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TO: Deans, Chairs, and Directors of Academic Departments/Programs

FROM: Daniel K Gold, Director, International Academic Programs (IAP)

RE: Program Leader Position for UW in Florence Program during Spring 2017

International Academic Programs (IAP), a unit in the International Division, is accepting applications from UW-Madison who wish to serve as the UW-Madison Program Leader for the UW in Florence Program in Italy during spring semester 2017. Please share this posting with faculty in your department.

Applications are due March 30, 2016

The UW in Florence program focuses on Art History, Italian and European studies from a multi-disciplinary perspective. The cultural and historical riches of Florence create a unique and vibrant academic environment for program participants. The curriculum is geared towards giving students grounding in Italian language, and an understanding of Italy from both a historical and a cultural perspective, connecting it to greater European and global issues.

The program is administered in cooperation with CET Academic Programs, a study abroad organization based in Washington, DC that has been designing and administering innovative educational programs abroad since 1982. Through their Florence Center, CET staff will handle the on-site administrative oversight of the program (including activities and excursions and housing matters).

The CET Center is in a charming building within the historic city center. Most classes are housed in the center (students will also take language classes at the University of Florence), and it also contains space for faculty, student meeting space, and a computer lab. The Program Leader will be provided with a furnished apartment in the vicinity of the Center. Participants will either live in homestays or shared apartments within the same area. Florence offers an ideal setting for a culturally and intellectually rewarding educational experience abroad, while also enabling students to earn credit towards graduation and gain valuable professional experience in one of the cultural and economic capitals of Europe. The program expects to enroll approximately 20-30 students for the semester.

The curriculum is as follows:

- Two 3-credit courses taught by the Program Leader. The courses will be taught in English to UW students only and should match the curricular goals for the program. Applicants should consider developing content for one of the courses to relate to “The Florentine Experience” (an introduction to the city of Florence, its art, architecture, history and culture). UW students will be required to take at least one course taught by the Program Leader.
• Italian language course (4 credits), required for all UW participants and arranged by CET, at the first- or second-year level.

• Elective courses* taught by CET faculty in English. The list of courses can be found at: http://cetacademicprograms.com/programs/italy/florence/academics/
Curricular oversight of these courses is in collaboration with Vanderbilt University.

*please note that the two courses the Program Leader proposes to teach can overlap with the topics listed among the elective courses.

In addition to teaching two courses on the program, the Program Leader will assist the on-site staff with academic and non-academic issues that may come up in the course of the semester, particularly in recommending out-of-class activities and excursions for the participants that complement the coursework and interacting with students outside of the classroom to maximize their experience. The Program Leader is also responsible for assisting IAP with marketing and recruitment efforts for the program, as well as for participating in the pre-departure and on-site orientation session for participants. After the program completion, the Program Leader will submit a written report and assist IAP with program planning and development efforts for future years of the program.

This position is open to faculty from all disciplines and academic departments at UW-Madison. Preference will be given to tenured professors.

Faculty members remain on their departmental budgets while teaching, receiving regular academic salary and fringe benefits for the semester. Replacement costs are not provided; the department must concur in granting leave to the participant.

For the Program Leader, IAP will provide the following:
• One round-trip, economy-class air transportation and associated ground transportation between your home and airports at the program site;
• Housing for the duration of the program;
• A shipping allowance of $500, which can include forwarding of business mail and/or excess baggage charges;
• Visa fees and/or arrival taxes; and
• International health insurance coverage for the duration of the appointment.

Interested faculty should submit electronically a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and two course proposals (one or two paragraphs for each will suffice) to dkgold@studyabroad.wisc.edu by the application deadline.

Additional information about the program can be found at:
http://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/programs/program.asp?program_id=417

Questions about the position can be addressed to Dan Gold, IAP Director, at: dkgold@studyabroad.wisc.edu