Research fellowship on “Carolingian Empire and Southern Italy”, tutor prof. Francesco Borri, financed by the PRIN 2017 project “Ruling in hard times. Patterns of power and practices of government in the making of Carolingian Italy” (scientific supervisor prof. Stefano Gasparri), 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: “Carolingian Empire and Southern Italy”, Academic discipline: M-STO/01 Medieval History, tutor prof. Francesco Borri, financed by the PRIN 2017 project “Ruling in hard times. Patterns of power and practices of government in the making of Carolingian Italy” (scientific supervisor prof. Stefano Gasparri), CUP: H74I17000180003.

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

Research focuses on the relationship between the Carolingian kings and the Byzantine and especially Lombard policies of southern Italy during the 9th century, with particular attention to the period of the reign of Lothar (822-850). The research has two objectives: 1) collecting the agents of Carolingian power active in southern Italy, both as ambassadors (letters and narrative sources) and as mediators in the royal diplomas issued in favor of southern ecclesiastical institutions. The mapping will be conducted starting from the published sources through the LACPI database - "Languages and Agents of Carolingian Power in Italy", which was prepared for the PRIN 2017 "Ruling in hard times” project. Patterns of power and practices of government in the making of Carolingian Italy”. 2) the relationship between the Italian kingdom and southern Italy in the context of the practices of power and Carolingian political languages.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold:
- Ph.D. in Medieval History and 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 (starting: 1st July 2022).

Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is 19.367,00 Euros, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 14th June 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 Sklodowska 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 14th June 2022, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).
Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 13th June 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) a list of the candidate’s scientific publications;
b) 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 assignments both in Italy and abroad;
c) experience of analysis and interpretation of sources from the early Middle Ages, regarding the Lombard South;
d) experience in relational database implementation;
e) attached ‘preferential securities’, if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5;
f) 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 southern sources of the 8th-9th centuries
- knowledge of the bibliography relating to the research grant
- knowledge of English language

At the end of his/her research activity, the research fellow is required to provide the Department with:
- Implementation of the LACPI database relating to the agents of the Carolingian power mentioned in the southern sources of the 9th century;
- preparation of publications relating to the issues of the grant;
- participation in national and international conferences

Selection procedure
The interview will be held on 20th June 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 at least on 15th June 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