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Research fellowship on “Arabic language and heritage culture in the Arab diaspora in Italy” - 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 Asian and North African Studies at Università Ca' Foscari Venezia invites applications for a fellowship in:

Title: Arabic language and heritage culture in the Arab diaspora in Italy

Scientific sector: L-OR/12

Scientific supervisor and tutor: Prof.ssa Antonella Ghersetti, Dott. Andrea Facchin

Duration: 12 months

Abstract: In the context of the migration phenomenon and the complex political and social dynamics of the Middle East, the research aims to investigate the multiform dimensions of language and religious education of Arabic-speaking students in Italy, focusing on the particular educational contexts that have educated these students in their countries of origin and their family context, in the case of second-generation Arabic speakers, and investigating how language education, language use in the family context, cultural tradition and religious teachings shape their identity and sense of belonging in various ways in the educational environment of the Italian diaspora. Through a qualitative research approach (interviews, analysis of teaching materials, ethnographic observations), the research aims to study the language education and cultural bearing received by students both in their countries of origin and in the family context, investigating its impact on their identity, cultural perceptions, and religious beliefs along their path in the Italian education system. In full recognition of the multiple dimensions and diversity present in the Arab diaspora, the research also aims to highlight the richness of the linguistic and cultural heritage these students carry. Through the analysis of their exposure to language and culture of origin, religious texts and linguistic variation in all its dimensions, it aims to study how these factors influence their self-perception and integration experiences. Based on a cross-cultural perspective, this research also emphasizes the urgency of supporting the linguistic and sociocultural identity elements of these students in the Italian educational context. The proposed research is in line with the mission of the MaP Center as it investigates how the interaction between language, culture and religious education impacts social, cultural and educational integration. The goal of the research is not only to improve the outcomes of Arabic-speaking students in the educational setting (e.g., through co-lectures in institutions, focus groups, etc.), but also to promote a deeper understanding of the unique identity elements that Arabic-speaking students bring with them, enriching the culture of Italian society and the broader European context. No lesser fallout is the possibility of offering valuable insights to educators, policymakers and researchers in order to promote an inclusive educational environment that recognizes and values the diverse linguistic and cultural heritage of Arabic-speaking students.

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 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.

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



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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: April 1st, 2024).

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to 19.500,00 Euros per year, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: January 31st, 2024, 12.00 noon

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. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice [link](#));
7. The five most relevant publication in .pdf format.

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/dsaameccghe231> **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 (January 31st, 2024, 12.00 noon)

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, publications and possible tests, from 0 to 60;

For interview, from 0 to 40.



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Selection procedure

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the tests/interview and the related calendar, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on February 16th, 2024 ([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 email: ricerca.dsaam@unive.it