

Rete delle scuole autonome della Lombardia
Lombardy Region (Regione Lombardia) - Education and Professional Training Authority
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Education Office of the Consulate General of Italy in Boston (USA)
Department of French and Italian of Dickinson College (USA)
STUDY AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ASSISTANTS
IN LOMBARD SCHOOLS (ITALY)
2010-2011 Academic Year

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The *Rete delle scuole autonome della Lombardia*, officially named "Autonomia scolastica e relazioni internazionali" offers a program of study, training and cross-cultural experience to native speakers of English for the 2010-2011 academic year. The program, established in 2005, promotes linguistic and intercultural exchange within Europe and across the globe.

The program is open to individuals who are currently completing or have recently completed (within the last 18 months) college level Italian language and culture. Students enrolled in a M.A. or Ph.D. program of Italian language and culture in a North-American university are also encouraged to apply.

While the program is intended for students or recent graduates of Italian, it is also open to those enrolled in other disciplines who would like to have an intercultural experience of study and training in an Italian school.

Program Terms:

1. The selected candidates will plan a program of study and training that is in accordance with their university curriculum and their cultural and linguistic goals. The program shall be carried out at an appointed school in Lombardy. The interns will assist the Italian teacher in the teaching of English, as mothertongue assistants. In some cases, they will assist the teachers of History, Geography or other subjects in the teaching of simple modules of the subject in English. (In the case that the internship is recognized for a university credit by the candidate's home institution, approval from that university is also required)
2. The selected candidates must be covered by medical insurance.¹
3. A monthly reimbursement for expenses of 600 Euros (net) will be provided by the school. Such reimbursement can be offered in non-monetary form such as provision of lodging.
4. The hosting schools will designate an advisor to each appointed candidate. That advisor will be the candidate's principal resource and point of reference and help with the initial transition and settlement in Italy. This includes helping the students to find housing (apartment, room, or room with a family). The advisor's identity and contact information will be given to each candidate or their home institution before the summer.
5. The selected candidates are committed to assist with the instruction of English for 12 hours each week. They must also participate in 13 supplemental hours a week pursuing other activities of study and self-development, projects, conversations with students, office hours, excursions, meetings with the advisor, and writing reports for the assigned school. The schedule is arranged with the advisor designated by the directors of the program.
6. The selected candidates may be able to attend courses (also selected courses - *corsi singoli*) at a local university. The courses should be consistent with the above mentioned activities and must be approved by the advisor and program directors.
7. Depending on position availability and candidate preference, the program will last from 3 months to a full academic year (between October 1st and May 31st). The time period will be settled before the candidate's departure and will result from a private agreement between the candidate and the school to which the candidate has been assigned. The date of departure, however, must follow the guidelines of the Italian Consular Office regarding a proper visa.
8. If for serious reasons the candidate must leave the school during the teaching activity, s/he must justify the reasons for leaving it and provide documented evidence for her/his absence. In any case, the absence cannot exceed **15 days**. In case of a longer absence, the program will end along with the stipend and any other benefits provided by the school (i.e., lodging).
9. Upon completion of the program, the school will award each candidate a certificate of completion that will state the details of the program.
10. The interns will have the opportunity to take CELI international examination for Italian language competence at the Istituto Pacioli, Crema. The CELI certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the exam.

Criteria and consideration:

A cumulative GPA of 3.25 or its equivalent is required in order to be considered for the program. The intention, confirmed by a professor, to study Italian in a master's or doctoral program will give the candidate preference in the ranking. The candidates will be ranked according to the following criteria (in order of importance):

1. Recommendation from a professor addressing the motivation and character of the applicant
2. Experience teaching any language to non-native speakers (preferably experience teaching English to ESL students)
3. Candidate's 500-word essay and cover letter (see below the list of "Documents to submit with the Application")
4. Status as an Italian major or minor graduating between February 2009 and June 2010, or status as a M.A. or Ph.D. student specializing in Italian language and culture
5. Completion of at least 3 semesters of university level Italian and have earned a minimum B grade in the course. If not the case, proof of the equivalent proficiency and knowledge of Italian is required
6. Experience of studying or working abroad, or participation in cross-cultural activities in North America

Documents to Submit with the Application:

1. Application Form, available in the website of the program
2. Cover letter to accompany all the materials, stating: motivation, interest for the program, self-introduction (500-700 words)
3. Letter of recommendation from a professor (use the form provided in the program website)
4. Transcript of university grades from the most recent term of study.
5. 500-word essay, in Italian, on the following topic:

"Immagina di insegnare in una delle scuole superiori della Lombardia: in quale classe vorresti insegnare? Che cosa ti piacerebbe insegnare? Illustra una lezione-tipo, concentrandoti specialmente su contenuti, metodi, e motivazioni della tua lezione." (PLEASE NOTE: A high level of proficiency in Italian language and culture gives preference to those candidates.)

All the forms (letter of recommendation and personal info), FAQ and other information can be downloaded at:

http://www.pacioli.net/it/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=193&Itemid=82

How to apply:

Send everything by email. Please scan all the hard copies of the documents you would like to submit and send them electronically. Documents sent by regular mail will NOT be accepted. All the documents must be sent to **BOTH THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESSES** no later than 11:59pm (Eastern Standard Time) on **March 31st, 2010**:

1. Giuseppe Strada, Coordinator of the Rete delle scuole della Lombardia, Principal of L. Pacioli HS – assistenti@pacioli.net
2. Carlo Cipollone, Scholastic Officer of the Italian Consulate General in Boston, USA - ufficioscuole.boston@esteri.it

The candidates will be selected by a committee organized by the *Rete delle scuole autonome della Lombardia* (Prof.ssa Cati Benelli, Prof. ssa Paola Severngini, Prof. Giuseppe Strada) in collaboration with the Education Office of the Consulate General of Italy in Boston (Prof. Carlo Cipollone) and the Department of French and Italian of Dickinson College (Prof.ssa Nicoletta Marini-Maio). The committee will rank the candidates and assign scholarships accordingly until none remains.

In order to avoid bureaucratic delays (the visa process, etc.) the committee will immediately begin the selection process. Therefore, candidates are asked to send application materials as soon as possible. The selection committee will notify successful candidates to their email address and on the program website by **the middle of May 2010**

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