



Northwest Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in Italy

Seattle, Washington and Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy

NIAUSI FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS 2007

Overview

The Northwest Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in Italy (NIAUSI) is a non-profit corporation established in 1981 by academics, students, and professional members of the Pacific Northwest design community. Originally founded as a means to involve professionals in the Italian Studies Program of the University of Washington's College of Architecture and Urban Planning, NIAUSI offers competitive mid-career fellowships for study and research in Italy. Over more than twenty years, NIAUSI has evolved and expanded to include lectures, exhibits, design charrettes, and research honoraria, all with a view toward fostering new insights into urban design issues facing the Pacific Northwest and promoting design excellence in the local built environment.

The Fellowship Program is NIAUSI's major effort. Italy's central role in the development of Western Civilization provides the backdrop and recipients participate in this rich tradition by studying continuity and change in Italian architecture, culture, art, and history. In turn, we believe the professional growth our Fellows experience during their time in Italy positively influences the Pacific Northwest's built environment.

For 2007, NIAUSI is offering one Two Month Fellowships and several One Month Fellowships at its Civita Institute, located in Civita di Bagnoregio, a unique and rustic hill town near Orvieto, approximately 100 kilometers north of Rome. Since its inception, NIAUSI has awarded more than 25 Fellowships, to both Americans and Italians, and will continue to build this important professional, academic, and intercultural link between the Pacific Northwest and Italy.

Mission

NIAUSI exists to:

- Promote intercultural communication and awareness of design in the built environment, through exchange between the Pacific Northwest and Italy.
- Serve as a resource for professional growth and individual enrichment for designers and artists seeking to improve the quality of the built environment.
- Act as a public forum for ideas, research, and experiences related to design issues.

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Fellowship Information and Applicant Qualifications

These Fellowships offer residency in the Italian hill town of Civita di Bagnoregio for active design professionals practicing in the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Applicants for the Two Month Fellowship must have completed seven years of professional practice and must plan to return to the Pacific Northwest upon completion of the Fellowship. Applicants for the One Month Fellowship must have completed a minimum of two years of professional practice. Board members of NIAUSI and their families are not eligible.

An integral part of NIAUSI's mission is to promote public discussion of issues related to the built environment. To that end, the following requirements are required of all NIAUSI Fellows :

- Prior to departure, meet with the NIAUSI Board to discuss the proposed project and attend an orientation session.
- Upon return, make a presentation to the Board, reporting on the experience and the project.
- Participate in at least one NIAUSI sponsored public presentation in Seattle.
- In conjunction with the public presentation, prepare an article suitable for publication, organize an exhibition, or provide other publicly accessible documentation as appropriate to the project.
- Contribute slides, artwork, or other materials representative of the Fellow's work for permanent inclusion in the NIAUSI archives.

NIAUSI strongly urges Fellows to study the Italian language prior to departure.



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Program Location, Accommodation, and Funding

The Two Month Fellowship covers the costs of restricted coach-class airfare, a \$1,500 stipend, and lodging for two months at the Civita Institute to be taken at a mutually agreeable time from Mid-March through April, 2007 or Mid-June through mid-November, 2007. All fellowships awarded must be completed during calendar year 2007. No extensions will be granted.

Recipients of the One Month Fellowship will receive lodging for one month, but will be responsible for their own financial support, including travel to and from Civita. Accommodation in Civita di Bagnoregio are in two separate guest apartments made available to the Institute by Astra Zarina and her husband, Tony Costa Heywood. Each apartment is suitable for one person, though it may be possible to accommodate spouses/partners by prior arrangement. Note that summers can be quite hot and the apartments are not air conditioned.

Both Professor Emerita Zarina and Mr. Heywood are architects. Professor Zarina directed and taught the University of Washington's Architecture in Rome Program from 1979 to 1999 and the Italian Hilltown Program from 1975 to 2002.

Fellows will have access to a comprehensive library of materials related to Civita and other Italian hill towns, as well as general material on architecture and urbanism.

Civita di Bagnoregio is located on a promontory, accessible only by a pedestrian bridge, 2 km by foot or public minibus from the town of Bagnoregio. While some services (restaurants, etc.) are available in Civita, grocery stores, post office, bank, public transportation, and other services are readily available in Bagnoregio. It should be noted that there are no handicap accessible facilities available in Civita.

Application Requirements

The NIAUSI Fellowship provides an opportunity for the recipient to undertake a project related to current or anticipated professional work. An applicant's proposed project should:

- Respond to NIAUSI's philosophy and mission
- Focus on an aspect of the built environment
- Show relevance to design issues in the Pacific Northwest

Submit application materials in 8 1/2 x 11 format, in a single binder. The application must include the following, in the sequence outlined below:

1. A resume with home and business address and telephone, professional experience, education (including foreign languages), foreign travel, community service and a description of any other activities or awards that will help the jury in its evaluation.

2. Proposed dates and length of stay. See "Program Location, Accommodation, and Funding" for dates.

3. The proposal, to include:

- Description of the proposed project.
- Method of investigation.
- Resources needed to complete the work (i.e. translators, libraries, contacts).
- Relevance of the proposed project to current or anticipated professional work.
- Relevance of proposed project to the applicant's professional goals.
- Appropriateness of executing the proposed project in Italy, and in Civita di Bagnoregio and its surrounding area in particular.
- Intended form of final product, with emphasis on public accessibility.

4. A note indicating whether the applicant is applying for the Two Month Fellowship or the One Month Fellowship. Applicants for the Two Month Fellowship should indicate if they would accept a One Month Fellowship, if offered, and how the applicant's proposal would be modified to allow completion within the shorter timeframe.



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5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. Samples of work. Visual work should be submitted in 35mm slide form (20 slides maximum) or on digital media. Please include a brief description (one page or less) of how the work samples relate to the proposed study. Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of materials.

Evaluation of Proposals

Proposals will be evaluated by an independent jury, consisting of four Northwest design professionals not affiliated with NIAUSI and one NIAUSI Board member. The jury will be selected from the following professions: architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, urban planning/design, graphic design, or visual arts. The jury will select a finalists for presentation to the NIAUSI Board, which will then choose the 2007 Fellows. The Board expressly reserves the right to not offer awards should no suitable proposals be submitted. Final determinations regarding exact dates, length of stay and accommodations will be made by the NIAUSI Board based on funds and availability. The decision of the Board is final. The following criteria will be used in the selection process:

- Focus of research and proposed methodology.
- Relationship of project to issues of design and the built environment specific to the Pacific Northwest.
- Proposed methods of presenting and sharing work upon return.
- Realistic scope and time line.
- Relevance of applicant's current or previous work and potential for professional development.
- Education and professional experience.
- Research/publication experience.
- Organization and presentation of proposal.

For the One Month Fellowships, the jury will take into account the relative experience of the applicant and adjust their criteria accordingly. It is the intention of the One Month program to encourage applicants of varying experience levels; therefore, more weight will be given to the relationship of the applicant's proposal to professional goals.

Applicants will be notified by September 30, 2006.

Contact

NIAUSI maintains a website at www.northwestinstitute.com

For additional information please contact **Herschel Parnes** at (206) 728-0602 or **Clark Pickett** at (206) 448-6782.

Application Submittal and Deadlines for NIAUSI Fellowships

Send complete applications, accompanied by a **\$75.00 application fee** and postmarked no later than **August 31, 2006** to:

NIAUSI
c/o Current
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