Research fellowship on “Freshwater Venice: the use and management of water resources in the “Stato di Terra” during the early modern period”, 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: “Freshwater Venice: the use and management of water resources in the “Stato di Terra” during the early modern period”, Academic discipline: M-STO/02 Modern History, Tutor prof. David Gentilcore, within the ERC-2018-Advanced Grant Project entitled “Water-Cultures - The Water Cultures of Italy, 1500-1900”, Grant Agreement n. 833834, CUP: H74I19001140006. 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 post-doctoral researcher will carry out original research, using archival and printed sources, on the subject of water as a concrete and cultural resource in the Venetian “Stato di Terra”, from the early 1500s until the fall of the Republic. In addition to preparing his/her research for publication, the post-doc 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 Early Modern History, in particular regarding aspects of Venetian 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 2021).

Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is 50,000,00 Euros, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 9th September 2021, 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);
Or submit here https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dsu-10-2021

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 9th September 2021, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 8th September 2021, 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, in particular on research topics related to the subject of the project;
b) electronic submission of a maximum of 3 publications (in PDF format), already published or in press, which will be evaluated by the commission (one of which may be the candidate’s PhD thesis).

c) the performance of documented research activity in public and private organizations with post-doctoral fellowships, contracts, study grants or assignments 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:
Knowledge of the use and management of water resources in the Venetian Republic, especially on the Terraferma, during the early modern period
Knowledge of the history of the Venetian Republic, especially its Terraferma, during the early modern period
Familiarity with the relevant archival resources
English language
Italian language proficiency (for foreign applicants).

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

- The preparation of three scholarly articles on the subject.

Selection procedure
The interview will be held on 23rd September 2021, h. 9.30 a.m. The interview will be held in remote (with Zoom).
The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on 16th September 2021 (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