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**Research fellowships on “Proper and Improper Ritual in Christian Magical Tradition” - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia**  
(Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)

The present document in English is to be considered as merely a summary of the main provisions of the notice of competition, which is available in Italian at the following ([link](#)). The text in Italian is considered to be the official text of the notice of competition for all legal intents and purposes and, therefore, the Italian text is definitive in the event that there is a discrepancy between the Italian and English versions.

#### **Description**

The Department of Asian and North African Studies at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship in:

**Title:** Proper and Improper Ritual in Christian Magical Tradition

**Scientific sector:** M-STO/06

**Scientific supervisor and tutor:** Prof. Joseph Emanuel Sanzo

**Duration:** 12 months

**Abstract:** The research fellow will be part of the ERC project 'Early Jewish and Christian Magical Traditions in Comparison and Contact,' which focuses on the magical traditions of early Jews and Christians in order to improve knowledge of the relations between Jews and Christians during Late Antiquity. He/she will focus on Early Christianity and he/she is expected to be proficient in Coptic and Ancient Greek. The research fellow will select a series of cases in order to explore the dimension of early Christian magical practice, illuminating Christian approaches to improper rituals in lived religion. He/she will trace, analyze and catalogue the research artifacts (mainly inscriptions on amulets and incantation bowls), in cooperation with the other research team members. He/she will also travel to analyze artifacts and to present research results at conferences and workshops.

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. Research activities must be carried out in English.

#### **Who can apply**

Prospective candidates are expected to hold at least a master's degree and to have a suitable professional CV for the requested research activities. Their competences will be evaluated in dialogue with the course of studies, publications, and, if obtained, by the Doctoral dissertation.

Knowledge of languages relevant to the themes of the project, especially Aramaic, ancient Hebrew and Latin, is appreciated, as well as knowledge of Italian.

Ca' Foscari encourages applications from researchers who have received positive evaluation in all the criteria applicable to funding streams, such as Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) and the like. 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 contracts:** 12 months (approximately starting: February 1, 2024).

**Stipend:** The research fellowship amounts to 19,367 Euros per year, including taxes and social charges.



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**Deadline for submission of applications: January 9, 2024 at 12:00 PM.**

### 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) enclosed as 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. A declaration stating one's availability to participate in the interview remotely ([link](#)), specifying the title of the fellowship "*Proper and Improper Ritual in Christian Magical Tradition*", which is to be sent via email to the following address: [ricerca.dsaam@unive.it](mailto:ricerca.dsaam@unive.it);
7. For all documents, qualifications, and publications relevant for the selection procedure, please see the notice ([link](#)).
8. Short list of publications

All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website ([link](#)).

### How to submit your application

Applications should be submitted through the online procedure:

<https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/09012024dsaam>

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. Updates must be made no later than the deadline (January 9, 2024, 12:00pm).

Please note that the candidate can contact the University for administrative support up until 24 hours prior to the deadline.

Please note that, in light of the possibility that there will be a high number of applications and / or the large files of the documents uploaded by the candidates into the system, there could be a slowing of the online procedure. It is, therefore, recommended to begin the process as soon as possible.

**NB:** the University does not take on responsibility for wrong or late communication of addresses nor for any communication problem that does not depend upon the University.

### Evaluation

Up to 100 points, specifically:

- Qualifications, publications, and possible tests: 0 to 60.
- Interview: 0 to 40.

### Selection procedure

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on **January 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM** via Zoom video



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conference.

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview (and any postponement) as well as the link for the interview will be published on the University's webpage by January 15, 2024 ([link](#))

The interview will focus on:

- Knowledge of study of Ancient Magic, especially in Christian contexts.
- Methodological proposals for carrying out the research project.
- Assessment of English language knowledge.

### **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](#)).

For further information please email: [ricerca.dsaam@unive.it](mailto:ricerca.dsaam@unive.it).

Please note that the research office will be closed for Christmas Holidays from 23rd December 2023 to 7th January 2024.