

Padua Research Scholarship For Study In Padua, Italy

Information & Eligibility Guidelines

Boston University Study Abroad and the Interdisciplinary Italian Studies Program cooperatively offer prestigious academic scholarships to Boston University students for semester- or year-long study on Boston University's program in Padua, Italy. The scholarships are funded through the generous support of the Massachusetts Quincentennial Fund and others. These recipients are selected based on the quality, feasibility, and academic rigor of a research proposal submitted by the deadline. The awards typically range from \$500 to \$1,500.

During the semester or year in Padua, recipients will work under the supervision of an assigned faculty mentor as you carry out the research and write a 8 - 10 page footnoted final paper on the subject in English. The paper is to be completed before the end of the program and research scholars will also give a presentation on their findings at the conclusion of the semester. This independent research opportunity is excellent experience especially for those considering graduate work and should be regarded and listed on a résumé as a high academic honor. **Note: If a student does not complete the paper before the end of the program, this scholarship may be rescinded, with consequences for your financial aid package.**

Eligibility Guidelines

- In order to be awarded a Padua Research Scholarship, you must be a full-time, undergraduate, degree-seeking Boston University student. Non-Boston University students are encouraged to instead apply for need- and/or merit-based BU Study Abroad Scholarship and Grant funding, which is available for the Fall, Spring or Summer term.
- You must be accepted or provisionally accepted to a semester- or year-long Boston University Study Abroad program in Padua, Italy, including the Padua Italian Studies Program, Padua Italian and European Studies Program and the Padua Management Internship Program. Please note that you may, however, begin drafting your proposal while applying to the program.
- Research scholarships are not available for summer term Padua programs; Boston University students may instead submit applications for summer term BU Study Abroad Scholarship and Grant funding.
- Please note that aside from this scholarship, all other financial assistance for Boston University students during the fall and spring semester is handled by the Boston University Office of Financial Assistance.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Both US and non-US citizens are eligible.

Application Instructions & Requirements

To apply for the Padua Research Scholarship, email a 2-page description of the research that you hope to conduct in Italy to the contact below by the dead- line. The topic can be in any field(s) of study pertaining to ancient, modern or contemporary Italy. Explain the reasons behind your interest in the topic and discuss in detail what type(s) of research you would complete. Please be specific as possible, and evidence of some initial investigation is helpful.

Please include the following information at the top of your proposal

- Your name
- School email address
- Major(s)
- Minor(s)
- Topic of research

Examples of past research topics

Health Care: The Evolution of Health Care in Italy and its Impact in Society;
The Impact of Merger and Acquisition (M&A) and Split-up on Fiat
Chrysler Automobiles and Ferrari;
The Role of the Non-profit Sector in Italy;
The Evolution of Italian Cuisine;
Rights of Muslims in Modern Italy;
The Potency of Female Figures in Medieval Italian Lyric Poetry, Focused on
the Thirteenth Century;
Children's Literature and its Relationship to Italian History and Culture

Application Deadlines for the Padua Research Scholarship

April 15 - Fall and Academic Year Programs

December 1 - Spring Programs

Late applications will be considered only if the deadline is officially extended.

Email Research Proposal to:

abroad@bu.edu

Proposals are reviewed by a scholarship committee composed of faculty from the BU Padua program as well as BU's Romance Studies Department. Notification of awards is expected to be emailed to applicants within two to four weeks of the scholarship application deadline. Notification of awards is also sent to the Office of Financial Assistance at Boston University, and scholarship amounts are credited directly to the recipient's Boston University student account.