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**Research fellowship on “Integrating the Shida Kartli province in a new <sup>14</sup>C supported periodisation for the Southern Caucasus”, Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)**

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: “**Integrating the Shida Kartli province in a new <sup>14</sup>C supported periodisation for the Southern Caucasus**”, Academic discipline: L-OR/05 Ancient Near East archaeology and art history, L-ANT/01 Prehistory and early history, Tutor prof. Elena Roava.

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 research is part of the Ca' Foscari SPIN 2-2018 FRAC-SISCANEA project (From Relative to Absolute Chronology: Steps for Integrating the Southern Caucasus into Near Eastern Archaeology), CUP H76C19000170005. The aim is to formalise the new periodisation of the Shida Kartli project (Georgia) from the Chalcolithic to the Iron Age (V-I mill. B.C.) developed in the course of the first year of the SPIN-2 project by its collaborators and to organise its final international workshop (which is foreseen for January 2022), in which the new periodisation will be presented. The methods will follow the lines established on the occasion of earlier works of the research group (Passerini et al. 2016, 2018a, 2018b) through the collaboration of E. Boaretto (Weizmann Institute of Science (Rehovot, Israel): The analysed samples will be organised by means of Bayesian modelling and the obtained dates will be compared with the relevant stratigraphic and ceramic sequences.

### Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a doctoral degree 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:** 12 months (approximately starting: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021).

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

**Deadline for submission of applications: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 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-15-2020>

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 **30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 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) holding a PhD or having completed the attendance of a PhD programme, although not having yet obtained the PhD title;
- c) specialisation diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialisation courses, obtained both in Italy or abroad;



- d) documented research activity in public and private organisations with contracts, study grants or research fellowships both in Italy and abroad, related to the research topic;
- e) previous knowledge about absolute dating methods and Bayesian statistics;
- f) good experience in excavations and field activities and in the reconstruction of stratigraphic sequences in different cultural contexts;
- g) familiarity with pre-classical archaeology of the Southern Caucasus and adjacent regions and participation to archaeological excavations in the area;
- h) congress presentations, especially related to the area of the research;
- i) experience in using 3D structured-light scanner;
- j) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5;
- k) 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:

- General knowledge of the problems concerning the chronology of the pre-classical Southern Caucasus;
- Good methodological background concerning the reconstruction of stratigraphical sequences from archaeological sites, the drawing up of chrono-typological sequences and the construction of relative and absolute regional chronologies;
- General knowledge of absolute dating methods;
- Knowledge of English language

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

- General table with the results of the  $^{14}\text{C}$  analyses and Bayesian model of the chronology of the Shida Kartli province (Georgia) from the end of the IV to the mid-I millennium BC;
- Article (in preparation, to be completed) about the Middle-Bronze- MB/LB transition sequence of Aradetis Orgora, to be submitted to an international journal of Archaeological Science (e.g. Radiocarbon) and/or Archaeology;
- Article about the Late Bronze/Iron Age sequence of Aradetis Orgora to be submitted to an international journal of Archaeological Science (e.g. Radiocarbon) and/or Archaeology (to be completed six months after the research period);
- Communication to be presented at the Final international Workshop of the SPIN-2 project (to be held on January 2022), to be published in the workshop proceedings.

### Selection procedure

The interview will be held on **7<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020** ([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](mailto:ricerca.dsu@unive.it)