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Research fellowship on "Study of the impact of Atticism on the Greek language of the Byzantine period, based on the analysis of the Atticist material handed down in the main Byzantine lexica (Synagoge, Photius, Suda, Thomas Magister) and on literary texts in high / archaicising language, also in relation to the contemporary evolution of Medieval Greek", 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: **"Study of the impact of Atticism on the Greek language of the Byzantine period, based on the analysis of the Atticist material handed down in the main Byzantine lexica (Synagoge, Photius, Suda, Thomas Magister) and on literary texts in high / archaicising language, also in relation to the contemporary evolution of Medieval Greek"**, Academic discipline: L-FIL-LET/02 Greek Language and Literature and L-FIL-LET/07 Byzantine civilization, Tutor prof.ssa Olga Tribulato, within the ERC-2019-Consolidator Grant Project entitled "PURA - Purism in Antiquity: Theories of Language in Greek Atticist Lexica and their Legacy", Grant Agreement n. 865817, CUP: H72F20000150006.

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 programme will study the impact of Atticism in the Byzantine age, analyzed through the testimony of Atticist lexica and their relation with the Byzantine lexica (Synagoge, Photius, Suda, Thomas Magister) that inherited and reused their materials. The focus of the research will be a corpus of 80-100 lemmas taken from Byzantine lexica. The researcher will work on a philological and linguistic analysis of each lemma and the linguistic feature that it concerns, evaluating its relevance in the Byzantine / Medieval Greek linguistic continuum, also in the light of its use in Byzantine literary texts and, where possible, of survival/evolution in later Greek. Based on this material, the research will produce a wide-ranging chapter dedicated to the impact of Atticism in the Byzantine era for the project monograph.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a PhD in Classics or Byzantine studies with a focus on language and philology 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 (approximately starting: 1st January 2022).

Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is **24.500,00** Euros, including taxes and social charges.

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Deadline for submission of applications: 5th November 2021, 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-11-2021

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 **5th November 2021, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).**

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 4th November 2021, 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 and evidence of research interests in the following fields:
1. Greek and Byzantine philology, with a focus on scholarship, (especially lexicography) and its transmission from antiquity to the Middle Ages;
2. the history of the Greek language, especially from a diachronic perspective;

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3. Byzantine texts in high / archaicising language;

b) knowledge of Modern Greek, either documented by qualifications and attendance of language courses or declared to be at mother-tongue level;

c) work and research experience in national and international research projects;

d) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5;

e) 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:
- excellent knowledge of the development of Greek philology and Atticist erudition, and of their transmission and reception in the Byzantine age;
- competence in the history of the main Atticist and Byzantine lexica (Synagoge, Photius, Suda, Thomas Magister) which transmitted and re-elaborated Atticist material;
- knowledge of Greek diachronic linguistics from the classical to the Byzantine age, and of the relevant reference studies, in particular as regards the definition of the categories 'Byzantine Greek' and 'Medieval Greek', and the thorny question of their relationship in the so-called 'diglossia' of the Byzantine age;
- knowledge of Byzantine literature, particularly Atticist / archaising prose and its main representatives;
- Italian language proficiency (for foreign applicants).

The last part of the interview will focus on a practical test. Candidates will be invited to analyse a lemma from a Byzantine lexicon in relation to the previous Atticist tradition and to propose a general linguistic analysis based on their knowledge of the evolution of the Greek language in the Byzantine and Middle Ages.

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

- About 80-100 lexicographic slips, according to the model already developed by the project for its Digital Encyclopedia of Atticism. Each slip will be devoted to the philological and linguistic analysis of a lemma taken from Byzantine lexica and the evaluation of its relevance in the continuum of Byzantine / Medieval Greek, also in the light of its use in the literary texts of the time;
- A wide-ranging chapter, which will be included in the third volume of the monograph produced by the PURA project, on the impact of Atticism in the Byzantine era, with a focus on the diachronic dimension and to the role of Atticist theories in the Byzantine / Medieval Greek continuum;
- Organization of one of the project workshops, dedicated to Atticist lexicography in the context of the Byzantine diglossia, and editing of any publications that may arise from it.

Selection procedure

The interview will be held on **29th November 2021, h. 9.30 a.m.** The interview will be held in remote (with Zoom).
The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on **15th November 2021** (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