



Harvard College
John Thomas Patterson Traveling Fellowship
2023-2024 Application Instructions

FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION:

The Patterson Fellowship is in memoriam to John Thomas Patterson, and is intended to inspire the Harvard community to share John's love for travel and for Italy. John led bicycling tours through Europe; he also traveled with his friends. John brought them to museums, to historical sights, to restaurants, and inevitably his students and friends acquired his enthusiasm for the places they visited. John was a demanding tour guide, eager to teach others the value and beauty of another culture. Of all the places he went, he loved Italy best.

As a law student and a graduate student in legal history, John was the head teaching fellow for several Harvard courses and a tutor in Mather House. A generation of undergraduates admired him for his intellect and his wisdom. John lived with AIDS for seven years and died on October 9, 1997. In 1998 his family and friends established this fellowship in his memory.

The award is intended to introduce Italy to a student who has little familiarity with the country. Applicants should propose a trip that would be intellectually purposeful and personally enriching, but it need not contribute in any way to an academic project. The award is for travel that would not otherwise have happened, rather than for funding travel that the student would have undertaken anyway.

Eligibility:

The competition is open to all Harvard first-years, sophomores, and juniors who are not Italian citizens and have not lived in Italy. There is a preference for current Mather House residents and affiliates.

Benefits:

One fellowship is awarded each year to fund summer or holiday travel to Italy. The award provides approximately \$2,000, enough to cover a two or three-week visit.

Selection criteria:

The fellowship will be awarded to a student who:

- demonstrates personal or intellectual curiosity about Italy;
- is resourceful, mature, and displays independence of mind; and
- has not traveled extensively.

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND ORGANIZE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR YOUR APPLICATION:

■ **APPLICATION FORM**

Complete the online CARAT information, which will be compiled and displayed as your application cover sheet.

■ **CURRENT RESUME**

Indicate significant activities, achievements, and work experience in college that demonstrate your interests and potential achievements. **Do not exceed one page.**

■ **CURRENT UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

Download your unofficial transcript from my.harvard.edu.

■ **PROPOSAL**

In 1,000 words or less, explain your reasons for seeking this fellowship and the plans you have for using it. Your proposal should demonstrate your curiosity about Italy, present a possible itinerary, and describe specific sites of interest to you. The best proposals will demonstrate some connection between your academic and/or extracurricular interests and your travel plans, as well as casual but thoughtful research into guidebooks, travel literature, and/or histories of Italy.

■ **ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

The letter should attest to your personal qualities and the suitability of your proposal and should have a Harvard affiliation. Letters should be addressed to “The John Thomas Patterson Traveling Fellowship Selection Committee” and submitted online by your recommenders, following instructions they will receive once you designate them. (See below).

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. **LOG IN TO [CARAT](#) USING YOUR HARVARD KEY** and confirm that your profile information is correct.

2. **BROWSE FOR THE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY AND CLICK “APPLY”**

Fill out all required fields.

3. **REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS (via “References” tab)**

You are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to solicit recommendations at least three weeks ahead of the application deadline. Once you have provided name (Last, First) and contact information for your recommenders, **YOU MUST CLICK “Send Reference Request”** under each recommender’s entry in order for CARAT to send the notification to your recommender’s email. **“Save and Next” will NOT submit your recommendation requests.**

4. **UPLOAD YOUR DOCUMENTS**

All documents must be submitted concurrently, in PDF format. No supplementary materials will be accepted.

5. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION (via “Submission” tab)**

Enter your HUID and click “Submit”. The date and time of your submission will be noted, and late applications will not be accepted.

If you or your recommenders have questions about this application or the online submission process, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at (617) 495-5095 or fellowships@fas.harvard.edu.

■ ■ ■ **DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 at 11:59pm (ET)** ■ ■ ■