



Research fellowship on Aristotle's Theory of Sense Perception and Phantasia - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

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

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Description

The Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship financed by the Project "Kanon: Epicurus' Epistemology and Its Roots", CUP: H53D23007130006, Programme PRIN 2022, manager of the project for the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage prof. Francesca Masi, in:

Title: Aristotle's Theory of Sense Perception and Phantasia

Scientific area/field: M-FIL/07

Tutor: prof. Francesca Masi

Duration: 12 months

Abstract: The research project, of national interest, concerns the classic roots of Epicurean epistemology in general and aims at establishing if and to what extent Platonic philosophy and Aristotelian philosophy have influenced Epicurus in the development of his theory of knowledge. The Venice Research Unit investigation will pursue the following objectives: 1) to clarify what aporias Aristotle identified in his predecessors' cognitive theories and what solutions he adopted to overcome them; 2) to show that the Epicurean theory of sense-perception was developed in order to solve these aporias in atomistic terms; 3) to prove that Epicurus' research methodology is intended to confirm the effectiveness of the atomistic doctrine against Aristotelian criticism, and to integrate into his own theory contributions that can improve it in a coherent way. Through a 12-month research grant, the Venice Research Unit will recruit a staff member who will carry out systematic research on Aristotle's theory of sense-perception and more particularly of phantasia, by closely examining all the relevant passages of the De anima and Parva naturalia

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.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a PhD in Philosophy, or related disciplines.

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: **January 1st, 2024**)

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to **19.367,00 Euros** per year, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: November 15th, 2023, at 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. The attachments called “obligations and understanding” and “participation and compatibility”;
5. the possession of a PhD, with the date on which it was obtained and the University where the course was held. Candidates must also submit a copy of the foreign title with a translation in Italian or English language including marks obtained, accompanied by a self-declaration relating to the conformity to the original of the translation itself;
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.fbc@unive.it
9. A copy, in PDF format, of maximum no. 5 scientific publications, attached to the application form;
10. 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 here:

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dfbc-ar-prin-2022-masi>

By inserting their Italian Tax Code.

Foreign citizens not yet in possession of the Italian Tax Code can use the following link <https://apps.unive.it/utills/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 **November 15th, 2023 at noon (italian time)**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 24 hours prior to the deadline.

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 and publications, from 0 to 60;

For the interview, from 0 to 40.

Selection procedure

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on **December 4th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. (Italian time) via Google Meet.**

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the related calendar, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on **November 27th, 2023** ([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](#))

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