

Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice  
“Vittore Branca” International Center for the Study of Italian Culture

**3 and 6  
month  
Scholarships  
announcement**

Application deadline: 31 January 2013

Info: <http://www.cini.it/en/centro-branca>



## THE VITTORE BRANCA INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF ITALIAN CULTURE SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

APRIL 2013 - APRIL 2014

**Application deadline: 31 January 2013**

### ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

The Vittore Branca International Center for the Study of Italian Culture offers two different kinds of scholarships to scholars wishing to spend a research period in Venice between April 2013 and April 2014:

- **TYPE A SCHOLARSHIPS – 3 scholarships worth 12,500 euros each for PhD students** who must not be over 35 years old on 31 January 2013, willing to spend **six months** doing **research** at the Vittore Branca Center;
- **TYPE B SCHOLARSHIPS – 6 scholarships worth 6,250 euros each for post-doctorate researchers** students who must not be over 35 years old on 31 January 2013, willing to spend **three months** doing **research** at the Vittore Branca Center.

The scholarships are offered to Italian and international<sup>1</sup> scholars wishing to further their studies of Italian culture – especially that of the Veneto – with an interdisciplinary approach in one of the following fields: art history, literature, music, drama, antique books, Venetian history and comparative cultures and spiritualities.

Candidates shall propose a research topic focused on the archives and documents kept in the Giorgio Cini Foundation in Venice.

For a guide to research topics of particular interest to the Foundation's Institutes and Research Centers, please visit: <http://www.cini.it/en/centro-branca/temi-di-ricerca>.

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<sup>1</sup> **Please note:** All international scholars who win a scholarship must have or obtain an Italian tax code, *conditio sine qua non* for the scholarship. Anyone staying in Italy for a long period must regularize their position with the relevant Immigration Office. The Giorgio Cini Foundation declines all responsibility for individual visas and stay permits.



## TYPE A SCHOLARSHIPS

**3 TYPE A six-month scholarships** are awarded to **PhD students** who must not be over 35 years old on 31 January 2013.

Each type A scholarship will be divided as follows:

- a gross sum<sup>2</sup> of **6,200 euros** as a contribution to general expenses, travel and board, paid in two equal installments at the end of two three-month periods by bank or postal order only;
- **accommodation free of charge** (the equivalent of the conventional cost of 6,300 euros) **for six months** in the Vittore Branca Center Residence on the Island of San Giorgio Maggiore and the **free use of the Branca Center facilities**.

## TYPE B SCHOLARSHIPS

**6 type B three-month scholarships** are awarded to **post-doctorate researchers** who must not be over 35 years old on 31 January 2013.

Each type B scholarship will be divided as follows:

- a gross sum<sup>3</sup> of **3,100 euros** as a contribution to general expenses, travel and board, paid in one installment at the end of the three-month period by bank or postal order only;
- **accommodation free of charge** (the equivalent of the conventional cost of 3,150 euros) **for three months** in the Vittore Branca Center Residence on the Island of San Giorgio Maggiore and the **free use of the Branca Center facilities**.

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<sup>2</sup> 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 31.07.2010). The net sum paid will thus vary according to the overall tax situation of the recipient of the payment.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibidem*.



## 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 Giorgio Cini Foundation. Facilities and benefits include:

- a) **The Libraries and Photo Library** in the Giorgio Cini Foundation, specialized in art history, Venetian history, literature, music, dance, drama and antique books. The libraries are equipped with a wi-fi Internet connection. Branca Center scholars can enjoy extended opening hours on weekdays, specialist advice and the possibility of borrowing books.
- b) **Cultural events** (courses, seminars, conferences, exhibitions, concerts, etc.) organized by the Giorgio Cini Foundation. This means, for example, musicologists can attend seminars of historical studies, while art historians can sit in on seminars on early music: both 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, Internet connection 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 a laundromat and food dispensers. To encourage social life and exchanges of ideas, there are a number of shared spaces for use by all guests: the common 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 Giorgio Cini Foundation and the city.
- e) **Various other services**, such as:
  - a work station with an Internet connection in the Nuova Manica Lunga, the Foundation's main documentary center;
  - an international newspaper library;
  - cultural initiatives specifically for residents;
  - guidance on the Venetian heritage and on how to use libraries and archives in the city of Venice.



## HOW TO APPLY AND SELECTION

Scholarship candidates must fill in the appropriate form, downloadable at [www.cini.it/centro-branca/borse-di-studio-centro-vittore-branca](http://www.cini.it/centro-branca/borse-di-studio-centro-vittore-branca), and send it, complete with the required documents, by registered post or courier to:

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Secretariat  
Vittore Branca Center for the Study of Italian Culture  
Island of San Giorgio Maggiore  
30124 Venice  
Italy

Applications must arrive **by 31 January 2013** with the following enclosed documents:

- degree certificate(s) with marks for individual exams, or an equivalent or superior qualification;
- a copy of a degree dissertation (for PhD students) or doctorate thesis (for post-doctorate researchers) and copies of any other relevant academic works (**NB** the latter can be sent in digital form on CD ROM or DVD);
- curriculum vitae, including knowledge of languages, and authorization to handle private data according to Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003;
- the 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 that will be consulted at the Giorgio Cini Foundation;
- **three** reference letters from professors and scholars who supervise or have supervised the candidate (**NB** the letters must be the originals printed on the headed notepaper of the relevant university or institution).

Candidates considered to be suitable on the grounds of the documents presented will be invited for an interview in Italian or English (possibly in video-conferencing) with one or more directors of the Giorgio Cini Foundation and may be asked to provide supplementary information.

The scholarships will be awarded by the Foundation with no right of appeal.

Both positive and negative **results of the assessment** of the scholarship applications will be communicated in **March 2013**.

The Foundation will not return any of the documents received.

Anyone who has already been awarded a scholarship to the Vittore Branca Center is not eligible to re-apply.



## OBLIGATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

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

- **stay in the Vittore Branca Center residence for three or six consecutive months** in a chosen period from April 2013 to April 2014. Trips for research, 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 total days absent for personal reasons. Days absent for personal reasons must not add up to more than 30 working days for the six-month residence and 15 days for three-month residence. Absences are counted from Monday to Saturday; Sundays are excluded.
- **present their research project to the academic and professional community** at the Foundation and possibly to all scholars and researchers at the Vittore Branca Center during the scholarship period;
- **report regularly to their academic tutor** on research work in progress and submit a three-monthly written report of 12 pages on the status of their research project;
- **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 Giorgio Cini Foundation.

Venice, 5 November 2012

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