The Institute is organized by divisions:

**Academic and Cultural Programs:**
This Division is designed to create a dialogue between scholars and the general public on topics concerning Italian American history and culture, as well as the larger Diaspora. This division conducts original research, curates exhibitions, organizes conferences and symposia, and develops related scholarly projects.

**Community Programs:**
This Division serves as a comprehensive resource for information pertaining to Italian American communities and culture, and as a support link to outside groups involved in the coordination of special projects. The Community Programs Division coordinates all CUNY activities that take place during “Italian Heritage and Culture Month” each October.

**Research and Education:**
This Division conducts, supports, and encourages research on the Italian American experience within CUNY and the larger academic community. It provides public policy analyses and consultation to government officials and community leaders, as well as research opportunities for faculty and students.

**The Italian American Review:**
The Institute sponsors a semi-yearly scholarly journal entitled *The Italian American Review* that publishes peer-reviewed articles on a wide variety of historical, cultural, and social science topics.

**Italian American Studies:**
Founded in 1973, the Italian American Studies minor at Queens College is the oldest such college program in existence. The program is based on the conviction that ethnicity has been an essential element in both our national development and in the shaping of our individual identities. Italian American Studies offers intellectually challenging and culturally enriching courses dealing with the Italian experience in the United States. The program offers courses in three broad areas: Cultural Studies, Social and Political Heritage, and Italian Language Studies. The Italian American Studies Program works closely with the Calandra Institute.

**Library:**
The library has publications on Italy and on Italian culture, politics, and economics that pertain to Italian Americans and the Italian Diaspora. It houses the Pietro Saraceno collection, a significant donation of more than 10,000 volumes that includes an extensive series of reference works and rare volumes focusing on Italian history and administration.

**“Italics”:**
The Calandra Institute, in concert with CUNY-TV, sponsors “Italics: The Italian American Magazine,” a monthly television program seen on New York City cable stations and over 25 stations nationwide.

**Career Counselors:**
The Institute supports specialized counseling programs designed to address the educational needs of the Italian American community. A multifaceted outreach assigns counselors to high schools and CUNY campuses to promote interest in higher education, strengthen retention efforts, and coordinate cultural events sponsored by student clubs.

**Italy Exchange:**
The Calandra Institute sponsors a student exchange program with Italian universities in Catania, Pavia, Siena, and Trento. The Columbus CUNY/Italy Exchange Program is designed for highly motivated undergraduate and graduate CUNY students.

**About CUNY:**
CUNY is the nation's leading urban public university, serving more than 400,000 degree-seeking, continuing and adult education students at its 19 colleges and professional schools in New York City. CUNY's strategy of institutional renewal-including strengthening academic and admission standards, hiring 900 additional full-time faculty, reforming teacher education and testing programs, and expanding partnerships with public schools-has led to better-prepared and better-performing students, and its highest enrollment since 1975. Building on this momentum, CUNY's master plan calls for continued emphasis on faculty recruitment, research, and university-wide integration.

The City University of New York is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/IRCA/ADA Employer.
Queens College of The City University of New York invites applications and nominations for the Dean of the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute. The Calandra Institute is a major research institute devoted to organized research on the Italian American experience, as well as to instruction, training, counseling, and service involving Italian American students and the community.

For more than 25 years, the Calandra Institute has carried out activities analyzing, describing, and celebrating the Italian–American experience. Among its activities, the Calandra Institute:

- Conducts and sponsors research intended to expand, deepen and strengthen critical understanding of the Italian American experience
- Serves as a central clearing house for the dissemination of research and information to academia, government, industry and the civic community
- Organizes conferences, lectures, seminars and symposia on the Italian American experience. Illustrative of these efforts is the critically acclaimed exhibition, *The Italians of New York: Five Centuries of Struggle and Achievement*, presented at the New York Historical Society
- Operates programs with The City University of New York including an exchange program between CUNY and Italian public universities
- Collaborates with the Italian American Museum project to maximize development and impact of this important initiative
- Maintains a research library of printed and video material pertaining to the Italian American experience
- In collaboration with CUNY TV, produces and distributes television programming geared to the Italian American community

Queens College seeks an individual who both understands and values the mission of the Calandra Institute, which in significant measure, is funded by an earmarked appropriation from New York State.

**THE POSITION**

The Dean should be an individual who has the appropriate management and leadership skills to lead an academic institute, and the ability to well represent the organization in the various external communities it works with. The Dean will be expected to establish contacts and offer support to Italian programs within the CUNY system. Applicants and nominees should have a suitable academic background for critically reviewing and evaluating research. They should also have experience working with the governmental, business, and community sectors in ways that will help to raise the visibility of the Calandra Institute activities and strengthen ties with those sectors. Knowledge of issues of concern to the Italian American community is also necessary.

Preferred qualifications for this position include an earned doctorate or other appropriate terminal degree.

**PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS**

The position is available on or before July 1, 2006. Salary and benefits are competitive. The review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Nominations and applications may be forwarded in confidence to:

Ms. Dolly Martínez
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Office of Executive Search and Evaluation
The City University of New York
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New York, NY 10021

**THE INSTITUTE’S HISTORY AND MISSION**

The Calandra Institute was established due to the efforts of New York State’s Italian American legislators to address the educational needs of Italian American students and faculty at CUNY and the community at large. The Institute stemmed from a report by the late New York State Senator John D. Calandra, then Chairman of the Italian American Legislative Caucus, entitled “History of Italian American Discrimination at City University of New York.” The report indicated areas of concern to the Italian American community and called for the creation of an Italian American institute that would serve as a “center for sociological, political and historical reference.” In 1987, Governor Mario Cuomo and the New York Conference of Italian American State Legislators renamed the Institute after the late Senator, in honor of his work and commitment to the Italian American community in New York.

On September 25, 1995 the Board of Trustees of CUNY designated the Calandra Institute an official university-wide research institute under the aegis of Queens College and retained in its Manhattan location. The Institute is served by five advisory councils that are reflective of the Institute’s principal activities and provide representation from the CUNY colleges and community. They are the Italian American Studies Advisory Council, the Italian American Faculty and Staff Advisory Council, the Italian American Student Advisory Council, the Italian Language Advisory Council, and the Italian American Community Advisory Council.

As a university institute, the Calandra Institute accomplishes its goals by a rich variety of initiatives and programs.