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PAIDEIA ROME FELLOWSHIP '16-'17
Application Procedure

FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Paideia Institute Rome Fellowship is awarded annually to two outstanding undergraduates in the classical humanities. The fellowship supports a year of independent research in Rome, along with intensive training in modern Italian, and professional experience as program assistants and teachers for the Institute's programs.

Fellows are selected on the basis of academic merit, professional and interpersonal skills, and potential as future teachers and leaders in a humanistic discipline.

THE FELLOWSHIP YEAR

Fellows receive:

- Round-trip airfare to Rome
- A monthly stipend
- Access to academic libraries in Rome
- Office space at the Paideia Institute's Rome office
- A 2-month home stay with an Italian family
- Formal instruction in Italian

The Rome Fellowship begins in September with a 2-month home-stay and intensive Italian instruction, arranged by the Paideia Institute. Following the home-stay, Institute staff assists fellows in finding affordable housing in the city. Throughout the fall and winter, fellows work out of the Paideia office in Rome, and divide their time between Institute work and independent academic research. In the spring and summer, fellows lead Paideia Institute Classical Tours and teach for Living Latin in Rome (High School).

APPLICATION REQUISITES

Applicants must be alumni of one of the Paideia Institute's programs (Living Latin in Rome, Living Latin in Rome High School, Living Greek in Greece, Caesar in Gaul, Living Latin in Paris), and must be graduating seniors.

While there is no "ideal" applicant profile, we seek Fellows who have exhibited throughout their undergraduate career the potential to make a strong contribution to the field of classical humanities, a value for teaching, and an aptitude for language-learning. Given the nature of the fellowship year, we are interested in applicants who have demonstrated comfort with independent research, the ability to thrive in a collaborative environment, and a sense of adventure and adaptability. Preference is given to applicants planning to pursue further graduate study.



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The required application materials include the following:

- Paideia Rome Fellowship Application form
- Personal statement (500 words maximum)
- Academic writing sample (25 page maximum)
- Two letters of Recommendation (1 academic, 1 professional)
- Official Academic Transcript
- Resume

The **personal statement** should include a brief proposal for independent research to be pursued in Rome, and a discussion of how the fellowship year fits into the applicant's broader career goals.

The **academic writing sample** should be on a classical theme (interpreted broadly to include art history and reception) and should exhibit depth of research, creativity, and clarity of writing.

The **academic recommendation** should be from a professor who has worked closely with the applicant and can speak to his/her academic merit. The **professional recommendation** should be from a supervisor or colleague who can speak to the applicant's non-academic skills (i.e. organizational, administrative, interpersonal) as exhibited in the context of an internship, job, or campus organization.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application materials are all due on **Monday, January 11th, 2016**. In **February**, applicants will be notified about whether they have been selected to participate in the interview process. Final decisions will be made in the spring.

REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **info@paideia-institute.org** or call **609.429.0734**. Be sure to include your name and a phone number where you can be reached.