



Dear SRF Scholar/Alumnus,

We would like to inform you of a unique opportunity, administered by our parent organization, the Institute of International Education (IIE), for short-term residencies and conference hosting at the **Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center** in Bellagio, Italy.

This opportunity is available to accomplished scholars and creative artists. If you plan to submit an application, please mention that you have been referred as an SRF Scholar. Unfortunately SRF cannot assist further in this application process. Please see details of this opportunity below, and kindly contact the IIE Bellagio Center staff with any further questions.

### **Residencies for Scholars and Artists at the Bellagio Center, Italy**

For nearly fifty years, the Rockefeller Foundation has hosted scholars, creative artists, and practitioners at Bellagio for concentrated work on major projects. Talented professionals use time at Bellagio to advance work that has impact across disciplines, while interacting daily with an active and diverse intellectual community. Artists and scholars stay for one month of work at Bellagio, away from their usual daily demands, and flexible schedules are available for practitioners working at non-profit or NGO organizations.

The Rockefeller Foundation now invites applicants to its Bellagio residency program. The application deadline for the Fall 2009 residency period is **February 11, 2009**.

- The various disciplines under which an applicant may apply include the following:

Creative Artists: Composer, Novelist, Playwright, Poet, Video / Filmmaker, Visual Artist

Scholars: Ancient Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Education, Film & Media Studies, History, Law & Policy, Literary Studies, Music, Theatre & Dance Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Sciences, Sociology, Visual Studies

- Residents at the Bellagio Center from 2007-2009 represent a diverse group of more than 20 countries, including: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Austria, Denmark, Germany, Macedonia, Poland, Russia, the United Kingdom, Israel, Lebanon, Canada, the United States, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Togo. The various disciplines under which an applicant may apply include the following:
- Applicants from **outside** the United States and Western Europe are especially encouraged to apply, as are individuals working on projects aligned with the Foundation's objective to expand opportunities for poor or vulnerable people. The Bellagio residency provides room/board and high-speed internet access to all residents free of charge. Please note that financial assistance can be made available to successful applicants whose limited means might otherwise prevent them from accepting a residency.
- The selection process for Bellagio is very **competitive**, and will ultimately favor professionals with significant experience and strong project proposals. The Bellagio opportunity is not a grant, but rather a time to interact with a professional community while working toward tangible personal achievement.

To learn more about Bellagio, review accepted projects and a list of requisite application materials, please visit <http://www.rockfound.org/bellagio/bellagio.shtml>.

For answers to questions related to the application process, please contact the IIE Bellagio Center staff at: +1 (212) 984-5537 or [bellagio\\_res@iie.org](mailto:bellagio_res@iie.org).

**Conference Opportunities at the Bellagio Center, Italy**

The Bellagio Center also hosts several **conferences** each year, and applications are open on a rolling basis. Conferences must align with the Foundation's mission to expand opportunities for poor or vulnerable people and to help ensure that globalization's benefits are shared more widely. Visit the Bellagio website to learn more: [http://www.rockfound.org/bellagio/bel\\_conf.shtml](http://www.rockfound.org/bellagio/bel_conf.shtml).

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