

University of Warwick
Warwick Venice Research Skills Practicum
October – January 2011

PURPOSE:

- To gain experience and understanding of qualitative research methodologies.
- To collect qualitative data on student/alumni experience and outcomes of studying in Venice/Italy and on student/alumni perceptions of shifts in their own intercultural competency.

OUTCOMES:

Research skills:

- Introduction to qualitative research methods and survey development through participation in a guided practicum; this has the potential to be included in a professional *curriculum vitae*. [For tips on how you might present this as a form of work experience see <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/applications/cv>]

Data collection:

- Development of two online surveys for circulation to Warwick Venice alumni from History and History of Art programs based on qualitative research data from interviews and/or focus groups, participant observation and discussion/reflection (survey will include a focus on career development and other long term impacts of the Warwick Venice experience).

SUBMISSION OF DRAFT SURVEY QUESTIONS AND RESEARCH MATERIALS: All material must be submitted by email to [REDACTED]@monash.it by **Friday 13th January 2011**.

ACTIVITIES TO COMPLETE IN VENICE (Approx. 10 hours)

- Briefing meeting (Week 4)
- Introductory Group Discussion (Week 5 for History of Art, Week 6 for History)
- Interview with researcher (Week 5 for History of Art, Week 6 for History)
- Participant observation of student activities (Week 5-7)
- Group Discussion (Week 7)
- Interviews with staff and students (and/or student focus group)

ACTIVITIES TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT BY JANUARY 13th (Approx. 10 hours)

- Typed summary of interview and/or focus group plus recording
- Typed summary of observations plus photos/textual documentation
- Typed personal reflection on the research experience (1-2 pages)
- Draft survey questions with brief notes/ rationale (group submission)