Research fellowship on “Trascrition and critical edition of the manuscript “Vari discorsi” by Giovanni Antonio Nigrone, National Library of Naples, XII-G-59/60”, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)

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Description

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The postdoc will be responsible for the preparation of an annotated transcription of the precious but unpublished manuscript by the Neapolitan “fontanaro” (fountain designer) and “water engineer” Giovanni Antonio Nigrone, to be found in the National Library, Naples, both in the form of an original manuscript and a digitised version. Compiled during the period 1585-1609, Nigrone’s “Vari discorsi” (Various discourses) are both an attempt to explain the main natural phenomena and their effects on human life as well as a practical work on matters of engineering science and technique. Together with the illustrated designs of fountains and other water-works, this rough treatise surveys all of the technical-professional baggage acquired in the field of hydraulic engineering during an era of occupational flux. In addition to the preparation of the text for publication, the postdoc will participate in the various activities of the “Water Cultures” project where relevant.

Who can apply
Prospective candidates are expected to hold: a PhD in Modern 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 50,000,00 Euros, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 31st 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-9-2020

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 31st August 2020, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).
Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 28th 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) specialisation diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialisation courses, obtained both in Italy or abroad;
b) documented research activity following the PhD in public and private organisations with contracts, study grants or research fellowships both in Italy and abroad;
c) delivery of publications on research topics related to the project.

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:

- Knowledge of early modern handwriting and ability to read manuscripts;
- Knowledge of Neapolitan culture during the Spanish period;
- Knowledge of the history of water infrastructure and hydraulic engineering;
- English language proficiency;
- Assessment of the Italian language for foreign candidates

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

- The preparation of an accurate transcription, accompanied by explanatory notes, of Nigrone’s work, ready for publication, under the supervision of the “Water Cultures” project PI, Prof. David Gentilcore;
- The preparation of an introductory chapter or article for a scholarly journal on the subject of the Nigrone manuscript.

Selection procedure

The interview will be held on 22nd September 2020, h. 10.00 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 14th September 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