

Application

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.

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 easterneuropeans who do not have any additional funding.

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

Please send your application via e-mail to:

segreteria@melantone.org
and 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 Board of Directors, together with the director of studies, will decide on the admission to the study program in the Board meeting following the application deadline.

Other programs of the Melanchthon Centre are study visits and advanced training courses for students, pastors and teachers, as well as special conferences. For further information see:
www.centromelantone.org

We look forward to receiving your application.

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Theological Study Year Rome

A unique opportunity for
protestant students of theology..

- 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.

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Study in Rome – a unique opportunity

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.

„That the house of Ecumenical Christianity has more corners, windows and rooms than just the one and only Orthodoxy, the one and only Catholicism and the one and only Protestantism, that's one of the most important experiences I made in Rome“

(Florian Wöller, 2003/4)

Program

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, each of a week's duration, one in September 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 and Waldensian students to discuss ecumenical questions.
- Together with other scholarship holders, you will organize monthly prayer meetings with the Evangelical Lutheran community in Rome.
- 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.

„Rome offers a pleasing and varied mixture of studying and getting to know an absolutely multifaceted and exciting city.“

(Andrei Popescu, 2007/08)

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; students will be required to contribute € 100 per journey.
- 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 €400 per student.

„Nowhere else than in Rome one can get to know the diversity of the Roman-Catholic Church that easily...“

(Julia Früh, 2004/5)