Research fellowship on “Greek Acts and Privileges issued by the Byzantine Emperors to Venice (1265-1418)” – Department of Humanities Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

(Italian law 30 December 2010, n.240, art. 22 and subsequent amendments and additions)

The present document in English is to be considered as a mere summary of the main provisions of the notice of competition which is available in Italian at the following (link) The text in Italian is the official text of the notice of competition for all legal intents and purposes and, in the event of non-conformity with the present document, it shall prevail.

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: “Greek Acts and Privileges issued by the Byzantine Emperors to Venice (1265-1418)”, Academic discipline: L-FIL-LET/07 - Byzantine civilization, duration 24 months, tutor Prof. Antonio RIGO, financed by PRIN 2022 - Missione 4 “Istruzione e Ricerca” del Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza ed in particolare la componente C2 – investimento 1.1, Fondo per il Programma Nazionale di Ricerca e Progetti di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN) project: “2022TNP3K8 - Diplomacy, Rhetoric and Pragmatism. A Study on Greek Acts and Privileges issued by the Byzantine Emperors to the Italian Mercantile Cities (AD 1100-1400)”, CUP: H53D23007120001, Had of Unit: Prof. Antonio RIGO.

Abstract: The project aims at investigating an aspect of Byzantine diplomacy consisting of the acts issued by the Byzantine emperors in favour of Venice. These documents are presently available to scholars only in old nineteenth-century editions, which offer neither a translation nor any support for their understanding.

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 Ca’ Foscari University of Venice.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a PhD and a suitable scientific / professional track record (scientific activity in the field of Byzantine literature and history, paleography and diplomatics).

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: 18 months (approximate starting date: 1st February 2024)

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to 32,633.90 Euros, inclusive of taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 10th January 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;

8. Declaration on availability to held the interview in remote (Link) to be send via email at the following address: ricerca.dsu@unive.it (email object: Research Fellowship on “Greek Acts and Privileges issued by the Byzantine Emperors to Venice (1265-1418)” – PRIN 2022 RIGO project).

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 10th January 2024, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).
Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 9th January 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) list of publications;

b) Specialization certificates and the attestations of attendance at postgraduate specialization courses, obtained in Italy and abroad;

c) Research activities at public and private institutions with contracts, research grants, scholarships in Italy and abroad;

d) Certifications and other qualifying titles for the research activity.

e) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5 of the competition available in Italian (link);
f) 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:

- Paleography and diplomatics;
- Byzantine history and literature;
- Knowledge of English language

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

- Edition of the deeds granted by the Byzantine emperors to Venice, along with the relations between Byzantium and the lagoon city, translation and commentary. The work will contain the privileges issued in favour of Venice from 1265 to 1418. These are eleven documents dated to 1265, 1277, 1324, 1332, 1342, 1349, 1357, 1362, 1390, 1406, 1418.

Selection procedure

The interview will be on 24th January 2024, h. 12:00 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 18th January 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.dsu@unive.it (email object: Research Fellowship on “Greek Acts and Privileges issued by the Byzantine Emperors to Venice (1265-1418)” – PRIN 2022 RIGO project)