

**Research fellowship on “Archaeology of agropastoral landscapes in the Kurdish-iraqi piedmont” –
Department of Humanities Ca' Foscari University of Venice**

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

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Description

The Department of Humanities at Ca' Foscari University of Venice invites applications for a fellowship in: “**Archaeology of agropastoral landscapes in the Kurdish-iraqi piedmont**”, Academic discipline: L-OR/11 Muslim archaeology and art history, duration 22 months, tutor Prof. Cristina TONGHINI, financed by the PRIN 2022 PNRR project “P2022MBJ3C - Community Archaeology of Endangered Agropastoral Landscapes of Upper Mesopotamia (CArE)”, CUP: H53D23010260001, Principal Investigator Prof. Cristina TONGHINI.

Abstract

This research is part of the Prin 2022PNRR project CArE, a multidisciplinary programme that combines archaeological practice with anthropological, ethnographic, and human geography approaches to investigate the unexplored, highly threatened, and unprotected archaeological landscape of the piedmont of the Kurdistan Autonomous Region (Iraq); it aims to contribute to the process of identity reconstruction for the communities that inhabit this territory today. More specifically, the research looks at the agropastoral archaeological landscape of a wide foothill belt extending between the modern villages of Faida and Ba'adre to be investigated using experimental procedures and advanced techniques.

The researcher's activities will involve:

- Desk-based detection and recording of the archaeological evidence (remote sensing);
- Field-based detection and recording of the archaeological evidence: intensive field survey, UAV photogrammetry, excavations of selected sample sites;
- Data processing, creation of a GIS (ArcGIS), Bayesian models, thematic maps, orthophotos, topographic maps and 3D models of the various sites and features using specific software (e.g. Metashape);
- Data analysis and interpretation.

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 Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a **PhD (archaeology) and a suitable scientific / professional track record**.

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: 22 months (approximate starting date: 1st February 2024)

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to **42,500 Euros**, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 18th December 2023, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

How to apply:

Candidates shall 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](#)); a declaration must be appended in the footnote of the

- curriculum, pursuant to the Italian DPR 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions, that the information provided corresponds to the truth. Moreover the candidates have to consent to the use of their personal data for the purposes of this selection procedure pursuant to the Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003 and to the EU Regulations 2016/679;
3. The attachments called “obligations and understanding” and “participation and compatibility”;
 4. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice - [link](#));
 5. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
 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.dsu@unive.it (email object: Research Fellowship on “Archaeology of agropastoral landscapes in the Kurdish-iraqi piedmont” – PRIN2022PNRR TONGHINI project)

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

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

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/2023-dsu-ar-29>

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 on **18th December 2023, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 15th December 2023 (h. 1 p.m. Italian time).

Please note that in case of a 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 interview, from 0 to 40.

The following qualifications are considered as evaluation criteria:

- a) list of publications;
- b) specialization diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialization courses, obtained both in Italy or abroad, documented research activity in public and private organizations with contracts, study grants or assignments both in Italy and abroad;

- c) certificates and other qualifications specifically relevant to the research activity to be carried out; more specifically this call requires: solid (stratigraphic) excavation experience, especially in extra-European and middle-eastern contexts, and with supervisory responsibility; GIS skills, data-base, statistics, Bayesian models, topographic surveying and 3D modelling in archaeology; research experience on mobile communities; research experience in Islamic archaeology, especially in relation to rural communities.
- 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:

- GIS, data-base, and statistical skills in archaeology; Bayesian models;
- skills in archaeological and topographical survey, 3D modelling in archaeology;
- skills in the study of mobile communities and communities in the rural Islamic world;
- knowledge of English language.

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

- **A GIS with thematic maps, orthophotos, floor plans, topographic maps and 3D models of the identified sites.**

Selection procedure

The interview will be **on 16th January 2024, h. 9:00 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 on 21st December 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](#))

For further information please contact Department of Humanities - Research Office, e-mail: ricerca.dsu@unive.it (email object: Research Fellowship on "Archaeology of agropastoral landscapes in the Kurdish-iraqi piedmont" – PRIN 2022PNRR TONGHINI project).