Research fellowship on “From materiality to text: relationship between ‘firing holes’ and textual content in cuneiform tablets belonging to the ‘Library of Ashurbanipal’”, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (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: “From materiality to text: relationship between ‘firing holes’ and textual content in cuneiform tablets belonging to the ‘Library of Ashurbanipal’, Academic discipline: L-OR/03 – Assyriology, Tutor dott.ssa Paola Corò.

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

Aim of the research is the study of the presence and significance of the so-called firing holes in a sample of about 2000 cuneiform tablets belonging to the collection of the Library of Ashurbanipal. The research articulates in three phases: systematic mapping of the research sample, with the individuation of tablets with firing holes; 2) charting and classification of the cuneiform tablets, on the basis of their content and their colophons; 3) examination and classification of the physical characteristics of the holes also in relation to the layout of the tablets. The metadata so far collected will be then integrated with the algorithm for the holes detection solution and will be used to implement the database with the relevant annotations.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a PhD (Doctorate) in Ancient History and an adequate scientific-professional CV.

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: 21 months (approximately starting: 1st July 2020).

Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is 33,900,00 Euros, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 15th June 2020, 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-4-2020

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 June 2020, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 12th June 2020, 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) documented research activity in public and private organisations with contracts, study grants or research fellowships both in Italy and abroad, particularly related to Mesopotamia of the 1st Millennium BC;
c) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5;
d) 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:
- advanced knowledge of Akkadian;
- familiarity with first mill. BC cuneiform documentary corpora, esp. those from the Neo-Assyrian period;
- familiarity with the history of the discovery of the Library of Ashurbanipal;
- knowledge of the English language;
- assessment of the knowledge of the Italian language (for non-Italian applicants).

At the end of his/her research activity, the research fellow is required to provide the Department with:
- 1 paper within the end of the project and 1 in preparation
• at least one presentation on project related topics at a workshop

Selection procedure
The interview will be held on 22th June 2020, h. 10 a.m. The interview will be held in remote (with Google Meet).
The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on 17th June 2020 (link).

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