

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR MAX WEBER FELLOWS

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Responsible Unit: Welcome Office, Academic Service

Aim of the instruction

The aim of this document is to provide practical information for new members of the EUI, to help them to plan their arrival and stay in Florence.

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Registration

Registration, distribution of general information, and welcome events take place on 2nd September 2026 at the Badia Fiesolana.

During registration, we provide you with your EUI card for access to EUI facilities, and give you general information about life at the EUI.

Details of registration day and events will be sent to you in the early Summer.

Please note that your grant will only be paid for the agreed duration of your fellowship. If you arrive after the formal start date of your fellowship, your grant will be proportionally reduced, and you should register individually at the Welcome Unit at the Badia Fiesolana.

Prior to your arrival you will be requested to register online and you will be required to upload some or all of the following:

- Your bank account details
- Relevant supporting documents for the payment of family allowances (i.e. proof of partner living in Florence; birth certificates of children)
- Proof of health insurance. Max Weber Fellows are covered under the EUI's medical plan (basic plan) provided by Cigna at the expense of the EUI, unless they wish to continue under their own active policies (further information on page 6).
- A copy of your doctoral degree certificate or, if not yet available, a certificate from your university stating that the PhD thesis has been officially submitted and accepted for its final defence
- Proof of English proficiency: this can be one of the following international certificates (IELTS, TOEFL Cambridge proficiency, Cambridge English), or a supporting document showing that the candidate has written the doctorate, or published an article or a book chapter of at least 6000 words in English, or has studied and holds a qualification from a University where the language of instruction and assessment was English. Native English speakers are exempt of proof.

Please see this link for more information, including a list of accepted certificates <https://www.eui.eu/apply?id=max-weber-fellowships&subpage=informationForApplicants>

Please note:

- **The beginning of your stay in Florence may prove expensive, given the cost of deposits for rental properties (usually 1-2 months' rent), and because it takes some time for the first instalment of your grant to be credited to your bank account. We advise you to bring sufficient money to cope with any extra costs.**
- **If you are planning to come with your own vehicle and to use it in Florence, please contact the Welcome Office (Welcome@eui.eu) for more information regarding the current Italian legislation concerning this matter.**

Grant, Allowances, Taxation and Travel Expenses

Grant

The basic grant is €2,500 per month. If the duration of the fellowship is less than 12 months, no grant will be paid for the month of August.

The Institute normally pays the grants directly into the fellow's Florence bank account (see p. 14 on the EUI bank). Please note that some non-Italian banks may apply bank charges. If so, those will be at the expense of the fellow.

You will be required to provide your bank details, including IBAN (if applicable) and SWIFT/BIC codes for payment of your grant.

Should a fellow leave before the end of the fellowship (before 20th July), the grant will be accordingly reduced, and no grant will be paid for the month of August.

If a fellow benefits from other grants or salaries, this must be declared to the EUI and the EUI grant may be fixed at a lower rate, depending on the amount of the additional income. Supporting documentation (payslip) is required.

Medical Insurance

Fellows must have adequate medical insurance coverage during their stay at the Institute.

Max Weber Fellows are covered under the EUI's medical plan (basic plan) provided by Cigna at the expense of the EUI, unless they wish to continue under their own active policies. In such a case, they must provide proof of coverage for the period of their fellowship. For more information on the insurance conditions, please consult the [dedicated webpage](#).

Allowances

A household allowance of up to €310 per month is paid to fellows with a partner accompanying them to Florence, on the condition that the partner's income is less than €2,000 per month. The sum of income and allowance cannot exceed €2,000 per month (i.e. if the income is more than €1,690, the allowance will be paid only to top up to €2,000).

A dependent's allowance of €210 per month is paid for each dependent child if they live with the fellow in Florence.

Fellows are entitled to the allowances if they can declare that they are not receiving similar allowances from other sources, and upon presentation of relevant certificates (marriage or equivalent, birth certificate of child). A school or university certificate is required for dependent children in full-time education and over the age of 18. There is no allowance for dependent children over the age of 26.

The MWP operates a parental leave policy whereby Fellows who have a child during their Fellowship are eligible to up to four months paid parental leave, (up to four months for biological mothers and up to two months for the others). In case of the parental leave the Fellowship will be extended accordingly.

Taxation

The fellowship is not taxed by the Institute. However, fellows are required to comply with any other tax provisions that may be applicable to them.

Travel Expenses

Fellows (but not their families) receive reimbursement for the incoming trip from their place of origin (the place from where the fellow travels to take up the fellowship) at the beginning of the fellowship, and for the outgoing trip to their destination at the end of the fellowship. Maximum reimbursement is €1,200 including both incoming and outgoing trips.

Reimbursement of your travel expenses will be made upon the presentation of your travel documents/tickets (showing the price paid) including boarding passes. You will be asked to submit your claim via an online platform accessible with your EUI account. Once you arrive, you will receive an automatic message with a link to the platform, where you can submit your claim.

Reimbursement is made for first-class rail travel or economy-class air travel.

Travel by car is reimbursed with the equivalent of a first-class rail ticket (previous authorization is required by writing to mwp@eui.eu specifying the itinerary). Only one-way tickets can be reimbursed, and, in case of a return ticket, only half of the ticket can be reimbursed on arrival.

N.B. If the cost of luggage is not included in the price of the plane ticket, the cost of 1 piece of luggage can be reimbursed.

Taxi costs cannot be reimbursed.

Reimbursement for the trip from Florence back to the hometown or place of employment is made after the formal end of the fellowship, i.e., after 31 August, upon presentation of travel receipts and completion of the relevant online request. If the reimbursement of the return trip and/or the last grant payment is to be made on another bank account, the fellow must fill in a new bank details form in due course so as not to delay the payment.

Visa expenses

Fellows who need a visa for Italy in order to take up the fellowship are entitled to a reimbursement of costs related to obtaining a visa (consular fees and travel costs to the nearest consulate), up to a maximum of €250, on the basis of supporting documents.

European University Institute Card

EUI Card

Upon registration, fellows receive a EUI identity card with their photograph and matriculation number. This is used to access the EUI campus, the Library, and it can be used in the canteens.

Partner Cards

Postdoctoral fellows may apply for a EUI card for their partner. It grants partners access to the same buildings as the fellows, as well as access to the Library (without any print or photocopying quota). For further information, and to apply for a partner card, please consult the [EUI Partner Card page](#).

Research Tools

The ICT service

The ICT Service provides the information technology resources for the work and activities of the EUI members. The ICT offers and maintains a wide range of services, including: computing accounts with a EUI email address, personal cloud storage (OneDrive/SharePoint), support for personal devices, printing services, A/V equipment, on campus access via LAN and WiFi, as well as off campus intranet access via VPN. The ICT service also provides a wide range of research software for personal use.

For more information see <http://www.eui.eu/ICT-Flyer> or visit ICT's homepage <http://www.eui.eu/ICT>

Library

The EUI Library supports the high-level research, teaching, and training activities of the EUI scholarly community, and aims to provide the best possible collections, services, and information tools in the social sciences and humanities, with a particular emphasis on Europe. The collection includes over a million print and electronic resources as well as licensed and open access data resources in Law, Economics, History and Civilisation, and Political and Social sciences.

Users have a range of services at their disposal: on-demand acquisition of books and e-books, generous lending policies, daily book delivery to the main EUI villas, document delivery, an online document conversion system, interlibrary loan, 200 workspaces, and numerous training sessions. All available Library services and resources are listed on the [Library website](#).

The Library organises many events, including [Library Research Skills sessions](#), designed to help manage the information needed for research.

Cadmus, EUI Research Repository and Open Access

[Cadmus](#) is the EUI Research Repository collecting EUI members' academic publications and datasets during their time at the EUI and/or based on research carried out at the EUI. Cadmus also includes theses written by EUI researchers and publications from academic series sponsored by the EUI, such as working paper series. An increasing proportion of Cadmus is now in Open Access. Cadmus is searchable in and harvested by several European and international networks and portals.

Scholars' Hub (CALL)

The EUI's Scholars' Hub equips students, early-career researchers, and the EUI scholarly community with [essential academic literacies and multilingual skills](#), in addition to [professional and career development resources](#). It includes the Centre for Academic Literacies and Languages (CALL), as well as teaching and learning professionals from across the EUI.

For more information, please contact us at scholarshub@eui.eu.

Facilities at the EUI

Shared office space

Fellows have access to shared office spaces with dock-in stations.

Please do not have anything sent before your arrival.

In case you need to receive post already in September, all items must be clearly marked:

Name & Surname – Max Weber Fellow

European University Institute

Badia Fiesolana

Via dei Roccettini, 9

I- 50014 San Domenico di Fiesole

ITALY

Photocopying

Fellows have an annual quota of roughly 4,000 pages for both black and white or colour photocopies and printouts, free of charge.

Bank

Grants are paid directly into the fellow's bank account (in Florence, or home bank account).

To open a bank account with the Italian bank Intesa San Paolo, please check our dedicated webpage: <https://www.eui.eu/en/services/accounting-service/bank-and-bancomat>. Please also be advised that there is a cashpoint/ATM machine near the Control Room in Badia Fiesolana.

If you choose to open an Italian bank account upon arrival, please give the details to the Welcome Office (welcome@eui.eu) as soon as possible after registration. This allows the administration to go ahead with the payment of your first grant. You will need a tax code (see section on codice fiscale, of the Life in Florence – Practical Information for EUI Newcomers booklet) to open a bank account.

Coffee Bars and Canteens

The Coffee Bars and the Canteens are open from Monday to Friday, except on EUI holidays.

Coffee Bars

Badia Fiesolana	08:30 – 18:00
Villa Schifanoia	08:30 – 15:30
Villa La Fonte	08:30 – 17:00
Villa Salviati	08:30 – 16:30
Palazzo Buontalenti	08.30 – 17.00

Canteens

Badia Fiesolana	12:00 – 14:30
Villa Schifanoia	12:00 – 14:00
Villa La Fonte	12:00 – 14:00
Villa Salviati	12:00 – 14:00
Palazzo Buontalenti	12.00 – 14.00

Fiasco Social Club

Fiasco Social Club (Fiasco.Socialclub@eui.eu), managed by EUI Researchers, is located at the Badia Fiesolana. It has a TV and games room (pool table, table football, and darts).

Fiasco Social Club is open every weeknight from 18:30 until late for all members of the Institute. It offers international beers, wines, and spirits. It is a good place to meet faculty, staff, fellows, and researchers.

Fiasco Social Club runs on a purely voluntary and non-profit basis (no volunteers no opening!). Every EUI member, be it researcher, faculty, or staff, can join the team and contribute to the functioning of the Club by volunteering to keep the common room open on a chosen weekday, or by organising events.

For more information, see

<https://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/ExtracurricularActivities/Fiasco-Social-Club>

Newspapers

The Library offers broad access to online news resources. Among individual subscriptions, the Library holds: The Economist, Financial Times, New York Times, Times Higher Education. EUI members also have access to news aggregators such as Factiva and Westlaw. All newspapers can be accessed via the Library catalogue <https://biblio.eui.eu/>

In addition, the Library subscribes to PressReader.com, which provides access to same-day editions of international publications such as Corriere della Sera, Le Figaro, Gazeta Wyborcza, The Guardian, I Kathimerini, Libération, El Mundo, El País, De Standaard, The Washington Post and many more.

Representation

Fellows have their representatives in the Executive Committee, the Academic Council and the Research Council, and in other relevant EUI committees if needed (<https://www.eui.eu/About/Organization>).