Research fellowship on “A new 14C supported periodisation for the Shida Kartli province of Georgia” at Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia (Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)

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Description

The Department of Humanities at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici dell'Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia) invites applications for a fellowship in: "A new 14C supported periodisation for the Shida Kartli province of Georgia" - Department of Humanities at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, SSD L-OR/01 History of ancient Near East, L-ANT/01 Prehistory and early history, Tutor Prof. Elena Rova.

The research may be carried out in English.

The fellowship is intended to provide the successful candidate with the opportunity to pursue his/her own research while benefiting from the range of expertise at Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia.

Abstract

The project's aim is to produce a new 14C supported periodisation of the Shida Kartli province of Georgia from the Chalcolithic to the Early Iron Age (5th-early 1st mill. BC), by completing the work in progress by the "Georgian-Italian Shida Kartli Archaeological Project" of Ca’ Foscari University using unpublished data collected on the field since 2009 in the course of excavations at Natsargora and Aradetis Orgora/Doghlauri (Puturidze, Rova 2012; Rova et al. in Rova, Tonussi 2017; Gagoshidze, Rova 2015, 2018a, b). The study will follow the methods successfully applied, for the late 4th-early 3rd millennium BC., in Passerini et al. 2016, 2018, in press in collaboration with E. Boaretto of the Weizmann Institute of Science (Rehovot, Israel). 14C dates will be evaluated in connection with the sites' stratigraphy and associated materials, combined following the principles of Bayesian modelling, and compared with published data from other sites of the region.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a master's degree in Archeology (LM-2), or related disciplines..

Ca’ Foscari encourages applications from researchers with positive evaluation in all the criteria in individual proposals such as Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar. Researchers having successfully completed Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar funded projects are warmly encouraged to apply.

Duration of contract: 12 months (approximately starting: 1st April 2019).

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to 19.367,00 Euros, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 15th January 2019, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)

How to apply

Candidates should submit:
1. The application form;
2. A motivation letter (max 1 page) along with their CV in European format, duly dated and signed, both to enclosed as a one single.pdf file (link);
3. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
4. (If available) Evaluation Summary Reports of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) individual proposals having passed all the evaluation thresholds;
5. (If available) Details of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships, ERC Starting Grants, FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/ SIR Scientific Young Independence Research funded projects;
6. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice link);

All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website (link).

How to submit your application
Applications should be submitted by the online procedure, available on the notice webpage (link);

Or submit here: https://static.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dsu-7-2018

The candidate, after the uploading, will receive a submission number and an e-mail acknowledging receipt of his/her application.
The candidate if necessary could access the procedures for updating any data and materials by the link provided by the e-mail, in any case any updates must be made no later than the deadline 15th January 2019, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).
Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 14th January 2019, h. 1.00 p.m. (Italian time).
Please note that in case of an high number of applications and / or weight of the materials loaded by the candidates the system might become slower, Therefore it is suggested not to start the process close to the deadline.

NB: The University does not take on responsibility for wrong or late communication of addresses, nor for any communication problem not depending on the University.

Evaluation
Up to 100 points, specifically:
- For qualifications, publications and possible tests, from 0 to 60;
- For the interview, from 0 to 40.

Candidates are admitted to the interview if assessment of the qualifications and the possible tests results in a score equal to or greater than 42/60.

The following qualifications are considered as evaluation criteria:
- a) A list of the candidate’s scientific publications;
- b) holding a PhD;
- c) having completed the attendance of a PhD programme, although not having yet obtained the PhD title;
- d) specialisation diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialisation courses, obtained both in Italy or abroad; documented research activity in public and private organisations with contracts; study grants or assignments both in Italy and abroad;
- e) experience in excavations and field activities and in the reconstruction of stratigraphic sequences in different cultural contexts;
- f) familiarity with pre-classical archaeology of the Southern Caucasus and adjacent regions and participation to archaeological excavations in the area;
- g) congress presentations, especially related to the area of the research
- h) previous knowledge about absolute dating methods and Bayesian statistics
- i) attached ‘preferential securities’, if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5;
- j) any other element provided for the announcement, to the articles 2, 3 and 5;

The interview aims to assess the candidates’ skills and expertise on the following subjects:

- good methodological background concerning the reconstruction of stratigraphical sequences from archaeological sites, the drawing up of chrono-typological sequences and the construction of relative and absolute regional chronologies;
- general knowledge of the problems concerning the chronology of the pre-classical Southern Caucasus;
- general knowledge of absolute dating methods;
- good knowledge of the English Language;
- assessment of the knowledge of the Italian language (for non-Italian applicants).

Selection procedure

The interview will be held on 5th February 2019, 12 a.m., at the Department of Humanities, Palazzo Malcanton Marcorà, second floor, Dorsoduro 3484/D, Venice.
The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on 25th January 2019 (link).
Candidates living farther than 200 Kms from Venice may ask to hold a video interview

Information and contacts

Candidates may find further details about the application process and the research project in the official call published on the following (link)
For further information please contact Department of Humanities - Research Office, e-mail: ricerca.dsu@unive.it