

Programme for the Preparation of Formators

Purpose of the Program

In response to the need for the training of sisters in formation ministry, expressed in the recent survey of congregational leaders, the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) is offering a **programme in English to prepare sisters for the responsibility of accompanying those in initial formation to religious life**, in the context of their religious congregations, the church and the world of the 21st century.

In an international and intercongregational setting, the participants will explore **various dimensions of religious life with a focus on integrating these anew in their own lives** and assisting their newer members to grow into and integrate these dimensions as they become members of their congregations.

The programme is designed by UISG who will coordinate it and oversee the integration processes. Part of the input will be offered by **UISG presenters** and part through courses taken for audit in the **Course for Formators offered at the Angelicum** (Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas) by the Institute Mater Ecclesiae.

The programme will offer various ways to help the participant integrate the content of the programme, including personal reflection, group work, spiritual accompaniment and a personally directed retreat. Each participant assumes the responsibility for her own **human and spiritual growth** and commits herself to active and engaged participation.

Topics to be covered

- Processes of human and spiritual growth
- Intercultural living
- Vocation and the consecrated life
- Spirituality
- Prayer, community, ministry as dimensions of religious life
- The vows of religious life
- Discernment, accompaniment and spiritual direction
- Mission in the context of the world today
- Stages of formation and their processes

The participants will

- Be psychologically healthy, self-aware, capable of reflection and interiorization
- Be open to different ways of living religious life and capable of dialogue and sharing in an intercultural context
- Have the potential for being a good formator
- Be professed of perpetual vows
- Be currently responsible for formation or already named for this role
- Have an adequate biblical and theological preparation
- Have a sufficient level of English to enable them to participate well in the programme
- Be recommended by their Superior General or Provincial as a current or future formator

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General Information

Dates: The programme will begin on February 4, 2019 and continue through June 28, 2019. The programme will be held in Rome and is not residential.

Fees: The fee for the programme is € 3,500 plus an application fee of € 200. The application fee should be sent to UISG Bank account and a copy sent to the following email: formation@uisg.org.

The **application form** should be completed online by October 12, 2018. Click [here](#) to fill in the registration form.

The programme will proceed if there are sufficient suitable applicants. It is intended to accept **25 participants** for this first programme.

Applications will be reviewed by the Coordination team who will communicate the response to the person and to the Superior General.

Bank Transfer details

Account Holder:

UISG - International Union of Superiors General

Name of Bank: Credito Valtellinese

Address of Bank: Via S. Pio X, 06/10 - 00193 Rome

IBAN:

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It is extremely important to indicate the reason for payment (UISG Programme for Formators) on the bank form and to include the UISG Code Number.

