



US Universities Invited to Have Students and Faculty come to Italy as part of the 2016 Italian Glass Machinery Technology Awards

An opportunity to experience the latest innovation in Italian glass working machinery and technology industry is announced by the Italian Trade Agency via its Italian Glass Machinery Technology Award program.

CHICAGO, Ill. DEARBORN, Mich., October 27th, 2016 — A "Call for Papers" for the 2016 Italian Glass Machinery Technology Awards (IGMTTA) is announced by the **Italian Trade Agency via its Chicago and Houston USA Offices** (ITA – www.italtrade.com/usa), and its partners.

The IGMTA program is comprised of a competition asking upper level students attending premier US universities to write a short paper on why they would like to go to Italy to learn more about the Italian glass working machinery and technology industry. The aim of the program is to enrich the engineering education of students and to advance knowledge on issues of importance within the industry to the next generation of engineering professionals. **Maximum of four (4) Student Winners** will be selected and accompanied by **one (1) US faculty member** (should budget allow) selected by the ITA, GIMAV and SME.

Winners of the Italian Glass Machinery Technology Awards (IGMTA), selected as having the best papers, will be awarded a one-week trip to Italy with activities scheduled **November 27th - December 3rd, 2016**. Students will visit top Italian companies in the glass working machinery industry, take part in an advanced educational program at the *Università Carlo Cattaneo - LIUC* along with a number of cultural activities in various Italian cities.

The trip is part of the Italian Glass Machinery Technology Awards, which is part of the international program **Italian Technology Awards**. The IGMTA is sponsored by the Italian Trade Agency, via its Chicago Office, **GIMAV** (Italian Association of Glass-Processing Machinery and Accessory Suppliers – <http://www.gimav.it/en/>) , and in the United States, the **Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)**. www.sme.org

Submission Criteria and Deadline:

Junior, Senior and postgraduate Students at US universities who are involved in programs related to engineering and technologies applicable to the glass working industry may submit **a half page reason** on why they would like to know more about Italy and its role as a leader in glassworking machinery and technologies.



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Students, and Faculty, if not US citizens with passports, must have already the necessary travel documents and visa eligibility to go to Italy and must be proficient in the English Language if not mother-tongue.

US Faculties may decide to integrate this contest into current academic courses, allowing selected students accreditation for their work.

Papers should be submitted in electronic format by **Tuesday, November 1st, 2016** to the SME at ENTER EMAIL ADDRESS ENTER_EMAIL_ADDRESS@sme.org.

About The Italian Trade Agency:

The Italian Trade Agency (ICE-Agenzia as known in Italy) is the Italian government agency entrusted with the promotion of trade, business opportunities and industrial co-operation between Italian and foreign companies. It supports the internationalization of Italian firms and their consolidation in foreign markets. The Agency's educational programs are based on the following pillars: research, innovation, communication and quality control of training processes. The Agency has agreements and programs with Italian Regions and local governments for the education and training of technical personnel, students and firms. Visit www.italtrade.com/usa.

About the Italian Association of Glass-Processing Machinery and Accessory Suppliers:

As an evolution of the Italian glass-making tradition, **GIMAV**—the Italian Association of Glass-Processing Machinery and Accessory Suppliers – represents Italian excellence in glass-making machinery today. This industry sector has expanded internationally by employing innovative technology that meets today's marketplace needs. GIMAV's 69 member companies are known for customizing machines to meet exacting end-user specifications—from high-rise building construction to fine arts applications. www.gimav.it

About the Università Carlo Cattaneo - LIUC:

Università Carlo Cattaneo - LIUC is an independent, state-recognized institution situated in the small town of Castellanza, within easy reach of Milan. The University is an important example of the tradition for initiative and entrepreneurship in this part of Italy. It was founded on the initiative of the Industrial Association of the Province of Varese and was immediately recognized for its close relationships with the business world. The university is organized in three Faculties (Business & Economics, Business Law and Management Engineering). In 1999, the university was the first non-public university to offer a bachelor in Management Engineering in Italy.

Visit <http://www.liuc.it/defaultENG.asp>.



About SME Society of Manufacturing Engineers:

SME is committed to inspiring, supporting and preparing the next generation of manufacturing engineers and technologists in the advancement of manufacturing education. Created by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers in 1979, the SME has provided more than \$33 million since 1980 in grants, scholarships and awards through its partnerships with corporations, organizations, foundations, and individual donors. Visit www.smeef.org. Also visit www.CareerMe.org for information on advanced manufacturing careers and our award-winning website for young people, www.ManufacturingisCool.com.

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