

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 June 2022

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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: OCTOBER 2022 – OCTOBER 2023

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The **Fondazione Giorgio Cini** offers one **3-month residential scholarship** to enable **studies focused on the Benno Geiger Archive**, held at the Fondazione Library on the Island of San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice, **as well as on other literary archives**.

The scholarship is in accordance with Elsa Geiger Ariè's will and is associated with the “Premio Letterario Benno Geiger 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 international¹ graduates, postgraduates and postdoctoral researchers who must not be over 40 on 30 June 2022. The scholarship must be associated with a research residency at the “Vittore Branca” International Center for Studies of Italian Culture between October 2022 and October 2023.

The residential scholarship is structured as follows:

- a gross sum² of 3,100 euros as a contribution to general expenses, travel and board, paid at the end of the residency period by wire 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 Please note that every international student shall have a CODICE FISCALE (Italian tax code) in order to receive the scholarship.

² 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.

HOW TO APPLY AND SELECTION

Candidates shall send their scholarship application, complete with the required documents (see below), in digital form to: premiogeiger@cini.it

Applications must be sent by **June 30, 2022** with the following enclosed documents:

- **application form** (<https://www.cini.it/en/vittore-branca-center>)
- **degree certificate(s)** with marks for individual exams, or an equivalent or superior qualification;
- **copy of a degree dissertation** (for PhD students) **or doctorate thesis** (for post-doc researchers) and copies of any other relevant academic works;
- **curriculum vitae**, including knowledge of languages;
- **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;
- **2 reference letters** from professors and scholars who supervise or have supervised the candidate, on headed notepaper of the relevant university or institution.

Scholarship applications must be sent by June 30, 2022.

The scholarship winner will be selected by the Geiger Prize Jury at its meeting in September 2022.

Both positive and negative results of the assessment of the scholarship applications will be communicated to each applicant by the Secretariat.

Anyone who has already been awarded with a “Benno Geiger” scholarship is not eligible to re-apply, whereas those who have applied but received no scholarship can apply again both for the “Benno Geiger” scholarship as well as other scholarships offered by the Fondazione.

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, compared civilization and spiritualities. 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 specific work.

c) **The Residence** - situated in the grounds of the Island, the Residence can accommodate around 90 scholars in self-catering single and double rooms 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.

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 October 2022 and October 2023. 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.

Venice, April 2022