

Research fellowship on “Indicators of pastoral mobility in the late prehistoric Southern Caucasus: analysis and evaluation of the archaeozoological finds from the excavations of Ca’ Foscari University in Georgia” – 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 (Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici dell’Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia) invites applications for a fellowship in: “**Indicators of pastoral mobility in the late prehistoric Southern Caucasus: analysis and evaluation of the archaeozoological finds from the excavations of Ca’ Foscari University in Georgia**”, Academic disciplines: **L-ANT/10** Methods of archaeological research - **L-ANT/01** Prehistory and early history - **L-OR/05** Ancient Near East archaeology and art history, duration 18 months, tutor Prof. Elena ROVA, financed by the PRIN 2022 - Missione 4 “Istruzione e Ricerca” del Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza ed in particolare la componente C2 – investimento 1.1, Fondo per il Programma Nazionale di Ricerca e Progetti di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN“20227JXEB2 - ESTimating PREhistoric MObility in the mountainous regions of the Near East: animal management, raw materials procurement, technology and settlement patterns as indicators of movement and interconnections”, CUP: H53D23000070006, Principal Investigator Prof. Elena ROVA.

Abstract: The grantee will complete the (for the most part already accomplished) analysis and will proceed to the general interpretation of the archaeozoological data collected by the Ca’ Foscari archaeological expeditions in Georgia in 2009-2023 (Natsargora, Aradetis Orgora/Doghauri, Tsiteli Gorebi 5, Tchiauri 1 e 2 sites, chronological range Early Chalcolithic-Iron Age). He/she is expected to contextualise the data from the functional, chronological and geographical points of view, will collaborate with the other members of the research team in evaluating the results of the already carried out analyses and in choosing to perform further analyses on the materials. He/she will evaluate the results obtained in the light of other published archaeozoological corpora from sites of the Southern Caucasus and Eastern Anatolia, with the special aim to reconstruct variability and development in the course of time of the pastoral mobility patterns in the region.

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.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold **a master's degree in Archaeology or Biology 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: 18 months (approximate starting date: 1st March 2024)

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to **29,050.50 Euros**, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: **16th 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 “Indicators of pastoral mobility in the late prehistoric Southern Caucasus: analysis and evaluation of the archaeozoological finds from the excavations of Ca' Foscari University in Georgia” – PRIN 2022 ROVA 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-28>

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 **16th 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) a PhD, or the completion of a PhD course pending graduation with dissertation in Archaeozoology;
- b) list of publications;

- c) 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 in the field of archaeozoology;
- d) Familiarity with the archaeology (in particular of the pre- and protohistorical periods) of the Southern Caucasus;
- e) Participation as archaeozoologist to excavations and archaeological research.
- f) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5 of the competition available in Italian ([link](#));
- g) 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 theory and methods of archaeozoology;
- General knowledge of the principles of archaeological stratigraphy, ability to interpret excavation data;
- Ability to carry out independent archaeozoological research;
- Knowledge of the problems of the archaeology of the region under study.

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

- **Final report about the archeozoological assemblages of the sites of Natsargora, Aradetis Orgora/Doghauri, Tseli Gorebi 5, Tchiauri 1 and 2, with tables of frequency, distribution etc. (to be delivered by the end of the project)**
- **at least one communication at an international congress about the results of the research**
- **a draft article for an international journal, (to be delivered maximum six months after the end of the PRIN project)**

Selection procedure

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 on 21st December 2023 ([link](#)). The interview will be held in remote.

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 "Indicators of pastoral mobility in the late prehistoric Southern Caucasus: analysis and evaluation of the archaeozoological finds from the excavations of Ca' Foscari University in Georgia" – PRIN 2022 ROVA project).