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Research fellowship on “Water, bathing and health in the Medici correspondence, 1500-1700”, tutor prof. David Gentilcore, 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: **“Water, bathing and health in the Medici correspondence, 1500-1700”**, Academic discipline: M-STO/02 Modern History, Tutor prof. David Gentilcore, within the **ERC-2018-Advanced Grant Project entitled “Water-Cultures - The Water Cultures of Italy, 1500-1900”**, Grant Agreement n. 833834, CUP: H74119001140006.

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 post-doctoral researcher will carry out original research on the role of water as resource in the pursuit of health and well-being, primarily (but not exclusively) in the Medici correspondence (“Mediceo del Principato”) during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, using both archival and digitised resources.

The “Mediceo del Principato” is the epistolary collection of the Tuscan Grand Dukes (1537-1743), consisting of over 4 million letters kept in the State Archives of Florence, which study is promoted by the Medici Archive Project, where part of the activities of the post-doc will take place.

In particular, the research will focus on bathing practices, both domestic and thermal. In addition to preparing his/her research for publication, the post-doc will participate in the various activities of the “Water Cultures” project and will organize, among other things, dissemination activities (conferences, seminars, workshops) on the project topics, which will be held at the headquarters of/ or in cooperation with the Medici Archive Project.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold:

- PhD in historical studies or related fields, in particular regarding aspects of Renaissance and health history 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: 24 months (starting: 1st April 2023).

Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is **50.000,00 Euros**, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 25th January 2023, 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: ricerca.dsu@unive.it;
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/2022-dsu-ar-25>

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 **25th January 2023, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 24th January 2023, 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 on research topics related to the subject of the project;
- b) electronic submission of a maximum of 3 publications (in PDF format), already published or in press, which will be evaluated by the commission (one of which may be the candidate's PhD thesis);
- c) documented research activity following the PhD carried out both in Italy and in public and private entities with contracts, research grants, short-term research fellowships, research fellowships and assignments;



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d) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5 of the competition available in Italian ([link](#));

e) 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:

- Knowledge of the culture of balneology, health and hygiene in the late-Renaissance/early modern period (1500-1700);
- Knowledge of the late-Renaissance/early modern period (1500-1700);
- Familiarity with the relevant archival resources;
- knowledge of English language.

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

- the preparation of two scholarly articles on the subject or equivalent outputs.

Selection procedure

This University will publish the list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the timetable for the interview with indication of the venue and the time, by notice published on the University website, ([link](#)) and on the web pages scheduled by the current regulations, on **30th January 2023**.

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