Research fellowship on “History of Venice-Asia Relations in the Medieval and Early Modern Times”, 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: “History of Venice-Asia Relations in the Medieval and Early Modern Times’, Academic discipline: M-STO/02 – Modern History, Tutor prof. Luciano Pezzolo.

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

A long tradition of studies has focused on the political, diplomatic and military relations of Venice with the Mamluk Middle East, the Ottoman Empire and Persia, while many scholars have worked on the Venetian knowledge of the geography and cultures of Asia. Much less is known, however, on the circulation of people, goods and techniques in the vast Eurasian space connecting Venice and China through the Silk Roads from the 13th century to the end of the early modern period. This theme will be at the centre of our research, which aims at analysing the economic, social and cultural connections between Venice and Asia in the context of the historiographical field of Global History.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold: degree (study course of no less than 4 years, established by the academic regulations prior to the DM of November 3rd 2009, no. 509), specialist degree (art. 3, par. 1, letter b), DM of November 3rd 2009, no. 509), master’s degree (art. 3, par. 1, letter b), DM of October 22nd 2004, no. 270) in History and appropriate scientific-professional curriculum for the research.

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: 24 months (approximately starting: 1st October 2020).

Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is 40.709,50 Euros, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 24th August 2020, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)

Please note that the University is closed from 10th August to 14th August 2020.
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 be 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. Declaration on availability to held the interview in remote (Link) to be send via email at the following address;
7. 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://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dsu-8-2020

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 24th August 2020, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).
Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 21st August 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) holding a PhD or having completed the attendance of a PhD programme, although not having yet obtained the PhD title;
c) 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 research fellowships both in Italy and abroad;

d) attached ‘preferential securities’, if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5;
e) 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:

- economic and social history of Venice in medieval and modern times in a global context;
- proven research experience in the Venetian archives;
- good knowledge of paleography;
- English language proficiency (minimum level B2)

At the end of his/her research activity, the research fellow is required to provide the Department with:

- research paper on the research outcomes published on international journals

Selection procedure

The interview will be held on 8th September 2020, h. 9.30 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 28th August 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