

Food, Wine and Culture of Tuscany and Florence 2016
Statement of Interest and References

Full Name: _____

Please write a short letter expressing why you want to participate in this field school by answering the following questions:

1. What do you hope to get out of the trip?

2. Travelling abroad can be stressful. How do you think you may react to different surroundings, language, food and people or to living in close quarters with fellow travellers. How will you prepare for this experience?

3. Describe your expectations with regard to accommodation and activities planned for the trip.

Travelling as part of a large group can be both exciting and challenging. In order to keep costs down for the trip, the accommodations will be basic, but safe, and accommodations will be shared. Participants will be walking throughout the day from venue to venue.

Please initial the following:

1. _____ I understand that I will be required to register as a VIU student to participate in this program.
2. _____ I understand that travelling as part of a large group sometimes involves delays and changes in the schedule to accommodate group travel.
3. _____ I understand that I will be required to share a room for the full duration of the trip.
4. _____ I understand that this trip requires extensive walking throughout the cities every day and that there will be limited access to escalators or elevators and minimal use of public transport
5. _____ I understand that it may be difficult to accommodate dietary preferences or requirements throughout the trip given the kinds of events and venues we will be visiting/attending. (ie. Vegetarianism, gluten or dairy allergies, etc.)

References (cannot be family members)

Name	How do you know this person?	Phone	E-mail
1.			
2.			