Description

The Department of Linguistic and comparative cultural studies at Ca’ Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship in:

Title: An analysis of the comprehension of subject and object wh- questions and relative clauses in Italian Sign Language through the eye tracker.

Scientific area: L-LIN/01
Tutor prof.ssa Chiara Branchini

Abstract:

The literature on vocal languages highlights an asymmetry between subject and object wh-questions and relative clauses, with object constructions being more difficult than subject constructions. The literature on sign languages only registers Hauser’s (2019) study on French Sign Language detecting the same asymmetry. The research needs to be implemented to other sign languages. Within the SIGN-HUB project, the creation of assessment tests for wh-questions and relative constructions has allowed a pilot study showing an opposite asymmetry for Italian Sign Language. The present research aims at verifying such asymmetry by taking into consideration different conditions, such as the presence/absence of agreement verbs, classifiers marking the arguments’ syntactic roles, and the sign PE in relative constructions. The research will use the eyetracking to determine the way the constructions object of analysis are computed by adults LIS signers.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a master’s degree and a scientific-professional curriculum suitable for carrying out research activities.
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: February 2020).

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

Deadline for submission of applications: 07/01/2020, 12.00 noon.

How to apply:
Candidates should submit:
1. The application form;
2. 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 and Certificate of Ph D;
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/dondaeconcorso-en/accesso/sicc-branchini
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 of 07/01/2020, 12.00 noon.
Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 24 hours prior to the deadline.
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 interview, from 0 to 40.

Selection procedure

The interview will be on 30/01/2020 at 14.30 pm in the Department of Linguistic and comparative cultural studies at Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia, Palazzo Cosulich , Common Room, Dorsoduro 1405, 30123 Venezia.
The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University’s webpage on 17/01/2020 (link).
Candidates living farther than 200 Kms from Venice may ask to hold a telematic 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 Chiara Donnarumma tel. 041-2347804, email: ricerca.dslcc@unive.it