Research fellowship on “MAS. Mapping Ancient Sicily”, 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: “MAS. Mapping Ancient Sicily”, Academic discipline: L-ANT/02 Greek History, tutor prof.ssa Stefania De Vido.

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 MAS project aims to provide an innovative approach to the study of the relationships between the diverse components (ethnic, political, social and cultural) operating in Sicily between the 9th and 3rd centuries BCE. Going beyond a traditional approach, the project will develop a dynamic representation of the historical landscape (i.e. as a conjunction of physical and anthropic elements) through the elaboration of a dynamic digital cartography. After the elaboration of a digital Prototype and the choice of a sample area, the research will envisage a set of steps (Defining, Delimiting, Knowing, Mapping, Interpreting) at the end of which key moments and places in the transformation processes of a given landscape can be identified and discussed. In this way it will be possible to rethink the dynamics of interaction on a territory not on the basis of predetermined models, but on a simultaneous analysis of the entire body of available evidence.

Who can apply
Prospective candidates are expected to hold a PhD in Ancient History and an appropriate academic and 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: 12 months (approximately starting: 1st March 2022).
Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is 19.367,00 Euros, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 21st February 2022, 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/approva/dsu-3-2022

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 21st February 2022, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 18th February 2022, 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) Publications relevant to the research in question;
b) Doctoral thesis on a subject relevant to the proposed research project;
c) Documented research activity at recognised Italian and foreign research institutions;
d) Demonstrated participation (with posters or reports) in scientific conferences and seminars;
e) Proven ability in the use of digital tools in Humanities.

The interview aims to assess the candidates’ skills and expertise on the following subjects:

- Knowledge of the history of Sicily between the eighth and third centuries BCE;
- Knowledge of the most significant tools for the survey and study of literary and epigraphic sources relating to the history of the island;
- Ability to critically understand the outcomes of archaeological and topographical research;
Planning skills with particular emphasis on the exploitation of digital tools for the historical and epigraphical research.

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

- Processing of Prototype MAS.1 (dynamic digital cartography model);
- Testing of Prototype MAS.1 to a selected area (Area MAS.2.A);
- A scientific article to be published in a journal;
- Participation to a Conference/Workshop to present the outcomes of the research.

Selection procedure

The interview will be held on 24th February 2022, 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 22nd February 2022 (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