart0581@umn.edu or 612.626.6380.