

AUSTRALASIAN CENTRE *for* ITALIAN STUDIES

Save Venice Fellowships

The Fellowships

As part of its commitment to fostering postgraduate and early career researchers and to furthering close links between Australasia and Italy, the Australasian Centre for Italian Studies (ACIS), in collaboration with Save Venice Inc, has established two annual Fellowships in Venice for current MA/PhD students or postdoctoral researchers.

Up to two Fellowships will be awarded annually, to the value of A\$8,000 each, to be held for the 3-month period between mid-September and mid-December.

In this round, the dates of the Fellowship are 1 January – 28 February 2027.

The Fellowship is designed for those researchers and scholars whose research and/or career can benefit in any way from a period in Venice and the use of the city's substantial resources. People working in the fields of History, Art History, Fine Art, Cultural and Media Studies, and Restoration and Museum Studies will be particularly interested, but applications will also be welcome from any field across the humanities and social sciences. Financial support for the Fellowships is designed to cover the cost of return airfares between Australasia and Venice, accommodation, and a modest living allowance.

Collaboration with Save Venice

Fellows will be expected to familiarise themselves with the work of Save Venice and, as part of their Fellowships, they might assist with its projects under its supervision. Fellows will collaborate with Save Venice and receive scholarly support while working at the Rosand Library and Study Center at Save Venice.

Eligibility for the Fellowships

Fellows must be EITHER a current Masters or PhD candidate in any area of Italian studies at an Australian or New Zealand university OR a postdoctoral researcher in any area of Italian Studies within 3 years of successful completion of their Masters or PhD at an Australian or New Zealand university. 'Italian Studies' means research on Italy from across the humanities or social sciences.

Responsibility of Fellows

Fellows must:

- make their own travel bookings to/from Venice;
- take up the Fellowships in the nominated period (Fellowships cannot be deferred);
- acknowledge ACIS and Save Venice Inc in any publication, advertisement, lecture, seminar, workshop, performance, exhibition, or associated work issuing from the Fellowship;
- provide a report to the ACIS Management Committee on their Fellowship experience within three months of return from Venice.

Application guidelines

Applications must contain the following materials:

- a description of the project (no more than 750 words), with details of the work to be carried out in Venice during the Fellowship;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a letter of reference from an academic referee familiar with the applicant's work, to be addressed to The Chair, ACIS, and sent independently to the following address: admin@acis.org.au;
- an official transcript of academic results;
- an indication of any other sources of income (postgraduate scholarship, Italian Government scholarship, grants, awards, or financial assistance from any source) obtained or under consideration for 2026 in relation to their nominated project.

Applications must be submitted by the closing date by email to the Chair of the Selection Committee, Prof Andrea Rizzi (University of Melbourne), at the following address: admin@acis.org.au

Selection process

The Selection Committee expects to make its decision and advise applicants of the outcome by early November 2026.

The closing date for applications in this round is 31 October 2026.