

## **2010 NIAUSI FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

### **Our Fellowship Program**

The Fellowship Program is NIAUSI's major effort. Italy's central role in the development of Western culture provides a singular setting for recipients to 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 NIAUSI's 2010 Fellowships, we will be offering one Fellowship for a residency of two months, and several Fellowships for one month residencies 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 30 Fellowships and will continue to build this important professional, academic, and intercultural link between the Pacific Northwest and Italy.

### **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 and the province of British Columbia. Applicants for the Two Month Fellowship must have completed seven years of work in their field 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 work in their field. 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 digital images 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.

### **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 April through mid-November. All Fellowships awarded must be completed during the applicable calendar year. No extensions will be granted.

Recipients of the One Month Fellowship will receive lodging for one month to be taken at a mutually agreeable time from April through mid-November, but will be responsible for their own financial support, including travel to and from Civita. Accommodation in Civita di Bagnoregio are in small, separate guest houses made available to NIAUSI by the late Astra Zarina and her husband, Tony Costa Heywood. Each dwelling 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 dwellings are not air conditioned. Both the late

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 aspects of the built environment
- Show relevance to design issues in the Pacific Northwest
- Submit application online or by mail
- Provide contact information for three references
- Provide 10 images, a link to a video, or a CD or DVD with samples of your work

### **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 finalists for presentation to the NIAUSI Board, which will then choose the 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.

NIAUSI maintains a website at [www.northwestinstitute.com](http://www.northwestinstitute.com). For additional information please contact us via our NIAUSI email contact address [fellowships@northwestinstitute.com](mailto:fellowships@northwestinstitute.com) or telephone Herschel Parnes at (206) 728-0602.

**Application Period for 2010 Fellowships**

The application period for the 2010 NIAUSI Fellowships is now open. Applications must be received by January 11th, 2010. Please contact us if you are not on our email list or to recommend others to be added to our list. We thank you for your interest in our programs.

## **2010 NIAUSI FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

PDF: please use the following format in preparing your application

WORD: Use the shaded area to fill in the requested information. You can tab forward directly.

### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

*Applicant Name*

*Company (optional)*

*Address (including zip code)*

*Main Phone Number*

*Email Address*

### **EXPERIENCE**

*Educational Experience (100 words max)*

*Professional Experience (200 words max)*

*Community Service (200 words max)*

*Other Activities or Awards (200 words max)*

*Foreign Languages (50 words max)*

*Foreign Travel Experience (50 words max)*

## **PROPOSAL**

*Proposed dates and length of stay (50 words max)  
(Between April 20th, 2010 and November 30th, 2010)*

*Are you:*

- Applying only for Two Month Fellowship*
- Applying only for One Month Fellowship*
- Applying for EITHER One or Two Month Fellowship*

*If you are flexible, how would your proposal be modified to accommodate the shorter timeframe? (50 words max)*

**Please provide both a brief overview and full description of your proposal**

*Brief overview of proposed project (50 words max)*

*Full description of proposed project including method of investigation (800 words max)*

*Appropriateness of executing the proposed project in Italy and in Civita di Bagnoregio in particular (150 words max)*

*Resources needed to complete the work (translators, libraries, contacts - 150 words max)*

*Relevance of proposed project to your professional goals (250 words max)*

*What impact do you expect your project to have on the aesthetic, social and/or civic environment of the Northwest region? (250 words max)*

*Describe the final form your project will take and how it will be presented (150 words max)*

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Three required

*First Recommender (first and last name)*

*Phone Number*

*Email Address*

*Second Recommender (first and last name)*

*Phone Number*

*Email Address*

*Third Recommender (first and last name)*

*Phone Number*

*Email Address*

## SAMPLES

*General Description of How the Work Samples Relate to the Proposed Project  
(250 words max)*

*For each work sample please include the following information:  
Sample number; Title; Media; Date; Dimensions (as applicable).*

*How do you wish to share samples of your work with us for consideration? (choose one)*

- Upload up to 10 images
- Link to a video uploaded online
- Send us a CD or DVD

*Option 1: UPLOAD IMAGES (this option is part of the online application)*

*You may upload up to 10 images in standard web formats (jpg, gif, png) and up to 2MB in size for each image. Please upload the images in the proper order, as the order of the images cannot be changed. To revise any particular image, you may delete it and upload a new one in that same position.*

*Option 2: LINK TO A VIDEO (this option is part of the online application)*

*You may input the hyperlink (video link) to a video that you have uploaded to either YouTube or Google Video in the box below. Please include only the hyperlink and not the code for embedding.*

*Option 3: SEND A CD OR DVD*

*You may also send a CD or DVD with up to 10 work samples to the address below. Be sure to write your name on the actual CD or DVD.*

*All samples of work MUST be postmarked no later than January 11th, 2010!*

**Please remember to send a check for your \$75 non-refundable application fee to NIAUSI, 1326 Fifth Avenue, Suite 654, Seattle, WA 98101. Checks must be postmarked no later than January 11th, 2010 for your application to be considered.**

**APPLY BY MAIL OR COURIER (applications must be received by January 11, 2010)**

*2010 Fellowships*

*NIAUSI*

*1326 Fifth Avenue, Suite 654*

*Seattle, WA 98101*

**BY E-MAIL (for written application only. Sample materials should sent by mail or courier)**

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