

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

ROMANCE LANGUAGES EXCHANGE PROGRAM

at the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa, Italy

LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM:

The Exchange Program at Pisa covers one academic year to be spent at the Scuola Normale Superiore. The academic year at the Scuola Normale starts in November and ends in June. Some activities may start in October.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Harvard offers Romance Languages and Literatures a Traveling Scholarship in the amount of \$12,500. Half of that amount is ordinarily dispersed in September and the other half in January. The Scuola Normale offers a monthly stipend of €600, plus a monthly contribution of €300 if the student decides not to live on campus. The first installment of the stipend is paid in October or November and the final installment in June.

WORKING FOR THE SCUOLA NORMALE:

Students work under the supervision of the *Ufficio Internazionalizzazione*. A variety of employment opportunities are available, such as editing or translating research papers and articles, or tutoring, depending on the needs of the Scuola and/or the student's curricula. (Students are advised to obtain complete information regarding their job assignments.)

Students are also invited to work with an advisor on their dissertation or on general preparation and meet that advisor on a regular basis to discuss the progress of their work.

THE ACTIVITIES:

The Scuola offers Classes and graduate seminars, as well as conferences and workshops, focusing on the Arts and Sciences (Italian Literature, Linguistics, History of Art, Philosophy, History, Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology). Non-academic activities include classical music concerts which can be attended for free by students.

HOUSING:

Students may live in one of the many Scuola Normale dorms. The dorms accommodate both undergraduate and graduate students, and are located in different parts of the city, while the Scuola Normale main buildings are in downtown Pisa. Some dorms are very close to the Scuola (2-10 minutes walking distance); others can be reached by bus or by bike.

Since Pisa is home to three universities and a famous national research center, the rental housing market is student-friendly. It is recommended that students find housing during the summer.

All students may eat for free at the Scuola's canteen, which offers healthy meals.

LIVING IN PISA:

The year-round population of Pisa is approximately 100,000. It is the home of three major universities (Università di Pisa, Scuola Normale Superiore, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna). It is within easy distance by car or train of Florence, Rome, Genoa and Bologna.

A network of buses regularly connects all parts of the town, and the train affords access to Italian cities. Pisa International Airport connects to major European cities. Students often use bikes, scooters, or Vespas for travel within the city.

Pisa offers rich academic, artistic and intellectual activities. Several beaches can easily be reached by car or bus, and the Monti Pisani Mountains are accessible by car for hiking. The beautiful countryside surrounding the town invites walking and horseback riding.

Pisa offers a wide range of stores and supermarkets all within walking public transit distance.

The Scuola Normale stipend (plus the use of the canteen) and the Harvard scholarship is designed to cover living expenses and incidentals and, if the student chooses not to live in a dorm, a room in a shared apartment (which costs about €250-400). Studio or one bedroom apartments range from €600-900.

For more information on the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa please visit:

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