

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

# Residential Scholarships in Venice

**Application deadline: June 10, 2021**

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

**RESIDENCY PERIOD: JANUARY - DECEMBER 2022**

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The Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice offers **10 residential scholarships**<sup>1</sup> to **PhD students** and **post-doc** students who must not be over 40 years old on June 10, 2021, interested in spending **two consecutive months in Venice** at the Vittore Branca International Center for the Study of Italian Culture between January and December 2022.

## SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

The residential scholarships are offered, within the interdisciplinary context that characterizes the Island of San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice to Italian and International scholars wishing to further their studies of **Italian culture** – especially that of the Veneto - in one of the following fields: **art history, Venetian history, literature, music, drama, early printed books and comparative cultures and spiritualities.**

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

**Information on Research Institutes and Centers:** [www.cini.it/en/institutes-and-centres](http://www.cini.it/en/institutes-and-centres)

**Access to Digital Archives** at Fondazione Giorgio Cini: <https://archivi.cini.it/>

**Research in the Library catalogues:** [www.cini.it/biblioteche#servizi](http://www.cini.it/biblioteche#servizi)

**Research guidelines** of particular interest: [www.cini.it/en/vittore-branca-center](http://www.cini.it/en/vittore-branca-center)

It is possible to contact Institutes and Centers Specialists to learn more about the materials held in the Fondazione Giorgio Cini libraries: please contact [centrobranca@cini.it](mailto:centrobranca@cini.it) for orientation.

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<sup>1</sup> The residential scholarship covers accommodation in a single room of the Residence for two consecutive months. Travel cost and cost of stay will be at each student's expenses.



## THE VITTORE BRANCA CENTER

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:

- **Libraries and Photo Library** at the Fondazione Giorgio Cini, specialized in art history, Venetian history, literature, music, dance, drama, early printed books, comparative cultures and spiritualities. Libraries have wi-fi connection. Vittore Branca Center scholars can enjoy advice by specialists, they can choose a working place and they have the possibility of borrowing books.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

**PLEASE NOTE that, due to the pandemic, some services and spaces may be subject to variation according to Italian law during the scholarship holder's residency.**

Scholarship holders are expected to:

- **stay in the Vittore Branca Center Residence for two consecutive months** in a chosen period from January 2022 to December 2022. 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.
- **present their research project to the academic community** at the Fondazione and attend all presentations of other scholarship holders' research projects during their residency;



- **report regularly to their tutor** on research work in progress and **submit a written report** on the status of their research project at the end of their 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, complete with the required documents (see below), in .pdf version to: [centrobranca@cini.it](mailto:centrobranca@cini.it) by June 10, 2021.

Every application shall include the following documents:

- **application form** (downloadable from [www.cini.it/en/vittore-branca-center](http://www.cini.it/en/vittore-branca-center))
- **degree certificate(s)** with marks for individual exams
- **copy of a degree dissertation** (for PhD students) or doctorate thesis (for post-doctorate researchers) and copies of any other relevant academic;
- **curriculum vitae**, including knowledge of languages;
- **research project** (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;
- **2 reference letters** from professors and scholars who supervise or have supervised the candidate on university headed paper.

Candidates considered to be suitable on the grounds of the documents presented will be invited for a video-interview in English with one or more directors of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini and may be asked to provide supplementary information.

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

Both positive and negative results of the assessment of the scholarship applications will be communicated in the month of July 2021. Anyone who has already been awarded a Vittore Branca Center scholarship to the Vittore Branca Center is not eligible to apply again, whereas those who have applied but received no scholarship can apply again.

**IMPORTANT – in case residencies are not possible in the requested period due to the pandemic, scholarships will be postponed to another residency period to be agreed upon with the scholar.**

*Venice, April 6, 2021*