THE MARIANO A. ELIA RESEARCH FUND

General Description

The Mariano A. Elia Chair in Italian-Canadian Studies at York University was established in 1984 with equal contributions from private and public sources in order to promote research, teaching and community education on the Italian-Canadian experience. The Elia Chair provides a modest fund from its annual budget to meet research and travel needs of York faculty and graduate students engaged in activities related to Italian-Canadian studies. This fund is administered by a subcommittee of the Academic Advisory Committee to the Chair in conjunction with administrative support of the Office of Research Services.

The Elia Research Fund supports small-scale research projects with specific needs and helps defray the cost of travel where a significant contribution to Italian-Canadian studies will be made and the prestige of the university enhanced. Limited resources do not allow support for major projects. Normally, awards are less than $4000 and only one grant per year will be awarded to a candidate.

Activities Eligible for Support

Applicants to the Mariano A. Elia Research Fund must fulfill the following criteria for an application to be considered by the Chair's grants and scholarships committee.

The Chair's mandate is to promote research, teaching and community education that focuses specifically on the Italian-Canadian experience; that is, the experience(s) of Italian immigrants and/or their descendants in Canada. The work proposed does not have to be based in Canada but it does have to focus on the group as outlined briefly above. In this context, the Elia Chair provides a modest fund from its annual budget to meet research and travel needs of York faculty who demonstrate clearly that their scholarly work will engage directly in activities related to the study of Italian-Canadians.

Research in any discipline (or of an interdisciplinary nature) related to Italian-Canadian studies is eligible for funding. This might include scholarly activity in disciplines like history, sociology, social science, political science, linguistics, the arts and so forth so long as the focal point bears directly on those of Italian origin (immigrants from Italy to Canada, the descendants of those immigrants) in Canada. Priority will be given to small-scale research projects, or specific investigations within larger efforts, which would not be conducted or brought to completion without Elia Chair funding.

Travel expenses to enable applicants to meet clearly defined research objectives that directly address an aspect of the Italian-Canadian experience are eligible for support, particularly where alternate sources are not readily available. Because funds are limited, applicants are encouraged to seek other sources of travel support in cases where Elia Chair research funding is also being sought.

Travel to conferences will be funded in cases where a scholarly paper dealing with an aspect of the Italian-Canadian experience will be presented. Please note that it is not sufficient that the conference location is in Italy – the paper being presented must directly address the Italian-Canadian experience. Accommodation expenses will not normally be considered.

York University/University of Calabria Exchange expenses will be considered for support. Normal research and travel costs and other travel expenses which enable York faculty or graduate students to teach within the Exchange programme are also eligible.

Deadlines

There are two deadlines for applications; March 1st and November 1st. If the deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or statutory holiday; applications will be accepted on the next working day. Applications received after the deadline will be sent to committee marked late.

A report on the project and money spent must be provided to the Chair within 90 days of the end of the project.

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Contact Information

Name:

Academic Rank And Year Appointed To Faculty:
(Or Year Of Graduate Study)

Department/Unit:

Campus Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

For internal purposes only:

CHECKLIST:
Each application should include:

☐ A completed and signed ORS grant checklist

☐ Contact information complete (above)

☐ Project title; description, budget (research grant); or airfare quotes and supporting documents (travel grant)

☐ A list of any additional funding

☐ Applicant's CV

☐ A completed Chair Endorsement form

Mariano A. Elia Research Fund Application Contents:

The application must include:

a) A signed and completed ORS checklist

b) A completed contact information page (page 3 of this document)

c) The following documentation attached:

Research Grant	Travel Grant
- Amount being requested - Title of the project - Start date and completion date - A one page description of the project, including objectives, methodology, and schedule of work to be done - Budget details	- Amount being requested - Cost of return airfare (CAD) - Basis of fare (e.g. Regular, excursion, APEX, Group/Charter - Letter or receipt from travel agency or airline quoting the lowest available fare - If travel is for conference purposes, please enclose a letter of invitation and conference programme.

d) A list of any additional sources of funding

e) An up-to-date CV of the applicant

f) The names and contact information (phone, address and email) of two references. The review committee will contact references as required.

g) Endorsement by the applicant's department Chair using the form on the last page of this document.

Application Submission:

Please submit to:

Elia Chair in Italian-Canadian Studies
c/o Alon Teper
Office of Research Services
Fifth Floor, Kaneff Tower

Endorsement by Department Chair

Name Of Applicant:

Comments:

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Name of Department Chair

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Signature of Department Chair*   **Date**

(*if applicant is Chair, then Dean or Associate Dean's signature is required)