

Italian Diaspora Studies Summer Seminar

Special offer for CUNY Faculty and HEOs

The Italian Diaspora Studies Summer Seminar™ (IDSSS) is delighted to offer free enrollment in the 10th edition of the IDSSS for this coming summer, June 15-July 3, 2026, for up to four members of the teaching faculty and HEO series.

As it has in past editions, the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University has offered four fellowships. This enables four CUNY colleagues to attend the three-week professional development seminar on the Italian diaspora at no cost. These participants will stay at a four-star hotel for three weeks, attend classes at Roma Tre University, and receive breakfast and lunch. This fellowship covers the seminar's \$3,500 fee. Airfare and other fees not included.



The 2025 IDSSS Cohort at Roma Tre University

The Italian Diaspora Studies Summer Seminar is a three-week program held at Roma Tre University. It aims to introduce participants — e.g., doctoral students, professors, and non-academic cultural and community leaders — to the cultural studies of the Italian diaspora from multiple academic perspectives. It also encourages the development of individual projects based on the seminar materials covering literature, film, and social sciences.

This is a collaborative program between the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute at Queens College, The City University of New York, and Roma Tre University. Professors from these two institutions, along with others, will comprise the teaching faculty for the entire three weeks. This is the tenth year of the Italian Diaspora Studies Summer Seminar.

Interested faculty and HEO members should complete the application form below and send it to calandra@qc.cuny.edu as soon as possible, no later than February 27, 2026.

2026 Summer Diaspora Seminar in Rome
Application Form

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle

Birth date _____ Sex: female ____ male ____

Permanent Home Address _____
Street

_____ City State Zip

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Emergency contact name and address

Home telephone _____ Business telephone _____

II. PREVIOUS LANGUAGE STUDY (NOT REQUIRED)

Language _____ Level _____ Years of Study _____

III. OTHER INFORMATION

Special diet needs:

Allergies, chronic ailments, or other medical conditions of which our Resident Directors should be aware:

IV. STATEMENT OF CURRENT STUDY

Please state your research interests and their connection to Italian and/or Italian American Studies (in 500 words). Some issues you might address are: (1) If any, what courses have you taught that are related to any aspect of the Italian diaspora? (2) How will your participation in the seminar enhance your teaching profile? (3) What is and/or will be the relationship between your scholarly work and the Italian diaspora?

In addition, please provide a letter of recommendation from your department chair/supervisor. The letter should not exceed 500 words and can be sent as an email.

United States citizens must have a valid U.S. passport. Your passport should NOT expire within six months of your return trip from Italy. If so, you will not be allowed to board the plane at your U.S. point of departure.

Applications should be sent to: calandra@qc.cuny.edu.

Applicant's name (please print) _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____