

Theological Study Year Rome



Centro Melantone
Protestant Centre for ecumenical studies in Rome

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A unique opportunity for protestant students of theology



As a scholarship holder at the Centro Melantone, you will spend approximately ten months (two semesters, from September until June) in Rome. During

that time, you will be afforded the unique opportunity to live in Rome, and to study Protestant theology at the Waldensian Faculty of Theology (Facoltà Valdese di teologia), as well as Roman Catholic theology at the various Pontifical Universities. Rome is the ideal location for pursuing courses such as Church History, Christian Archeology, and Ecumenism.

As a Protestant student at the Pontifical Universities in Rome, you will have the opportunity to engage in ecumenical dialogue. As a member of a Protestant student group from different countries and various denominations, you will living and studying in the heart of the Roman Catholic world and have a truly unique ecumenical experience. Thus, all those who are advanced students of Protestant theology and all those who are interested in Rome, its (church) history and in meeting Christians from different denominations and backgrounds, all those are in Rome at exactly the right place.

PROGRAMM

Study in Rome – a unique opportunity.

- to study at the protestant Waldensian Faculty of Theology and at various pontifical universities in the heart of Rome.
- to gain experience in the field of ecumenism and to reflect them in an international group of protestant students of theology.
- to discover a city in which (church) history is actually present and touchable.

Your studies in Rome will be accompanied by a program organized by the Centro Melantone, which will enable you to reflect and deepen your experiences:

- There will be two ecumenical journeys, one in October and the other in June.
- Two weekend seminars in Rome will focus on specifically Roman Catholic subjects.
- Monthly encounters will take place with Roman Catholic seminarians to discuss ecumenical questions.
- In the Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Rome, scholarship holders can get involved in congregational life and thus gain valuable experience regarding lutheran congregational reality in Italy.
- The Centro Melantone will organize encounters with interesting communities as well as individual persons from the Roman Catholic world.
- The Theological Study Year in Rome will begin with an Italian language course in September, since courses at the Catholic universities are taught in Italian (even if at some there is an offer in English, Spanish, German and French, too). In any case, living and studying in Rome make knowledge of Italian a necessity; a profitable stay in Rome is clearly depending on your ability to communicate.

Other programs of the Melanchthon Centre are study visits and advanced training courses for students, pastors and teachers, as well as special conferences.

Structural and financial support.

In addition to these opportunities, the Centro Melantone will provide you with structural and financial support:

- Central to the scholarship is a full inscription at the Waldensian Faculty of Theology of which the tuition fee is paid by the Centro Melantone.
- A financial subvention will assist with the enrolment fees for the optional courses at the various Pontifical Universities.
- The two ecumenical study trips are financed in large part by the Centro Melantone.
- The internal seminars will be financed by the Centro Melantone.

- A subvention is provided for the rental of accommodation in Rome. The Lutheran Church maintains a student house (at the Via Aurelia Antica 391) where most scholarship holders reside for the duration of their stay. For some students, there is also the possibility of living in the Waldensian convict (Convitto valdese) in the company of the Waldensian students.
- A subvention will be provided for the Italian language course in September (at one of the best schools in Rome), limiting the cost to €450 per student.

APPLICATION

Two application deadlines: **September 15th** (without certificate of knowledge of the Italian language) and **January 15th** (every year)

In order to apply, you must be an advanced student of Protestant theology with a special interest in ecumenism.

You will need to send:

- A covering letter stating the motivation of your application
- Your CV, inclusive a passport photo
- A list of courses previously taken at your home university
- Two letters of recommendation written by academic teachers
- Evidence of a basic knowledge of Italian, i.e. a marked certification of Italian skills which should correspond at least to a course at university level with two semester periods per week for two semesters or four semester periods per week for one semester.

Please send your application via e-mail to:

- segreteria@melantone.org
- direttore@melantone.org

Within one week, you will receive a notice of arrival via e-mail. If not, please contact the administration office (segreteria@melantone.org) immediately.

The Centro Melantone cannot provide full grants for tuition fees, for accommodation in Rome, and for airplane flights to the city. Once the rental of your accommodation has been paid for, living in Rome does not have to be expensive. Even so, it would be helpful if you could procure additional funding from your church or from other organizations – as indeed our students have managed to secure in the past. Please contact us for further information.

The Melanchthon Centre offers a scholarship for **student from Eastern Europe** which will be divided among those eastern europeans who do not have any additional funding.