

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The SAF is open to:

~ PhD students;  
~ Master's students enrolled in Scuole di Studi Superiori Universitarie and - if places remain available - also to those not affiliated with Scuole di Studi Superiori Universitarie.

Maximum number of participants: **25**.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Application deadline:

**August 31 2025 at 24:00**

**Participation is free of charge.**

Accommodation and meals are fully covered by the Scuola di Studi Superiori "G. Leopardi".

## APPLICATION

Applications must include:

~ **a motivation letter**  
between 4000 and 6000 characters, including spaces;  
~ **a Curriculum Vitae** with details of the formative activity the candidate is carrying out (e.g., title of doctoral or Master thesis, exams taken with grades).

All information and updates regarding the application process are available on the website of the Scuola di Studi Superiori "G. Leopardi" or via the QR code provided.



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## SAF / SCUOLE DI ALTA FORMAZIONE

# FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL, AND BACK: THE MANY LIVES OF A RENAISSANCE SCHOLAR

**9-12  
September  
2025**

**Macerata  
Fermo  
Sant'Elpidio a Mare**

# FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL, AND BACK: THE MANY LIVES OF A RENAISSANCE SCHOLAR

From 9 to 12 September 2025

The Scuola di Studi Superiori 'Giacomo Leopardi' (University of Macerata) organizes its first Renaissance Summer School in September 2025.

Taking its cue from Andrea Bacci (1524-1600), his diverse work and the many milieus he happened to inhabit, this summer school will address a central topic in Renaissance culture: knowledge production and dissemination as a means of social transformation in a world that was widening its horizons by the day. Bacci was born in Sant'Elpidio a Mare, a small hilltop town in the Marches, Italy, and rose to international fame as personal physician to Pope Sixtus V and professor at the University of Rome, 'La Sapienza'. He began as a municipal doctor and country practitioner and ended by becoming an author of international renown. His career is representative of characteristic humanist trajectories in the arts and sciences between the fifteenth and the seventeenth centuries (involving the system of patronage support, technologies of self-fashioning, the publishing

industry and correspondence networks). In addition, working as a physician, historian, natural philosopher and university professor, he left his mark in a wide range of intellectual fields and practices, including medicine, natural history, botany, zoology, philosophy and literature on mirabilia (especially relevant are the treatises *De thermis* and *De naturali vinorum historia*). He also engaged creatively in the deployment of teaching strategies, as is witnessed by a significant body of published and manuscript works.

The summer school will consist of a few lectures, of small-group teaching activities and a number of practical exercises by renowned specialists in the field to set out the central topics of the school and to expand on these.

The school has been designed as a laboratory of the humanities where MA and doctoral students will hone their research skills and engage in debates concerning the themes emerging from the meetings and their wider contexts. Above all, they will be encouraged to put old and new historiographic methodologies to test.

## Program Overview

[www.scuolastudisuperiori.unimc.it](http://www.scuolastudisuperiori.unimc.it)

### 9 September

19:00 ~ Welcome - Meeting buffet

### 10 September

**Library Mozzi-Borgetti, Macerata**

09:00-11:00 ~ LECTURE

**On Renaissance medicine, history and philosophy**

**Craig Martin** / Ca' Foscari University of Venice

11:00-13:00 ~ METHODOLOGICAL WORKSHOP

**Dealing with the particulars of knowledge (medicine, history and philosophy): reading Bacci's *Ordo universi***

**Guido Giglioni** / University of Macerata

15:00-19:00 ~ METHODOLOGICAL WORKSHOP and TECHNIQUES OF SCHOLARSHIP

**Incunabula hands on - Part I**

**Neil Harris** / University of Udine

**How to build a map of knowledge, in and around books, from local to global: writing and reading practices between Humanism and Early Renaissance.**

**Silvia Fiaschi** / University of Macerata

All together hands on in the municipal Library "Mozzi-Borgetti", Macerata: working on practices of textual editing and criticism, history of the book and iconography

### 11 September

**Field trip to Fermo and Sant'Elpidio a Mare**

Civic Library "Romolo Spezioli", Fermo  
10:00-10:45 ~ LIBRARY TOUR

11:00-12:30 ~ LECTURE

**Andrea Bacci and his works: erudition, observation and innovation**  
**Stefania Fortuna** / Polytechnic University of Marche, Ancona

13:30-14:30 ~ FERMO CITY TOUR

14:45-16:00 ~ METHODOLOGICAL WORKSHOP

**The most famous medical books in the Civic Library of Fermo**

Sant'Elpidio a Mare

16:30-18:00

City tour and visit to the municipal archive and library "Antonio Santori"

### 12 September

**Library Mozzi-Borgetti, Macerata**

09:00-12:00 ~ LECTURE

**From herbs to healing: The art of early medical books**

**Sabrina Minuzzi** / University of Udine

15:00-17:00 ~ METHODOLOGICAL WORKSHOP and TECHNIQUES OF SCHOLARSHIP

**Incunabula hands on - Part II**

**Neil Harris** / University of Udine

12:00-13:00 ~ TOUR OF THE LIBRARY

17:00-19:00 ~ TECHNIQUES OF SCHOLARSHIP and FINAL ASSESSMENT  
All together hands on in the municipal Library Mozzi-Borgetti: stocktaking, concluding remarks and final assessment

**Silvia Fiaschi, Guido Giglioni, Stefania Fortuna**