Slovene Research Initiative

Call for Proposals

November 4, 2026

The Slovene Research Initiative (SRI) at The Ohio State University invites proposals for the SRI Visiting Scholar Exchange Program. SRI is a collaborative program focused on faculty exchange administered by the Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (CSEEES) at Ohio State, in partnership with the Society for Slovene Studies and made possible by the generous support of the Slovene Ministry of Education and Science and the Research Center at the Slovene Academy of Sciences and Arts.

SRI seeks to advance the study of and research on Slovenia and the broader region of Central and Southeastern Europe. The Initiative will cover up to two weeks of housing in Ljubljana, Slovenia and access for the scholar to conduct research at the Research Center of the Slovene Academy of Sciences and Arts. Any accompanying family members will incur an additional charge, to be paid by the visiting scholar. Proposed exchanges should take place at any time in 2027, though scholars should note that it is more difficult to schedule a visit over the summer and advance planning will be necessary.

The SRI Committee will select one or two proposals for two weeks of housing each. Visiting Scholar Exchange proposals can focus on any discipline but should clearly demonstrate how the research or work conducted on the exchange will advance the understanding of the region. Applications are welcome from both advanced graduate students and faculty members. Graduate students and early career scholars are encouraged to propose projects which allow for more in-depth research and/or collaboration with scholars in the host country.

A proposal should include: 1) a description totaling two-three pages outlining the proposed research/collaboration/project to be undertaken, including information on its status (whether work has already been started or is new), potential collaborators in Slovenia or resources that can be accessed through the exchange but not available domestically, and future plans for conducting the work after the exchange (whether this will lead to a publication, further opportunities for collaboration, or ongoing research); 2) a C.V. that includes the credentials listed below; and 3) approximate dates of the proposed two-week visit.

Applicants will be evaluated by the CSEEES SRI Committee on the following criteria:

- Quality of Academic Credentials (40%)
  - Publication record;
  - High level international research experience; and
  - Other relevant recognitions (e.g., awards).

- SRI related research proposal (60%)
  - Relevant to Slovene Studies;
  - Relevant to Central European studies; and
  - Relevant to Southeast European studies.

OR

- Research collaboration proposal with Slovene scholars (60%)
  - Established record of collaboration; and
  - Proposal for new collaboration.

Applications should be sent to pratt.124@osu.edu by December 4, 2026. Selection results will be announced in late 2026 or early 2027.