

About Studying at the Angelicum

The Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas in Rome, known throughout the world as the “Angelicum,” is a Roman university of pontifical status that offers intermediate and terminal degrees in ecumenical theology. The student body consists of men and women from many nations, and includes Latin and Eastern Catholics, Orthodox Christians, Anglicans, Protestants, and occasionally those from other faiths, including Muslims, Buddhists and Jews.

Most Russell Berrie Fellows will study within the Department of Ecumenical Theology, part of the Faculty of Theology. The faculty members of the department are highly qualified, both academically and in experience of the ecumenical movement. All permanent members of the teaching staff have their pontifical doctorates in sacred theology, and boast impressive lists of scholarly publications. Some members of the faculty have held positions, either full-time or as consultants, in the Vatican offices which deal with ecumenism and inter-faith relations. The department’s principal language is English, which is used for all courses and seminars.

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About the Fellowship

The Russell Berrie Foundation is pleased to announce another round of fellowships for postgraduate studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas “Angelicum”. Along with the Annual Lecture Series on Interreligious Studies, the goal of the Fellowship Program is to build bridges between Catholic, Jewish and other religious traditions by providing the next generation of religious leaders with a comprehensive understanding of and dedication to inter-faith 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 inter-faith understanding.

The Fellowship, granted for up to two years, targets priests and members of the laity for the purpose of studying at the Angelicum to obtain either a License or Doctorate Degree in Theology with a concentration in Interreligious Studies.

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 up to two years of study at the Angelicum. It is intended to cover tuition, a modest living stipend, examination fees, a modest book allowance, and travel to and from the recipient’s home country once a year.

Who is Eligible?

In order to be eligible to apply for a Russell Berrie Fellowship, candidates must be eligible to gain admission to the Angelicum. Criteria for admission to the License Degree in Theology at the Angelicum are available online at www.angelicum.org.

Only applicants who meet the eligibility criteria 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: **March 15, 2010**

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 Center for Inter-Religious Understanding, which Russell Berrie founded with Rabbi Jack Bemporad, seeks to build bridges between different faiths through dialogue.

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.

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