

2024 ROME PRIZE Humanities Guidelines

The Academy accepts pre- and post-doctoral applications for the Rome Prize in the following categories:

Ancient Studies (through the sixth century)
Medieval Studies (sixth through fourteenth centuries)
Renaissance and Early Modern Studies (The fourteenth through eighteenth centuries)
Modern Italian Studies (The eighteenth century to the present)

The Academy invites proposals in archaeology, classics, history, the history of art & architecture, economic & political policy, literature, musicology, theory and other relevant fields. Please note that these categories are not intended to be exclusive. Any approach or combination of approaches to these disciplines will be given consideration. We welcome interdisciplinary work on historic and contemporary issues across the humanities including one or more of the chronological periods listed above. Cross-cultural projects that share Rome and its influences are also welcome.

Tsao Family Rome Prize

We are pleased to offer the Tsao Family Rome Prize to be awarded to a humanities scholar whose project explores the relationship between Chinese and Mediterranean philosophical traditions.

This full-term fellowship will introduce philosophy into the mix of artists and scholars in the AAR community and emphasize the importance of this discipline in establishing a moral framework that may provide ways of moving forward as individuals and as a culture.

Both predoctoral candidates and postdoctoral scholars are eligible for this fellowship, which supports research on the intersection of philosophy with Chinese and Western traditions and draws on Rome as a crossroads between East and West.

Pre-doctoral Fellowships

The Academy offers full-term pre-doctoral Rome Prize fellowships (of approximately ten-months).

Pre-doctoral fellowships are meant to provide scholars with the necessary time to research and complete their doctoral dissertations. Applicants for pre-doctoral fellowships must have fulfilled all pre-dissertation requirements, and preferably completed a draft of the first chapter of their dissertation, by the application deadline.

Post-doctoral Fellowships

The Academy offers full-term (approximately ten-months) and half-term (approximately five-months), post-doctoral fellowships in the fields listed above. All applicants for post-doctoral fellowships must hold a Ph.D. at the time of application.

Two types of post-doctoral Rome Prize fellowships are available:

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- Academy post-doctoral fellowships: Applicants for the Academy post-doctoral fellowships must be U.S. Citizens, are often scholars at an early stage in their Academic careers, and may be assistant professors, associate professors, or independent scholars.
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) post-doctoral fellowships: applicants for the NEH post-doctoral fellowships must be U.S. Citizens, or foreign nationals who have lived in the U.S. for the three years immediately preceding the application deadline, and may hold any academic rank or be independent scholars.

Required Application Materials for both Pre- and Post-Doctoral Candidates

- Completed online application form
- The following three documents, to be uploaded to your online application as three separate digital files.
 - Current résumé/curriculum vitae - CV should include languages read and spoken and level of fluency
 - Four-page project proposal describing the nature of the work the applicant intends to undertake in Rome, identifying special resources in Italy important to the project. Please include bibliographical notes for any sources cited (not counted toward the four page limit). The proposal should be double spaced, 11-12-point type, and with one inch margins.
 - Writing sample - The writing sample may be up to twenty pages and should be in the proposed field of study. Please include bibliography and footnotes (not counted toward the page limit).
- Three reference letters from professionals acquainted with the applicant and the applicant's work. Recommenders will be asked to submit their letters electronically through our online system.
- Application fee* paid by credit card through our online payment option or by check or money order made payable to American Academy in Rome and mailed to the following address:

American Academy in Rome
Attention: [Field of Application]
535 West 22nd Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10011

Applicants wishing to be considered in more than one field must complete an online application for each category.

* *There is no application fee for those applying solely for NEH post-doctoral fellowships.*