Research fellowship on “Lexicon and textual functions of academic Italian” – Department of Humanities Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

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Description
The Department of Humanities at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice invites applications for two (2) fellowships in: “Lexicon and textual functions of academic Italian”, Academic discipline: L-FIL-LET/12 Italian linguistics, duration 18 months, tutor Prof. Davide MASTRANTONIO, financed by the PRIN 2022 PNRR project “P20222CFEE - Dizionario dell'Italiano accademico: forme e funzioni testuali (DIA)”, CUP: H53D23009570001, Principal Investigator Prof. Davide MASTRANTONIO.

Abstract
The object of the research is to study the characteristics of academic Italian, with a focus on the relationship between lexical forms and textual functions. The research is based on a corpus of texts and involves the extraction of a list of relevant words and their corresponding functions. The study of this lexicon in a functional key is headed on the one hand to the growth of our knowledge in the field of varieties of contemporary Italian, and on the other hand to the creation of an open access digital dictionary of academic expressions.

The fellowships are intended to provide the successful candidates with the opportunity to pursue their own research while benefiting from the range of expertise at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice.

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a master’s degree and a suitable scientific / professional track record.

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 each contract: 18 months (approximate starting date: 1st April 2024)

Stipend: Each individual research fellowship amounts to 29,050.50 Euros, inclusive of taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 9th February 2024, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

How to apply:
Candidates shall 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); a declaration must be appended in the footnote of the curriculum, pursuant to the Italian DPR 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions, that the information provided corresponds to the truth. Moreover the candidates have to consent to the use of their personal data for the purposes of this selection procedure pursuant to the Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003 and to the EU Regulations 2016/679;
3. The attachments called “obligations and understanding” and “participation and compatibility”;
4. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice - link);
5. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
6. (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;

7. (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;

All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website (link).

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

How to submit your application
Applications should be submitted by the online procedure, available on the notice webpage (link)


Foreign citizens not yet in possession of the Italian Tax Code can use the following link: https://apps.unive.it/utils/cf to obtain a temporary one and be able to proceed with the request.

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 on 9th February 2024, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 8th February 2024 (h. 1 p.m. Italian time).

Please note that in case of a 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.

Please note that the University will be closed from December 27th to January 2nd for Christmas holidays.

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 interview, from 0 to 40.

The following qualifications are considered as evaluation criteria:

a) a PhD, or the completion of a PhD course pending graduation;

b) list of publications;

c) electronic submission of a maximum of 3 publications (in PDF format);

d) specialization diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialization courses, obtained both in Italy or abroad;

e) documented research activity in public and private organizations with contracts, study grants or assignments both in Italy and abroad;

f) attached ‘preferential securities’, if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5 of the competition available in Italian (link);
g) any other element provided for the announcement, to the articles 2, 3 and 5 of the competition available in Italian (link).

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

- Experience in text analysis of contemporary non-literary Italian texts, based on the principles of text linguistics and jargons;
- Knowledge of studies related to academic register, with emphasis on Italian language;
- Assessment of English language proficiency.

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

- Drafting (or co-drafting) of a certain number of items of a dictionary of academic Italian;
- Publication of at least one research article explaining the main research issues and results.

Selection procedure
The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the related calendar, or any postponement, will be published on the University’s webpage on 22/02/2024 (link).

Information and contacts
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.dsui@unive.it (email object: Research Fellowship on “Lexicon and textual functions of academic Italian” – PRIN 2022 PNRR MASTRANTONIO project).