



GABINETTO SCIENTIFICO LETTERARIO  
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**Literary Prize**  
***Grand Tour: Stories about Florence and Tuscany***  
**First Edition**

**Competition for foreign students enrolled in North American Universities and Colleges that are members of AACUPI located in the Province of Florence.**



**Organizers**

The **Gabinetto Scientifico Letterario G.P. Vieuusseux** in Florence, in collaboration with the Association of American College and University Programs in Italy announces a literary prize reserved for students enrolled in North American Colleges and Universities that are members of AACUPI which has as its theme a short story about the personal experience of their stay in the city of Florence and in Tuscany.

**Purposes of the Competition**

With the Literary Prize *Grand Tour: Stories about Florence and Tuscany*, the Gabinetto Vieuusseux intends to find in contemporaneity dialogue and comparison with the

foreign community connected to the numerous American universities that have a seat in town and in the province.

Tuscany, with its extraordinary historical-artistic patrimony, was one of the main stops for travellers on the "Grand Tour." In Florence, at the Gabinetto Scientifico Letterario G.P. Vieusseux, founded by a Swiss merchant in 1819, it was possible for foreigners to find books and magazines from their own countries of origin and frequent a lively and educated cosmopolitan society. During its two centuries of history, it was frequented by illustrious United States writers: James F. Cooper, Mark Twain, Louise M. Alcott, Henry James, Gertrude Stein and so many others. In the Thirties of the 1900s, the library of the Gabinetto Vieusseux became a reference point for students and docents of the top American universities in Florence; among these, the young Dante scholar Irma Brandeis, destined to become a central figure in the poetry of the then Director Eugenio Montale, Nobel Prize winner for literature in 1975.

### **Ways to Participate**

Foreign students enrolled in the Fall-Winter-Spring 2023-24 semesters of one of the North American Universities or Colleges members of AACUPI that have a seat in the Province of Florence may participate.

Any student who intends to participate in the Prize competition must send a short story written in English, together with a version of the same story drawn up in the Italian language. The Italian version must be executed under the supervision of a docent, and by the same docent counter-signed as a guarantee of the originality of the text. The address to which the story is to be sent is: **grandtourpremioletterario@gmail.com**. For admission, the email message must contain: the student's first name and last name, place and date of birth, nationality, the name of the University or College in which the student is enrolled, the email address and telephone number of the docent who countersigned the Italian version.

It is possible for each participant to send in one story which must not exceed 8,000 strokes (spaces included).

### **Expiration Date and Competition Acceptance**

Stories must be submitted only by email to the above-indicated email address before and not after **2:00 pm on March 15, 2024**. No submission by hard copy on paper will be accepted. By participating in the competition, each author guarantees that the text

submitted is the fruit of his/her personal creativity and is not the fruit of Artificial Intelligence instruments. The stories submitted will not be returned and participation in the Literary Prize implies the unconditional acceptance of the competition rules herein presented, as well as the express authorization and consent for the use of his/her personal data on the part of the organizers for the unique purposes of this competition, following the current Italian legislation in force regarding the protection of personal data (DD.Lgs. nn. 675/1996 and 1901/2018).

### **Prizes**

The winning story will be published in both versions, in Italian and in English, in the quarterly literary review of the Gabinetto Scientifico Letterario G.P. Vieuusseux, the "Vieuusseux Anthology."

### **Jury**

The jury of the Literary Prize is composed of: Stefano Ugo Baldassarri, Anna Gravina, Nicoletta Peluffo, Fabrizio Ricciardelli, Michele Rossi, Franco Zabagli.

### **Awarding of Prizes**

The awarding of the prizes will take place on April 10, 2024, at 5:00 pm in the Ferri Sala of The Gabinetto Vieuusseux, Piazza degli Strozzi, Florence, in the presence of the Jury and the President of the Gabinetto Scientifico Letterario G.P. Vieuusseux. For the students and docents who may no longer be present in Florence, an international connection will be arranged.

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