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Research fellowship on “Formulation of criteria for data extraction from regesta, standardization and data entry in OMEKA S regarding the correspondence of the apostolic nuncios Commendone and Graziani”, 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: “**Formulation of criteria for data extraction from regesta, standardization and data entry in OMEKA S regarding the correspondence of the apostolic nuncios Commendone and Graziani**”, Academic discipline: M-STO/08 Archival science, bibliography and librarianship, tutor prof. Dorit Raines, financed by the PRIN 2017 project “The Nuncio's Secret Archives: Papal Diplomacy and European Multi-denominational Societies Before the Thirty Years War”, CUP: H74117000190003.

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

Through a pioneering approach integrating Digital Humanities and traditional research, the project aims to reorganize for the first time an extraordinary private archive, now divided between Italy and Kansas, decisive for reconstructing the history of papal diplomacy in the crucial period between the peace of Augsburg (1555) and the Thirty Years War. The archive, created by two of the most high-ranking diplomats of the late 16th century, G.F. Commendone and A.M. Graziani, will be valorized through the portal Graziani Archives, which, in addition to providing a reference model for the interrogation and study of private political archives of modern age, will give access to unpublished documentation, mostly informal and very different from the official and already known one, describing with unprecedented richness and depth the vast networks activated by papal diplomats, their relationship with the regular orders and the clash between papacy and multi-confessional space.

The research will focus on the Graziani archive and on the diplomatic relations that linked it to the Italian and European scenario. In particular, the research program envisages data extraction from the regesta by establishing criteria based on the knowledge of correspondence and epistolary materials of the early modern age, for which proven experience is required, their standardization and data entry through the use of the software Omeka S, knowledge of which is required.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold:

- Ph.D. 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: 15 months (starting: 1st July 2022).



Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is **24.208,75** Euros, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 1st 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 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-11-2022>

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 **1st June 2022, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 31th May 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 with reference to early-modern history, critical editions or research on epistolary and diplomatic sources based on early-modern documentation;



- b) specialisation diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialisation courses, obtained both in Italy or abroad, documented research experience in related topics and in Digital Humanities projects, attested by contracts, research grants, scholarships;
- c) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5;
- d) 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 early-modern epistolary and diplomatic sources
- Ability to examine sources critically, with particular reference to epistolary materials
- Knowledge of the Omeka S application and experience in data ingestion in it
- Knowledge of the basic criteria for data extraction from historical materials in a digital environment
- English language

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

- Data standardization and entry in OMEKA S related to the project "The nuncio's secret archives", and in particular from around 3.500 letters of the Graziani archive today at the family archive in Vada, in the Kenneth Spencer Library of Kansas University and in the New York Public Library
- Scientific papers
- Dissemination to peer and general public.

Selection procedure

The interview will be held on **14th June 2022, h. 11 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 **7th 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