



Fondazione Giorgio Cini onlus

“Vittore Branca” International Center for the Study of Italian Culture

“Benno Geiger” scholarship for studies on literary archives

Application deadline: 30 August 2019

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING THE “BENNO GEIGER” ARCHIVE OR OTHER LITERARY ARCHIVES AT THE FONDAZIONE GIORGIO CINI

PERIOD OF RESIDENCE: NOVEMBER 2019 – NOVEMBER 2020

Application deadline: 30 August 2019

The Giorgio Cini Foundation offers one **3-month residential scholarship** to enable **studies focused on the Benno Geiger Archive**, which is preserved and developed on the Island of San Giorgio, **as well as on other literary archives** held by the Foundation. The scholarship is in accordance with Elsa Geiger Ariè's will and are associated with the “Premio letterario Benno per la traduzione poetica”, an annual poetry translation prize, set up to commemorate her father.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

The 3-month residential scholarship (not extendable) is offered to Italian and foreign graduates, postgraduates and postdoctoral researchers who must not be over 40 on 30 August 2019. The scholarships must be associated with a research residency at the “Vittore Branca” International Center for Studies of Italian Culture in the period from November 2019 to November 2020.

TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The residential scholarship is divided as follows:

- a gross sum¹ of 3,100 euros as a contribution to general expenses, travel and board, paid in deferred monthly installments at the end of each month residency period by bank transfer only;
- accommodation free of charge for three months in the Vittore Branca Center Residence on the Island of San Giorgio Maggiore and free use of the Vittore Branca Center facilities.

¹ Article 50, clause 1, letter c) of the Testo Unico delle Imposte sui Redditi includes among incomes considered to be similar to those of employed labor “sums paid by anyone in the form of a scholarship, check, prize or subsidy for the purposes of study or professional training, if the beneficiary is not bound by relations of regular employment to the provider of funds” (tax law in force as of this scholarship issue date). The net sum paid will thus vary according to the overall tax situation of the recipient of the payment.



WHAT THE VITTORE BRANCA CENTER HAS TO OFFER

The Vittore Branca International Center for the Study of Italian Culture offers the opportunity for **interdisciplinary exchanges with fellow scholars** attending the Center as well as with the academic community at the Fondazione Giorgio Cini.

Facilities and benefits include:

- a) **Libraries and Photo Library** at the Fondazione Giorgio Cini, specialized in art history, Venetian history, literature, music, dance, drama and early printed books. Vittore Branca Center scholars can enjoy advice by specialists and the possibility of borrowing books.
- b) **Cultural events** (seminars, conferences, exhibitions, concerts) organized by the Fondazione Giorgio Cini. Residents thus have the opportunity to explore the broader background to their own work.
- c) **The Residence** - situated in the grounds of the Island, the Residence can accommodate around 90 scholars in self-catering mini-apartments with a telephone, connection to Internet and shared laundry services. Kitchen facilities enable residents to economize on food expenses. The Residence is also equipped with reception, surveillance and cleaning services plus food dispensers. To encourage social life and exchanges of ideas, there are a number of shared spaces for use by all guests: living room, music room, fitness area and terrace.
- d) **Tutors** to assist scholarship holders in becoming familiar with the Island and its documentary and artistic heritage as well as offering guidance about the cultural offering of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini and the city of Venice.
- e) **Other services**, such as:
 - a work station with an Internet connection in the Nuova Manica Lunga, the Fondazione main documentary center;
 - an international newspaper library, available in the Residence living room;
 - social initiatives specifically aimed at residents;
 - guidance on the Venetian heritage and on how to use libraries and archives in the city of Venice.



OBLIGATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

To receive payment and to continue enjoying the benefits of a scholarship at the Vittore Branca Center, scholarship holders are expected to:

- **stay in the Vittore Branca Center Residence for three consecutive months** in a chosen period from November 2019 to November 2020. Trips for research purposes, attending conferences or work commitments related to the research project at the Vittore Branca Center must be documented in writing in advance and will not be added to the days of absence for personal reasons. Days of absence for personal reasons must not add up to more than 15 days. Absences are counted from Monday to Saturday, Sundays are excluded;
- **present their research project to the academic and professional community** at the Fondazione and **attend all presentations of other scholarship holders' research projects during their residency**;
- **report regularly to their academic tutor** on research work in progress and submit a written report of 10 pages on the status of their research project at the end of the research residency;
- **mention the scholarship**, using the exact wording, in their *curriculum vitae* and in any publications associated with their research at the Vittore Branca Center of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini.

HOW TO APPLY AND SELECTION

Candidates shall send their scholarship application in hard copy, complete with the required documents (see below), by registered post or courier to:

Fondazione Giorgio Cini onlus
Secretariat – Premio Geiger
Island of San Giorgio Maggiore
30124 Venice
Italy

Applications must be sent by August 30, 2019 with the following enclosed documents:

- **paper application form** – printed document;
- **degree certificate(s)** with marks for individual exams, or an equivalent or superior qualification – printed document;
- **a copy of a degree dissertation** (for PhD students) **or doctorate thesis** (for postdoctorate researchers) and copies of any other relevant academic works – digital document, saved on CD ROM, DVD or USB pen;



- **curriculum vitae**, including knowledge of languages – printed document;
- **research topic and a description** (around 1,500 words) **of the study program** that the candidate will follow, specifying aims, time scale, and materials and documents to be consulted at the Fondazione Giorgio Cini – printed document;
- **2 reference letters** from professors and scholars who supervise or have supervised the candidate (NB the letters shall be originals printed on headed notepaper of the relevant university or institution).
In case of need, reference letters could also be shipped separately to the Vittore Branca Center Secretariat – please write the candidate's name on the back of the envelope.

Both positive and negative results of the assessment of the scholarship applications will be communicated by the end of September 2019.

The scholarship will be awarded by the Fondazione with no right of appeal.

The Fondazione will not return any of the documents received.

Any candidates willing to have their documents back shall arrange a courier at their own expenses. Anyone who has already been awarded a scholarship to the Vittore Branca Center is not eligible to re-apply, whereas those who have applied but received no scholarship can apply again.

Venezia, 15 January 2019

Pasquale Gagliardi
Secretary General