

VISITING ARTISTS AND SCHOLARS PROGRAM

FACT SHEET & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Thank you for your interest in the Visiting Artists and Scholars (VAVS) Program. This Fact Sheet contains all relevant information about the program, and is downloadable for your convenience.

The Visiting Artists and Scholars (VAVS) Program provides artists and scholars of all nationalities the opportunity to experience the intellectual and artistic freedom, interdisciplinary exchange, and innovation that characterizes life at the American Academy in Rome. Through the program, VAVS can rent living and working space at the Academy -- joining our vibrant community of Rome Prize winners, Italian Fellows, Residents (notable artists and scholars invited by the Director), and our global Affiliated Fellows. Artists and scholars in the following disciplines are encouraged to apply:

FINE ARTS:

Architecture, Design, Historic Preservation and Conservation, Landscape Architecture, Literature, Musical Composition, Visual Arts.

HUMANITIES:

Ancient Studies, Medieval Studies, Renaissance and Early Modern Studies, Modern Italian Studies. Applications for the Visiting Artists and Scholars

As members of the community, Visiting Artists and Scholars are granted access to the Academy's noted resources, including the Library, the Photographic Archive, and the Norton Van Buren Study Collection. You are invited to participate in our regular Walks and Talks program, subject to space availability, and are also invited to attend the Academy's public events. VAVS are welcome to take their lunch and dinners meals in the Academy dining room, at an additional cost. These meals are prepared and served family style by the Academy's famed Rome Sustainable Food Program.

APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Applications are accepted year round ([online only](#)), and are reviewed in Rome by a committee, led by the Academy Director. Application deadlines for specific stay periods are as follows:

- May 31: mid-September through late December
- September 30: January through April
- January 31: May through July

The Academy is closed from early August to mid-September, during which time VAVS is suspended.

ACCOMMODATIONS & RATES

Visiting Artists and Scholars are accommodated in various buildings on the Academy's 11-acre property, located on top of the Janiculum Hill.

Most of the living and working spaces are contained in the main McKim, Mead & White Building, which also includes administrative offices, the Library, the gallery, and public areas. Remaining apartments are located in buildings immediately adjacent to our main building on the campus, including Villa Chiaraviglio (across the street from the main building), 5B (next to the main building) and occasionally, at Villa Aurelia. Families with children are accommodated in adjacent buildings.

SINGLE ROOMS WITH BATH

Furnished with a single bed, bedside table, armchair, desk, chair, lamps and a wardrobe.
Rate: €575 per week

DOUBLE ROOMS WITH BATH

Furnished with a queen-sized bed, bedside tables, armchair, desk, chair, lamps and a wardrobe.

Rate: €670 per week

STUDY/BEDROOMS WITHOUT BATH

Furnished with a sofa bed, armchair, desk, chair, lamps and a wardrobe. There is a sink in the room and the bathroom is directly across the hall.

Rate: €385 per week

APARTMENTS

One-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments are available within the compound. The apartments have fully equipped kitchens and come furnished with all essential furniture and items. The cost varies, depending on size and location:

- One-bedroom apartments range from 700 to 830 euros per week
- Two and three-bedroom apartments range from 800 to 950 euros per week

On occasion, apartments located on the grounds of the Villa Aurelia are also available for rent (rates are available upon request).

STUDIO/SUITES

These units are composed of a sleeping loft integrated within the studio space. The loft is a separate unit, with two small skylights that can be opened, which is enclosed by a wall and by windows that look out onto the studio. The sleeping loft contains a queen-sized bed, bedside tables, armchair, desk, chair and lamps. There is a walk-in closet and a private bath. See description of the studios below.

Rate: 780 euros per week

STUDIOS

Located in the McKim, Mead & White building, these units are approximately 400 square feet with 20-foot ceilings. Most face north and are filled with beautiful natural

light. Studios come equipped with essentials: work tables and chairs, drafting tables, easels, desk, sofa beds and a sink. No power tools are available. The walls are outfitted with fiber wall boards for pinning-up work. Occasionally, smaller studios, although limited in number, are available outside the main building. These also have limited natural light. All studios are intended for work purposes only -- they are not suitable for residential use.

Rate: €250 per week

Please note:

- Rates are calculated on a weekly basis and a two-week minimum stay is required. Check-in for the week is late morning on Mondays, and check out is on Mondays (no later than 9AM). Visiting Artists and Scholars may arrive and depart on days other than Mondays but will be charged the weekly rate from Monday to Monday.
- Meals are charged separately (Lunch is €14.90, Dinner is €26.50).
- Due to fluctuating costs and exchange rates, the Academy may be required to change rental prices without notice. You will be notified prior to signing the contract agreement for your stay if there is a change in rate.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Included in the weekly cost for all units:

- Furnishings
- Weekly cleaning
- Linens (changed weekly)
- Wi-fi
- Access to internal network
- Ceiling fans
- Common kitchens
- Common lounge with television
- Shared newspapers

Available at an additional cost:

- Meals (lunch and dinner only)
- Telephone service
- Fax services
- Printing & copy services
- Express courier services
- Laundry facilities
- Transfers to & from the airport

The following is NOT provided by the Academy:

- Air Conditioning
- Computers
- Radios
- Alarm clocks
- Blow dryers

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Does AAR provide assistance with Entry Visas?

No, we are not equipped to provide those services. Visiting Artists & Scholars who are *not* EU citizens (including those from US) and plan to be in Italy for more than 90 days are required to apply for an Entry Visa. Entry Visas are not required for those staying 90 days or less. Citizens of some countries are required to obtain an Entry Visa regardless of the length of stay, so it is best to check with your local consulate for confirmation.

Can the two-week minimum stay requirement be waived?

No, as the Academy is not properly equipped to handle hotel-like turnovers.

Can applications be submitted beyond the application deadlines?

Applications are accepted year round. However, as most of the spaces are assigned in June, October and February, chances of being accepted into the program diminish when the applications arrive after the deadline for those periods.

Is American citizenship a requirement for the Visiting Artists and Scholars program?

No, artists and scholars of any nationality may apply.

Is Financial Assistance provided for the Visiting Artists and Scholars Program?

No -- visiting artists and scholars are responsible for all costs related to their travel and stay at the Academy.

Are meals included in the cost of the accommodation?

No, they are not.

What happens when one is accepted into the program?

You will receive an email of notification with instructions on how to secure your stay with payment of a security deposit.

Can I check in before 2pm?

Yes, if the assigned unit is prepared, but that is not guaranteed. However, we can guarantee a 2pm check-in.

Can I check out after 9am?

Unfortunately no, as the space needs to be prepared for the next occupant.

Are Academy spaces air-conditioned?

No, they are not.

Does the Academy provide space/support for me to present my work while a Visiting Artist or Scholar?

While Visiting Artists and Scholars are most welcome to organize an informal presentation of their work or open studio, the Academy has a full events schedule and cannot provide logistical support for Visitor presentations.

Are pets allowed at AAR?

No, pets are not allowed at the Academy.

If you have additional questions, please email us at: visitingartists-scholars@aarome.org

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