

2021 Rome Prize

Award Terms and Anticipated Costs for Fellowship Winners

The American Academy in Rome offers the following information to help candidates for the Rome Prize anticipate the costs of living in Rome. It is important to know that these costs are substantial and the Euro/Dollar exchange rate is unpredictable.

Stipend

The AAR provides winners of the full term Rome Prize fellowships with a stipend of \$28,000 paid over eleven months. Winners of the half term Rome Prize receive a \$16,000 stipend which is paid over a period of six months. The initial stipend payment, which is paid about six weeks before the start of the fellowship, is larger than subsequent payments to help with travel expenses to Rome.

Accommodations

Single Fellows are given a room with a private bathroom and a separate study or studio in the Academy building at no charge.

Fellows with a spouse/partner are given a double room, slightly larger than the one given to a single Fellow, with a private bathroom and a separate study or studio in the Academy building and are required to pay a one-time, non-refundable Double Room Fee. The Double Room Fees are \$700 for a full term fellowship or \$400 for a half term fellowship, and will be deducted from your first stipend payment.

Fellows with children will be housed in a building adjacent to the Academy with multi-bedroom apartments, for which they must pay a monthly housing supplement. The supplements in 2019-20 were \$665/mo. for a two-bedroom apartment, \$825/mo. for a three-bedroom apartment, and \$1,065/mo. for a four-bedroom apartment. These rates may increase in 2020-21.

You are not permitted to bring pets to the Academy, and you understand that if you arrive with a pet, you will be asked to find and house your pet in outside kennel accommodations at your own cost.

Meals

Lunch and dinner are served to Fellows at no charge at the Academy Monday through Friday and lunch is served on Saturdays. There are simple kitchen facilities in several locations in the Academy for the Fellows use for breakfast and on weekends. Spouses/partners are welcome to join the Fellows for all meals. Children are permitted to join their parents for all meals except dinners on Tuesday and Thursday (which are more formal and geared toward having guests from outside the Academy Community). The costs of meals for spouses/companions and children (over the age of 3) in 2019-20 were as follows, and may increase in 2020-21:

<i>2019-20 Meal Rates</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Friday Dinner (Family Night)</i>
- Spouses/Partners	€7.00	€12.00	€12.00
- Children 0 - 2 yrs.	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
- Children 3 - 5 yrs.	€3.00	€5.00	€3.00
- Children 6 - 18 yrs.	€6.00	€11.00	€5.00
- Other guests	€15.00	€27.00	€27.00

Italian Language Classes

For Fellows interested in learning or improving their knowledge of the language, lessons in Italian are provided for three weeks (three-hour lessons, four times a week). These lessons are partially subsidized by the AAR. Spouses are encouraged to take the initial lessons provided for the Fellows. The requested contribution is about €200 for Fellows and €250 for companions. After the three-week period, Fellows may opt to continue language lessons at their own expense, either with the Italian

language instructors willing to come to the Academy or at the Language School (a one-year course costs about €1100).

Entry Visa and Permit of Stay

All U.S. citizens staying in Italy for 90 days or more (including Fellows, spouses, partners, and children of any age) are required by law to obtain both an entry visa prior to their departure from the U.S. and a *Permesso di Soggiorno* (permit of stay) immediately upon arrival in Rome. The AAR office in New York provides assistance with the visa application process, and the AAR office in Rome provides assistance with the Permesso application process. The application fees are currently approximately \$60 per visa, €200 per adult Permesso, and €160 per child Permesso. All fees are subject to change and may vary from year to year.

Visa: The AAR will provide documentation for Fellows in support of their application for a study visa. Fellows' spouses/partners who work in one of the fields for which the Rome Prize is offered can be designated as Visiting Artists or Scholars of the AAR and may be eligible for a study visa in their own right. Spouses/partners who do not work in these fields may be eligible for a study visa if they enroll in a formal Italian language study program for the duration of their stay in Italy.

Permesso di Soggiorno: The Permesso is required by the Italian government for non-E.U. citizens staying in Italy for 90 days or more, and can be obtained by applying through the Italian postal service within eight (8) days of arrival in Rome. This requirement applies to Fellows, spouses, partners, and children of any age. When the Permesso application is submitted at the post office, the applicant is given an appointment at the main Police Immigration Office; this meeting is mandatory, cannot be changed, and must take place in person. The entire Permesso application process may take several months.

Children: While past Fellows have lived in Rome with their children, please be advised that the process to obtain a visa and Permesso for children of any age is lengthy, complicated, not guaranteed, and subject to the approval of the Italian Immigration Center in Rome. The AAR office will endeavor to provide support in applying for a visa and Permesso for children; however, the restrictions that apply to both may make it impossible to obtain either in a timely manner, or at all. **So it is critical that Rome Prize winners with children contact the NY office as soon as possible regarding any plans related to their children.**

Those who will be applying for a Permesso for their children must obtain an Apostille for a Birth Certificate in the U.S. before going to Rome. Where and how to obtain the Apostille, as well as related costs, varies according to the U.S. state of residence. Italian Consulates may also provide a notarized translation of the Birth Certificate, which may serve in place of an Apostille.

Health Insurance

Fellows, as well as their accompanying spouses/partners and children, are required to be fully covered by health insurance at their cost. Fellows must provide proof of health insurance for the duration of their stay at the AAR. Proof of insurance will also be necessary when applying for a visa.

Schools

Fellows' school-aged children may attend Italian public schools. Although new students are generally registered by mid-February for the following fall, enrollments are sometimes possible in early September as well. A list of private schools in the Academy neighborhood is also available at the AAR Rome Office. The annual costs for Italian private schools currently range from €2,800 to €4,500. The annual cost for American/English private schools range from €15,000 to €35,000.