

Call for applications 2021/2022

One-year postgraduate specialization course

IN CULTURAL SCIENCES

art. 1

Number of places and School characteristics

The Scuola Internazionale di Alti Studi "Scienze della cultura" of the Fondazione Collegio San Carlo in Modena (Italy) invites applications for five places on a postgraduate specialization course in Cultural Sciences. Selection will take place based on academic qualifications.

The School is residential and aims to provide high-level training in Cultural Sciences following an interdisciplinary research program (Philosophy, Anthropology, Sociology, Religious Studies) and awards a Postgraduate Certificate in Cultural Sciences. The School pays close attention to research fields at the crossroads between the history of philosophy, historical anthropology, the history of religions, the history of political thought and the history of science.

Compulsory didactic activity takes place in the semester February-June 2022 and entails the attendance of interdisciplinary high formation seminars for a total of 250 hours. The lectures are held in Italian, English and French by teachers of renowned international standing. In the first two years of didactic activity, are estimated 25 hours of training course per year about transversal skills, included in the training contract of the Collegio San Carlo such as member of the Conferenza dei Collegi Universitari di Merito (CCUM), recognized and confirmed by the Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (MUR).

The Postgraduate Certificate will be awarded subject to the successful completion of all the course work and having passed an end of course assessment. Such an end of course assessment will be based on subjects dealt with in the seminars.

The Scientific Committee of the School comprises Professors: Michele Ciliberto (Istituto nazionale di Studi sul Rinascimento di Firenze), Birgit Emich (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main), Sergio Ferrari (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia), Elio Franzini (Università di Milano), Philippe Hoffmann (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris), Bruno Karsenti (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris), Alfonso M. Iacono (Università di Pisa), Antonello La Vergata (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia), Jörg Rüpke (Universität Erfurt), Pierangelo Sequeri (Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Settentrionale di Milano).

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Requirements for admission

The selection is open to Italian and non-Italian citizens below the age of 32 who, by the application deadline, hold a degree qualification, or an equivalent qualification by the terms of the law in force, in Philosophy, Social and Human Sciences or Religious Studies.

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Application and deadline

Application for the selection procedure must be addressed to *Fondazione Collegio San Carlo, Casella Postale Aperta CPA (1239001), Ufficio Postale Modena Centro 41121 Modena, for the attention of the Scientific Director of the Scuola Internazionale di Alti Studi "Scienze della cultura"* by a registered letter with advice of receipt. The postmark deadline is 7 October 2021.

Applicants, who will be held responsible for any false declaration, must declare:

- a) first name, surname, date and place of birth;
- b) citizenship;
- c) not to have had penal convictions;
- d) to be immune from illnesses incompatible with living in a community;
- e) permanent address;
- f) address to which all correspondence should be sent.

The application is not incompatible with an application for one of the three places for a three-year Ph.D offered by the same Scuola Internazionale di Alti Studi "Scienze della cultura" for the academic year 2021/2022. In the event of an application being submitted for both competitions, applicants are allowed to forward only one copy of the documents mentioned in art. 4.

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Enclosed documents

Applicants should enclose the following documents:

- 1) curriculum vitae et studiorum (max 2 pages);
- 2) a copy of the applicant's degree certificate specifying (where available) the single marks for each exam, the date and the mark of the final exam. This certification may be replaced by a simple declaration signed by the applicant specifying the aforesaid information. Foreign students are to submit a certificate proving that their degree is legally the equal of an Italian *Laurea magistrale* (second-cycle degree), or forward an undersigned declaration to the same effect;
- 3) a hard copy or an electronic copy of the degree final dissertation, with the official frontispiece;
- 4) a hard copy or an electronic copy of every other scientific title or qualification relevant to the selection procedure;
- 5) a signed declaration of the applicant's knowledge of French and English, and of his/her comprehension of Italian (including levels of language proficiency);
- 6) a hard copy of the document "Information on the processing of personal data and request for consent" ("Annex 2"), signed for acceptance;
- 7) one letter of reference to the *Scientific Director of the Scuola Internazionale di Alti Studi "Scienze della cultura"*, written by an academic referee in subjects relevant to the course, expounding the applicant's scientific profile. To the letter of reference, the candidate can add a covering letter (max 3000 characters), with her/his research interests in connexion with the participation to the specialization course.

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Adjudicating Committee and admission procedure

The Adjudicating Committee comprises the School's Scientific Committee and the Scientific Director.

The Committee will make the selection based on candidate's scientific titles and qualifications.

A list of successful candidates and a list of suitably qualified candidates will be publicly posted on the School Board and on the web page www.fondazioneancarolo.it. Both lists will be expressed in order of merit, in terms of an ascending mark scale from 1 to 10.

The School will communicate the outcome of the selection procedure only to those who have been awarded a place not later than 21 December 2021.

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Awarding of places

Before the deadline fixed by the Adjudicating Committee, successful candidates should produce the documents mentioned under art. 7. If one or more successful candidates fails to take up the offer of the place at the beginning of the course, the Committee will award the vacant place or places to suitably qualified candidates in strict adherence to the published order of merit.

art. 7

Admission documents

No later than 14 January 2022, successful candidates must confirm acceptance of their place and produce the following documents addressed to the School's Scientific Director:

- a) recent medical certificate (dated no more than 3 months previously) stating that the student is immune from illnesses incompatible with living in a community;
- b) two passport photographs, one countersigned;
- c) a copy of the degree certificate or equivalent qualification specifying the mark obtained in each single exam (where available), the date and the mark of the final examination (only candidates who have produced a simple declaration in their application);
- d) a color copy of a valid identity document, dated and signed.

At the beginning of academic activities, at their arrival to the School, the elected candidates will be asked to sign for the Direction of the School a declaration of acceptance of all the rules and regulations of the Collegio of the Fondazione San Carlo, seat of residence and of the didactic activities of the School for all students.

The data relating to surname, first name, place and date of birth, nationality and residency must be covered by a document attesting their validity. The School reserves the right to verify the truth of data contained in the identification document. Furthermore, the School reserves the right to request from the competent authority of the State in question a certificate relating to the candidate's legal status.

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Course attendance and student obligations

Course members must pursue their studies in accordance with a program approved by the Scientific Committee including the compulsory attendance of high formation seminars which amount to 250 hours. At the end of the course, students must pass the end of course assessment. Such an assessment will be based on subjects dealt with in the seminars, as mentioned in art. 1.

The School plans to carry out face-to-face teaching activities. If, on the date scheduled for the start of the academic year 2021/2022, the government and / or regional provisions aimed at limiting the movement of people following the health emergency from Covid-19 were issued or extended, the School will activate the remote teaching.

The School can exclude a student from the specialization course in case of:

- a) violations of frequency and attendance rules (unjustified and prolonged absences, frequency lower than 250 hours required in the academic year);
- b) disciplinary violations of the rules and regulations of the Collegio of the Fondazione San Carlo.

Covid-19 Prevention Protocol

The Fondazione Collegio San Carlo applies stringent measures to protect the health security of residents. The Management guarantees daily cleaning and periodic sanitization of the premises, rooms, study stations and common areas. Sanitation points are available in every common area and specific prevention-kits are distributed to all residents. All spaces are set up in such a way as to allow constant compliance with the safety distances even when carrying out training activities, when not carried out remotely. The Management constantly monitors the onset of any risk conditions, in close relationship with the medical staff and the competent health authorities.

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General regulations

Elected candidates must be in residence on the day fixed by the School to begin their courses. Elected candidates can not accept any commitment incompatible with their duties.

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Student awards and bursaries

The course lasts one academic year. Elected candidates will be entitled to the following benefits: free tuition and exemption from course fees; complete free boarding and lodging in the Fondazione's Hall of Residence for the whole period of didactic activity, except for holiday periods defined by the Fondazione Collegio San Carlo; privileged access to the holdings and to the services of the Library; one return ticket from the place of residence to Modena.