

Thank you for agreeing to write a reference for an applicant to the one-month residency program at the Rockefeller Foundation's Center in Bellagio, Italy. The Bellagio Residency program offers scholars, artists, thought leaders, policymakers and practitioners a serene setting conducive to focused, goal-oriented work, and the unparalleled opportunity to establish new connections with fellow residents, across a stimulating array of disciplines and geographies. The Bellagio Center community generates new knowledge to solve some of the most complex problems facing our world and creates art that inspires reflection, understanding, and imagination.

The Rockefeller Foundation, as a private foundation, is required by provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code to seek independent, objective opinions for each applicant. These evaluations are highly useful to the committee of Foundation senior leadership that reviews proposals for the Bellagio Center. We would appreciate your comments and assessment on the following points:

- the competence and capabilities of the applicant(s), particularly with regard to the proposed project;
- the merit and substance of the proposed project, particularly the follow-on contribution to or likely impact on the field or discipline;
- the applicant's ability to adjust to an international setting and likely contribution to the intellectual and social community of scholars, policymakers, and artists at the Bellagio Center; and
- how you became acquainted with the applicant.

Your reply, of course, will be kept confidential.

Information on the Bellagio Center program and application procedures can be found on our website, <http://www.rockfound.org/bellagio>.

The Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Committee will consider this application at their next meeting. We will need your comments within three weeks of receipt of this request. An e-mail response is preferred, with no need to send a hard copy. Your comments should be sent to bellagio_ny@rockfound.org.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Robert Garris
Managing Director, Bellagio Programs
Rockefeller Foundation