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Scholar Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in Italy

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Today's Presentation

- Program Overview
- Fulbright in Italy
- Alumni Experience
- Your questions





MISSION

- In partnership with **160 countries worldwide**, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an **unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research**.
- Our mission is to **foster mutual understanding** between nations, **advance knowledge** across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A BRIEF HISTORY

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's **flagship international educational and cultural exchange program**.
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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State strives to embed diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in all aspects of its work. Public diplomacy is most effective when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives participate in people-to-people exchanges and programs to promote mutual understanding. The Bureau incorporates DEIA best practices throughout its exchanges and programs, grants, community partnerships, and in its workforce and workplace. ECA is committed to addressing barriers based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, geographic location, education, income, socio-economic status, and other diversity dimensions, that may hinder inclusion in the organization. The Bureau's commitment to DEIA strengthens U.S. foreign policy and is vital to building trust and partnerships here at home and around the world.





Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over **8,000 awards** annually:





Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards give opportunities to U.S. citizens to teach, research, carry out professional projects, and participate in seminars around the world.

Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

- Foster sustainable partnerships
- Expand your publishing network and gain new teaching perspectives
- Serve as a cultural ambassador
- Gain the professional recognition as being identified as a Fulbright Scholar
- Join a vibrant and supportive alumni network!





Why Fulbright?



Fulbright is family-friendly.

- Approximately **60%** of our awards provide **dependent support**
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is supportive.

- **70% of applicants** engage with IIE staff
- **Continued support** while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to Fulbright **scholar liaisons** and **alumni** as resources





Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **Degree and experience**, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
 - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
 - Teaching experience as required
- **Fulbright U.S. Scholar alums are eligible**; two year waiting period between end of your last Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





What can a Fulbright U.S. Scholar do? Start by finding your award!

Over 400 individual awards in more than 100 countries to **teach, research**, teach AND conduct research (listed as **teaching/research**), carry out a **professional project** or attend a **seminar**:

fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search

Select ***one award*** that suits your profile as a scholar, your project and your goals – and apply!





Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards

Award Types that support research, teaching, and/or professional projects:

- Postdoctoral Awards
- Scholar Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards

Awards vary from **2-12 months**



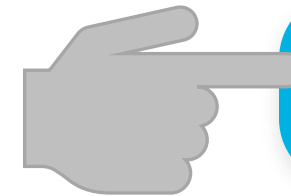
Over 60 countries allow for the **Flex option**, which lets you divide a longer grant into two to three visits over up to two years, depending on the award.





Selecting the Right Award

- **Match** country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- Most awards are for one country, but there also some **regional and global awards** – check your options!
- **Language ability** (if applicable)
- **Discipline preferences**, when specified
- **Project relevance** to the host country and/or institution
- **Benefits** to you and your community



Teaching

Research

Teaching/
Research

Professional
Project

Remember: *you can only apply for **ONE AWARD** per application cycle*





Fulbright Early Career Research Lectureship at the Department of Industrial Engineering at the University of Trento

- 3 months teaching/research, beginning January or February 2026
- Open to early career academics
- Disciplines: **Engineering, Material Sciences**
- Free housing included in the benefits

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Fulbright Early Career Research Lectureship at the Department of Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Trento

- 3 months teaching/research, beginning January or February 2026
- Open to early career academics
- Disciplines: **Architecture, Engineering, Environmental Sciences**
- Free housing included in the benefits

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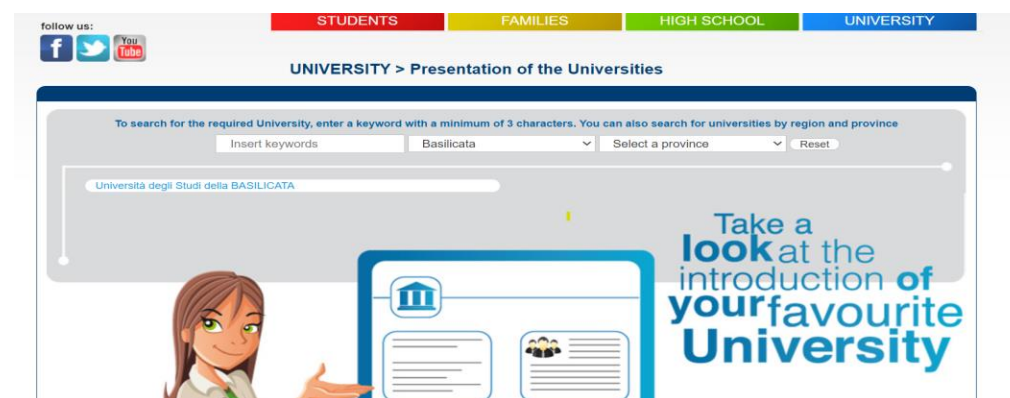


Fondazione CON IL SUD (Foundation of Southern Italy) Award for Teaching/Research in All Disciplines

- 5/6 months for Teaching or Teaching/Research. Teaching, primary activity, should be in English
- Approximately 4 awards
- Award start date between October 2025 and February 2026
- Open to faculty of all academic ranks
- Disciplines: **All Disciplines** (projects on contemporary topics and in the sciences and technology are welcome)
- Self-Placed at any of the 23 Universities of the South



<https://www.universitaly.it/index.php/university/universitaitalia>





Fulbright Lectureship in Big Data, Climate Change, Cultural Heritage, Health and Well-being, Space, Sustainability & Circular Economy at the University of Bologna

- 3 months for Teaching/Research. Teaching primary activity
- Award start date between September or October 2025 or January – February 2026
- Open to faculty of all academic ranks
- Project proposals in: **All Disciplines**





Fulbright-LUISS Research Lectureship in Business, Economics, Law, and Political Science

- 4 months Teaching/Research
- Award start date September 2025 or January 2026
- Open to Open to faculty of all academic ranks
- Disciplines: **Accounting/Finance, Business, Economics, International Relations and Law**

- **LUISS** **LUISS**





Fulbright-Distinguished Scholar Award in Engineering, Science and Technologies at the University of Naples Parthenope

- 3/4 months Teaching/Research
- Award start date: February 2026
- Open to Open to faculty of all academic ranks
- Disciplines: **Engineering, Environmental Studies, Information Sciences/Systems, Computer Science**



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Fondazione Con Il Sud award



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Fulbright Experience in Italy

- Teaching and Grant Activities: Accademia di Belle Arti di Siracusa/“MADE” — Mediterranean Arts and Design Academy.
- Artwork produced during Grant Period
- Post award activities
- Articles and Press
- Personal: Why I chose Italy? How My experience was in Italy?
- Tips for potential applicants
- Impact





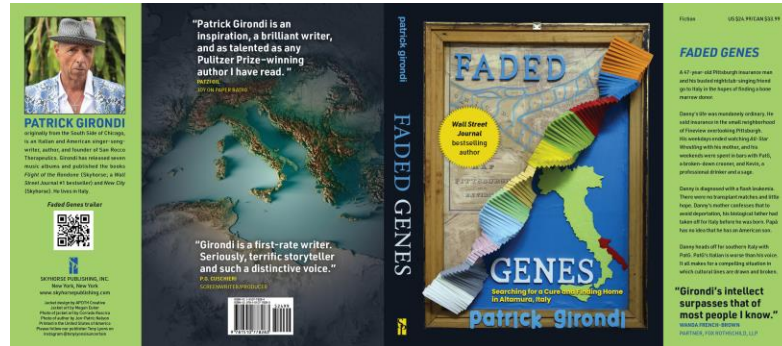
Teaching and Award Activities

My teaching and research proposal to work in the South of Italy was related to my professional investment in Orphan Disease Advocacy (specifically Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemia, prevalent in Africa and the Mediterranean) and the ways I bring art, science, medicine, technology, and law into teaching. I was affiliated with MADE (Mediterranean Arts and Design), a fully-accredited institution in Siracusa, Sicily. I taught biomimicry at the Academy in Siracusa and culminated the course with a museum exhibition in Chicago, IL.

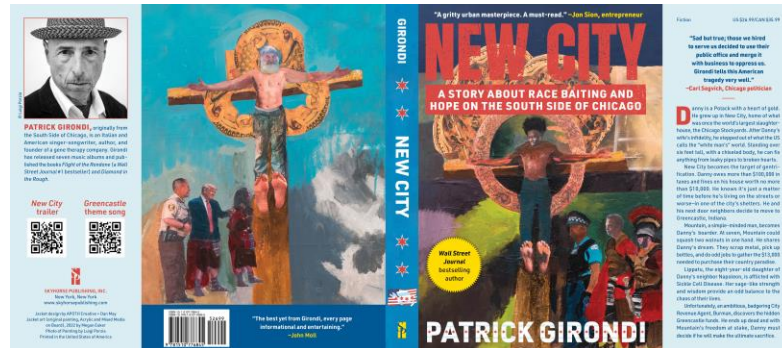




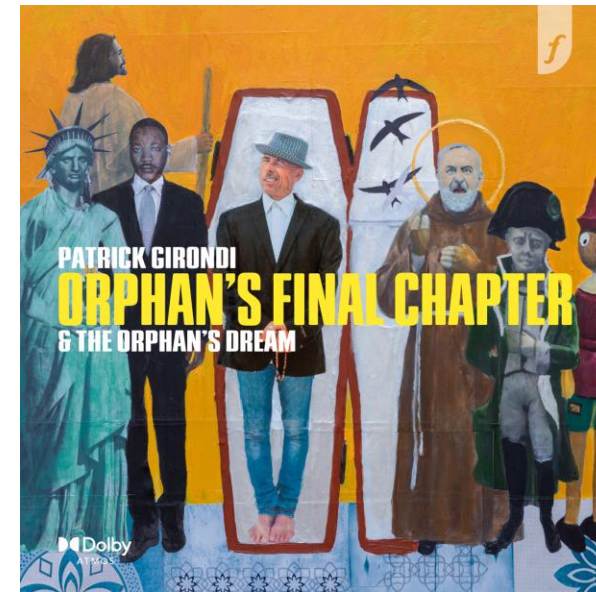
Selected artwork produced during the award period



Faded Genes: Searching for Hope and Finding a Cure and Finding Home in Altamura, Italy



New City: A Story about Race-Baiting and Hope on the South Side of Chicago



Album: Orphan's Final Chapter: Patrick Gironi & the Orphan's Dream





Post Award

In spring of 2023, I assisted with the screenplay adaptation of Flight of the Rondone, collaborating with P.G. Cuschieri and Patrick Girondi.



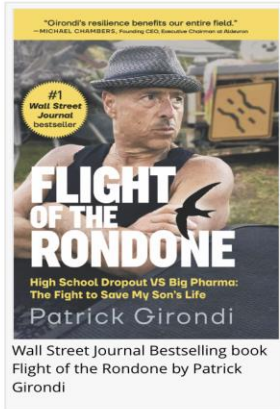
P. G. Cuschieri To Write Screenplay For Wall Street Journal Bestselling Book "Flight of the Rondone"

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, February 21, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- P.G. Cuschieri, of Joy Road Entertainment and writer/producer of the film Cut Throat City, has agreed to write the screen adaptation of Patrick Girondi's acclaimed novel, "Flight of the Rondone - High School Dropout VS Big Pharma: The Fight to Save My Son's Life."

P.G. Cuschieri was raised in Michigan. He received both undergraduate and graduate degrees from University of Detroit, achieving a Masters in Theology and Liberal Studies. Before moving to Los Angeles he was a basketball coach and teacher in inner-city Detroit. He currently writes and produces content for his company Joy Road Entertainment.

Girondi, author of 'Flight of the Rondone,'(roan-doe-nay) is the father of a patient and founder of San Rocco Therapeutics (SRT). SRT, run by the street kid Girondi, has conducted gene therapy clinical trials in the United States with no safety issues, longer than any other entity. SRT also delivered the first commercial batch of gene therapy to treat Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) and Thalassemia to the world in 2010. In the U.S., there are approximately 2500 patients suffering from Thalassemia and 100,000 patients suffering SCD.

The miraculous project, described in the book, 'Flight Of The Rondone' was sabotaged. Court documents (New York Supreme Court file 150856/2017) illustrate that Third Rock Ventures and the CEO of Bluebird Bio, Nick Leschly, paid \$35 million for an inferior product which causes serious side-effects. Court records proved that scientists and executives of both companies admitted that their product was inferior to SRT's product. These legal records further indicate that it was desperation that led to Bluebird Bio and Third Rock Ventures' decision to infringe upon SRT's gene therapy project, attempting to fix up their inferior medicine. They then had to



My Obsessions: Megan Euker

MY OBSESSIONS
SPRING 2023



Megan Euker







Application Components

Requirements:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Project Statement
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- ✓ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Language Proficiency Report *(if required)*
- ✓ Letter of Invitation *(if required)*

Supplemental Materials:

- ✓ Course outlines or syllabi *(for teaching)*
- ✓ Reference list *(for research)*
- ✓ Portfolio submissions *(for artists, architects, and journalists)*





Tips for a strong application:



Before you start, **read your award's description carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.



Start application and enter referees' information **as soon as possible**.



Take advantage of IIE resources, including webinars, office hours and application guidance on our website.





Application Cycle

The 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition: Now Open!

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| FEBRUARY | Competition Opens |
| SEPTEMBER 16 | Application Deadline |
| SEPTEMBER | Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness |
| OCTOBER – NOVEMBER | U.S. peer review |
| NOVEMBER – JANUARY | Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. |
| JANUARY – JUNE | Final decisions are made |
| JUNE – ONWARD | Participants prepare for departure |



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