



COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP CIF ITALIA

International Professional Exchange Programme (IPEP)

September 24 – October 9, 2022



IPEP is an opportunity and unique experience for professional, cultural and social exchange, with the intent to increase and strengthen mutual respect and understanding among people. It includes practical and theoretical aspects at a cultural and professional level related to the host Country.

IPEP is aimed primarily, but not only, at social workers, professionals in the field of social and human services from around the world and includes:

- a period of orientation and introduction of Italian history, culture and organisation of social services;
- an observation/direct participation in a social service or social services, chosen on the basis of the interests of the participant;
- host family living, a great opportunity to get to know directly the daily life of the host Country.



Who can apply?

Professionals in the human services field such as social workers, psychologists, educators, youth workers etc., with a functional use of English required (knowledge of Italian an extra advantage). CIF Italia will select up to 4 participants.

Programme Description



What :

- *First week* of orientation session in Milan (North of Italy) for group acquaintance, providing general information about the Programme, introduction to the Italian history, culture and social services system; visits to public and private agencies, NGO's, universities, related programmes and projects in the human services field selected according to the participant's professional interests.
- *Second Week*: Field placement at Agencies/Social Services in a different Italian city, according to the participant's professional interests.
- *Evaluation Session*: last day, sharing of experiences and final evaluation. Social and cultural activities throughout the programme.
- *Host Family Living*, a significant part of the Programme where daily family life in Italian culture is experienced.



When :

From September 24th (arrival) to October 9, 2022 (departure)



Where :

Milan (arrival, first week – orientation, final evaluation, departure) and a different Italian city (placement, second week).



CIF ITALIA will provide:

- Living, domestic travel and transportation expenses connected to the programme in Italy.

Host families will provide:

- Accommodation, breakfast and dinner. The participant will cover all other personal expenses.

Insurance/Visa

- Participants are also responsible for their personal and health insurance and visa. CIF Italia cannot be held responsible for any damages or costs related to accidents and/or sickness that occur during the course of the Programme.

Important notice

Given the situation of the pandemic due to COVID 19, participants must be in possession of vaccination certificates and what will be required in Italy before departure at the time of the Programme (inquire about this before sending your application).

Unfortunately, we cannot predict at the moment what the situation will be during the programme period. There may be restrictions on entry in Italy based on the country of origin or other more extensive ones that may not permit the programme to take place at all.

 **Application**

All candidates must apply through their national CIF Branch or Contact Person (see list on CIF International website). In case neither exist in their country they may contact us directly. Application forms can be obtained from CIF National Branches or the CIF ITALIA website: www.cifitalia.it or www.cifinternational.com and must be sent preferably by email to: cifitalia@cifitalia.it, or by traditional mail to:

ASSOCIAZIONE CIF ITALIA

Via Caena, 22

35127 Padova (ITALY)

We ask the applicant to communicate a valid email address where we can eventually establish contact for an online meeting on the Zoom platform prior to our final selection.

 **Financial Terms**

The participant will pay € 300,00 (three hundred/00 Euros), upon arrival, as a contribution to programme costs.



Deadline

Applications must reach CIF Italia by March 20, 2022.

CIF Italia will make the final decision in the selection of participants.

For any further information please contact: cifitalia@cifitalia.it