Research fellowship on “From Aquileia to Venice. Harbors, Infrastructures and Productive Areas between Roman Times and Early Middle Ages. An interdisciplinary approach to humans’, resources’, and the environment’s interactions”, 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

Using archaeological records, the research aims to illustrate the development of sea and lagoon-river ports in connection with the production processes and artisanal activities. The geographic focus is regional (Upper Adriatic) and the chronological accent covers a multiperiod range from Roman Age to Early medieval times. The research starts from two archaeological sites under excavation (Aquileia and Torcello harbors), but it will address the nature of archaeological port infrastructures in the whole coast of Venetia and Histria. Upper Adriatic harbors are favored sites where analyze and define the demographic and the economic dynamics of the area. Studying the transformations both of the material structures and the artisanal/productive configurations related to the harbors will allow the appointed researcher to better understand the intricate correlation between trade systems, production, and communities. The research methods are grounded on the creation of fresh archaeological evidence through excavations, with an emphasis on digital data and GIS approaches.

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 “Archaeology” or equivalent Italian “Classi di Laurea” as “LM-2”, “LM-15”.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: 12 months (approximately starting: 1st December 2020).
Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is **19,367,00** Euros, including taxes and social charges.

**Deadline for submission of applications: 18th November 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. 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];
   

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 18th November2020, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 17th November 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 in Archaeology 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;
d) documented research activity in public and private organisations with contracts, study grants or research fellowships both in Italy and abroad, related to the research topic;
e) certified activities as Site/Sector Director in Archaeological Excavations;
f) certified activities related to the study and digitization of archaeological documentation, archaeological finds, and GIS platform development;
g) attached ‘preferential securities’, if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5;
h) 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:
- Roman and Early Medieval Harbor System in North Italy: Archaeology and Topography;
- Amphorae from North Italy, 1st-10th cent. AD, types and line of study;
- Aquileia and Torcello, historic and archaeological approach.

At the end of his/her research activity, the research fellow is required to provide the Department with:
- Preparation of the excavation reports and archaeological documentation digitization
- Preparation of 2 scientific articles in peer-reviewed Journals related to the proposed research
- GIS outputs

Selection procedure
The interview will be held on 24th November 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 19th November 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