

Announcement

M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence Internship with the Arezzo Study Abroad Program

The M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence invites applications for a three month Gandhi Institute Internship at the International Hall of Residence at Rondine Cittadella della Pace near Arezzo, Italy. The opportunity for a University of Rochester undergraduate to live with international students while studying in the Arezzo Program is extraordinary. While pursuing regular studies in Arezzo's fall program, the intern will live at Rondine (the only American student to do so), fully participating in the life and work of the International Hall of Residence. He/she will attend the Italian language and culture courses run by the Rochester program and will devote a number of hours to a research project jointly approved by the directors of the Gandhi Institute and the Association Rondine.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Two letters of recommendation
- Junior or senior class, preferably 3.00 average
- Willingness to learn Italian with other UR students as the language of communication at Rondine is prevalently Italian
- Preparedness for daily travel from residence in Rondine to Arezzo, 7.5 miles.

The student chosen to become the intern will be exceptionally mature, committed to Gandhi's principles of non-violence, and prepared to enter into activities designed to favor intercultural dialogue and understanding.

Individual interviews will take place by video conference and will be made through the Arezzo Program. The deadline for application is **March 1, 2009**.

Selection of University of Rochester candidates for the internship will be done in collaboration with Professor Donna Logan, UR Program Site Director in Arezzo.

The internship is not paid. The cost and credit are in line with Arezzo program.

ABOUT RONDINE

The **Association Rondine Cittadella della Pace**, www.rondine.org founded in 1997, is a non profit organization based just outside Arezzo. Its mission statement is "*To promote the peaceful resolution of conflict through shared life and multicultural dialogue.*" The core activity of the Association is the running of an International Hall of Residence in the small medieval village Rondine. The Hall of Residence houses about 25 students from the opposing sides of areas that have recently experienced or continue to experience violent conflict (Russia and the Caucasus, the Balkans, the Middle East and Sierra Leone).

While at Rondine the majority of students take postgraduate degrees at the universities of Arezzo, Florence and Siena, while a few enroll in undergraduate degrees. The students live together at Rondine for several years, share their living space with each other and commit themselves to **a program based on dialogue, respect, sharing and understanding**. Their studies are funded through scholarships awarded by the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Once they have successfully completed their studies and the Rondine program they return to their home countries (where possible) in order to embark on careers that aim to contribute to development, promote dialogue and further the cause of peace. The students look forward to having an American live at the residence and contribute to the dialogue.

For more information please see <http://www.rochester.edu/college/MLC/arezzo/>
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