



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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 and East European Studies (CSEES) at Ohio State 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 either two or four weeks of housing in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and access to conduct research at the Research Center of the Slovene Academy of Sciences and Arts. It does not support travel or any other expenses. Proposed exchanges should take place in late spring or during the summer. The SRI Committee might opt to select two proposals that request two weeks of housing, or one that requests four. 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.

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 it is new), potential collaborators in Slovenia or resources that can be accessed through 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) whether you are requesting two or four weeks of accommodation, as well as approximate dates.

Applicants will be evaluated by the CSEES Committee on the basis of the following criteria:

- 1) Quality of academic credentials (40 %)
 - a) Publication record;
 - b) High level international research experience; and
 - c) Other relevant recognitions (e.g., awards).

- 2) SRI related research proposal (60 %)
 - a) Relevant to Slovene studies;
 - b) Relevant to Central European studies; and
 - c) Relevant to Southeast European studies.

OR

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

Applications should be sent to csees@osu.edu by **December 21, 2015**.

Selection results will be announced in early January 2016.