



JOHN PAUL II CENTER
for
INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Russell Berrie Fellowship in Interreligious Studies

“There is no doubt that the Russell Berrie Fellowship has had an impact on my life, both personal and professional. I see dialogue as a way of being and living, as a method, rather than just a theory of teachings and books.”

—Fr. Cyrille Uwizeye,
Cohort IV, Rwanda

“The Russell Berrie Fellowship experience has been one of the great blessings of my life both personally and professionally. The learning and living experiences of my Russell Berrie Fellowship studies in Rome and in Israel and with the faculty and students of the Angelicum as well as with the Shalom Hartman Institute have blessed me and all of my students in classrooms, congregational, and community settings.”

—Mrs. Linda S. Taggart, MA, Religious Studies, Adjunct Religion Instructor, Saint Leo University, Florida (Cohort V, U.S.A.)

About the Fellowship

The Russell Berrie Foundation is pleased to announce the eleventh cycle of applications for postgraduate fellowships for studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, the “Angelicum.” The goal of the Fellowship Program is to build bridges between Christian, Jewish and other religious traditions by providing the next generation of religious leaders with a comprehensive understanding and dedication to interfaith issues. Russell Berrie Fellows are expected to complete their studies and return home to their parishes and communities to lead others in efforts to promote interfaith understanding.

The Fellowship, granted for one year, targets priests, women religious, and members of the lay community to allow them to study at the Angelicum either for a Diploma in Interreligious Studies or a Licence Degree.

Applicants from around the world and of different faiths who have a demonstrated interest in Interreligious Studies are encouraged to apply.

What does the Fellowship offer?

The award will provide financial support to Russell Berrie Fellows to complete one year of study at the Angelicum. It is intended to cover tuition, a modest living stipend, book allowance, examination fees, and travel to and from the recipient’s home country. During their studies, the Fellows also participate in a field trip to Israel and a number of other related short term programs, all conducted through the John Paul II Center for Interreligious Dialogue at the Angelicum. More on the Center can be found at www.jp2center.org.

“The Russell Berrie Fellowship allowed me to continuously deepen my understanding and desire for unity among Christians and harmony with people of other faiths. My studies, exposure, seminars and training in Rome made me realize that harmony and peace are possible, even if there is much difficulty in the process.”

—Rev. Fr. Richard James Manion Babao,
MA, STL, Assistant Minister, Ministry for Ecumenical and InterFaith Affairs, Archdiocese of Manila (Cohort II, Philippines)



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Who is Eligible?

In order to apply for the Russell Berrie Fellowship, candidates must be eligible to gain admission to the Angelicum. Applicants planning to pursue their first year of the Licence Degree are eligible if they submit a written commitment from their Bishop, or Appropriate Religious Superior that they will receive support in the second year of their studies. Current first-year Licence students are eligible to apply for the second year of their studies at the Angelicum. Applicants planning to pursue a Diploma in Interreligious Studies (one-year program) are also eligible to apply. For more information on admission criteria and eligibility requirements, please visit the program website at www.iie.eu/berrie or write to berrie@iie.eu.

Only applicants who meet the admission criteria and eligibility requirements will be considered for the Fellowship.

How to Apply

Program information and application materials can be found and downloaded from www.iie.eu/berrie.

Application deadline: April 20, 2018.

About the Russell Berrie Foundation

The Russell Berrie Foundation was established in 1985 by Russell Berrie, an American entrepreneur and philanthropist. An important goal of the Berrie Foundation is to help build a pluralistic world where people of all faiths can co-exist peacefully. The mission of the Russell Berrie Foundation expresses the personal passions and interests of a philanthropist committed to health issues like diabetes and humanism in medicine, Jewish continuity, salesmanship as a profession, interreligious understanding, honoring New Jersey's unsung heroes, and strengthening communities in northern New Jersey.

www.russellberriefoundation.org

About Studying at the Angelicum

The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, commonly known as the "Angelicum," is the Dominican university of Rome and one of the major pontifical universities in the city. The Angelicum offers training in the specialties of ecumenism and interreligious dialogue. This program is developed according to the principles

of ecumenism and interreligious dialogue set out by the Second Vatican Council and the official Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Courses in Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue are taught in English. The student body consists of men and women (clergy, religious and lay) from many nations, and includes Latin and Eastern Catholics, Orthodox Christians, Anglicans, Protestants, and occasionally, those from other faiths including Muslims, Jews and Buddhists. www.pust.it

About the Institute of International Education

An independent not-for-profit founded in 1919, IIE is among the world's largest and most experienced international education and training organizations. The Russell Berrie Fellowship Program is administered by IIE's Europe Office on behalf of the Russell Berrie Foundation. For more information, please visit www.iie.eu/berrie.



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