

Visiting Assistant Professor of Italian Studies and Language

Pepperdine University: Faculty: Seaver College: International Studies and Languages Division

Location

Malibu

Open Date

Jan 27, 2025

Description

The International Studies and Languages Division of Pepperdine University's Seaver College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences invites applications for a full-time visiting faculty appointment in Italian Studies and Language for the 2025-2026 academic year beginning August 1, 2025. The appointment has the potential for renewal in the 2026-2027 academic year based upon successful performance and program needs. The position requires teaching four in-person courses per semester at our campus in Malibu, California. Courses to be taught will primarily be Italian language (first through third semesters), but may also include advanced content courses. Successful applicants will have near-native or native fluency in both Italian and English. Applicants should be able to demonstrate prior effective teaching of Italian language at all levels and mentorship of students. A Ph.D. is strongly preferred, although applicants with an M.A. will be considered.

Successful candidates must demonstrate an active commitment to [Pepperdine's Christian Mission](#) and the [mission of Seaver College](#). Applications from persons who can contribute to the diversity of the University's faculty and community are highly desired.

The salary for this appointment will range from \$69,000 to \$72,000 and reflects what Pepperdine University reasonably expects to pay for this faculty appointment. Actual salary may vary based on the qualifications and experience of the applicant, as well as

market conditions. In addition to salary, Pepperdine University offers a robust suite of [employee benefits](#).

To submit application materials, click [Apply Now]. Review of applicants will begin on February 17, 2025 and will continue until the search is closed. A background check will be required as a condition of employment.

Please direct position inquiries to:

Dr. George Carlsen (george.carlsen@pepperdine.edu)
Chair, Italian Studies Search Committee
Pepperdine University
24255 Pacific Coast Highway
Malibu, CA 90263

Application Instructions

Applicants are required to submit the following documents:

- A letter of application
- A curriculum vitae
- Three current letters of reference. All letters should be specific to the position and completed within one year prior to the date of submission. The name and email address for each individual providing a letter of recommendation is required when submitting an application.
- Transcripts of all graduate work (*Unofficial copies are acceptable for the application; however, official transcripts may be required for selected applicants.*)
- Teaching statement. The teaching statement should reflect on the candidate's values, beliefs, and goals regarding the teaching and learning process and any pedagogical practices used or envisioned to achieve these goals. Two to three pages maximum length is requested.
- Response to Mission. [Pepperdine University's mission statement](#) declares that we are a Christian university committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and Christian values, where students are strengthened for lives of purpose, service, and leadership. Religiously affiliated with the churches of Christ, Pepperdine pursues the very highest employment and academic standards within a context that celebrates and extends the spiritual and ethical ideals of the Christian faith. In pursuit of its mission, Pepperdine reserves the right to recruit and hire persons who richly embrace the goals and Christian mission of the University.

At Seaver College, the undergraduate college of letters, arts, and science at Pepperdine, our faith calls us to uphold the highest standards of academic and scholarly excellence. To achieve this goal, the [college's mission statement](#) affirms that we are a Christian college where each student is a person of infinite dignity and their total development is centered at the heart of our educational enterprise. Arising from our faith, we commit to pursue truth relentlessly in all disciplines, fully confident that it has nothing to fear from investigation.

Candidates should thoughtfully reflect on the Christian missions of Pepperdine University and Seaver College and address the following areas in their response.

- A consistent pattern of support for generally accepted Christian values and the mission of Pepperdine University.
- Active participation in a community of faith.
- Either current practice or vision for integrating faith and learning in the classroom.

A background check is required as a condition of employment. Depending on the position, the search committee may request that additional materials accompany the application (e.g., prior teaching evaluations, portfolio of scholarly work, etc.)

Application Process

This institution is using Interfolio's Faculty Search to conduct this search. Applicants to this position receive a free Dossier account and can send all application materials, including confidential letters of recommendation, free of charge.

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Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

Pepperdine is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of any status or condition protected by applicable federal, state, or local law. Pepperdine is committed to providing a work environment free from all forms of harassment and discrimination. Engaging in unlawful discrimination or harassment will result in appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the University.

Pepperdine is religiously affiliated with the Churches of Christ. It is the purpose of Pepperdine to pursue the very highest employment and academic standards within a context which celebrates and extends the spiritual and ethical ideals of the Christian faith. While students, faculty, staff and members of the Board of Regents represent many religious backgrounds, Pepperdine reserves the right to seek, hire and promote persons who support the goals and mission of the institution, including the right to prefer co-religionists.

It is the intent of the University to create and promote a diverse work force consistent with its stated goals and mission.

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