Spiritan Scholar-in-Residence Program

Pilot

Description
Launched in 2013, the Spiritan Scholar-in-Residence Program provides an opportunity for selected individuals to conduct research on the Spiritan tradition with immersion in the extensive resources available at Duquesne University. These resources include the extensive print and online resources of the Center for Spiritan Studies and the Gumberg Library. They also include access to academic courses and faculty expertise, the Spiritan community, and various other educational and religious organizations in the Pittsburgh area.

The Program operates on an academic year calendar (nine months, September through May). In order to ensure a quality experience and adequate support, the program is limited to a maximum of three participants each year. At this time the program is open only to qualified Spiritans.

Purpose
The Spiritan Scholar in Residence Program was created by the Center for Spiritan Studies of Duquesne University with endorsement of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. The purpose of the program is to develop a new generation of scholarly specialists in Spiritan Studies. Therefore the program is academic and research-oriented. Outcomes of the program will include lectures, colloquia and publishable articles and books on topics such as:

- Spiritan Founders and Heroes
- Spiritan Rules, Constitutions and Chapters, especially since Vatican II
- Spiritan History, including the history of various missions or circumscriptions
- The French School of Spirituality and its times
- The Theology of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit in Spiritan Life and Mission
- Spiritan Mission, Yesterday and Today
- Spiritan Pedagogy and Education
- Spiritans and Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC)
- Spiritan Experiences in Interreligious dialogue

Eligibility
Eligible candidates who may apply or be invited to participate in the Spiritan Scholar-in-Residence Program include Spiritans, especially those in formation roles, who fulfill the academic requirements. Candidates must possess academic qualifications and demonstrated research ability, as well as language competency in English and French. Spiritan candidates are nominated by the general council and must also receive all necessary approvals from their respective authorities. All non-U.S. citizens must be able to travel to the United States with necessary government visas.
Privileges and Support for Scholars-in-Residence
Duquesne University will provide library access and technology support, including a laptop computer (if needed). A faculty mentor will be matched to each scholar. Spiritan scholars may reside on campus as a member of the community in Trinity Hall. Other services may be considered as needed.

Application Process [How]
In order to apply for the Spiritan Scholar-in-Residence Program, the candidate should submit an application form with attached documentation to:

    Director, Center for Spiritan Studies
    Duquesne University
    18 Chatham Square
    Pittsburgh, PA 15282

Documents may also be sent by e-mail to Fr. James Chukwuma Okoye.

Required documentation includes a resume or Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) and a personal statement of 1,000 words or less outlining a proposed research project that conforms to the topics listed in the Purpose section. Candidates should also provide a letter of recommendation or support from their respective Superior. Application deadline is January 1.

Selection Process
Applications will be reviewed by the Director of the Center for Spiritan Studies and by the Dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School. Applicants will be notified by the Director by May 1.