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Residential Scholarships Vittore Branca Center 2026

The Vittore Branca International Center for the Study of Italian Culture Residential Scholarship announcement

Residency Period:

January — December 2026

Application Deadline:

30 June 2025

The Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice offers **9 residential scholarships** to **PhD students** and **postdoc** students who must not be over 40 years old on June 30, 2025, interested in spending **two consecutive months** in Venice at the Vittore Branca International Center for the Study of Italian Culture between January and December 2026.

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, history of Venice, literature, musicology, ethnomusicology, drama, early printed books, comparative cultures and spiritualities, digital humanities.**

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

Information on Research Institutes and Centers: www.cini.it/en/institutes-andcentres

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

Research in the Library catalogs: www.cini.it/biblioteche#servizi

Research guidelines of particular interest: www.cini.it/en/vittore-branca-center

Information on Digital Centre – ARCHiVe: cini.it/en/institutes-and-centres/archive-analysis-and-recording-of-cultural-heritage-in-venice and archive-venice.org

For information and orientation, please contact the Vittore Branca Center Secretariat: centrobranca@cini.it.

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, musicology, 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, wi-fi 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.

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.

Scholarship holders shall:

- **Stay in the Vittore Branca Center Residence for two consecutive months** in a chosen period from January to December 2026. Trips for research purposes shall 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 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 by June 30, 2025 (applications will be considered as valid if received by 11.59 PM on June 30, 2025).

Every application shall include the following documents:

- application form (downloadable from www.cini.it/en/istituti-e-centri/vittore-branca-center/)
- degree certificate(s) with marks for individual exams
- copy of a degree dissertation (for PhD students) or doctorate thesis (for postdoctoral researchers) and copies of any other relevant academic works;
- curriculum vitae, including knowledge of languages (knowledge of Italian recommended);
- 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;
- One reference letter 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 an 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 October 2025.

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.

Info and contacts

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