



Research fellowship on “Returning Foreign Fighters. The Demobilisation of Italian Transnational War Volunteers in Liberal Italy” – 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: **Returning Foreign Fighters. The Demobilisation of Italian Transnational War Volunteers in Liberal Italy**, Academic discipline: M-STO/04 Contemporary history, duration 12 months, tutor Prof. Elena BACCHIN, financed by the PRIN 2022 PNRR project "P202278HMH - Returning Foreign Fighters (ReFF). The Demobilisation of Italian Transnational War Volunteers, 1860s-1970s", CUP: H53D23010170001, Head of Unit Prof. Elena BACCHIN.

Abstract

The project “Returning Foreign Fighters. The Demobilisation of Italian Transnational War Volunteers, 1860s-1970s”, discusses the trajectories, fates, and legacies of Italian foreign fighters who had moved to a state other than their own with the intent to perpetrate, plan and participate in, or support acts of war, or to give or receive military training. The research will focus on Liberal Italy and specifically, it might focus on the 1863-4 Polish Uprising, the 1866-69 Cretan Revolt, the international defense of the Paris Commune, the Greco-Turkish War of 1897, the “Splendid Little War” in Cuba, the Balkan wars, and Italian volunteers in the Argonne in 1914 (before Italy entered the First World War). In particular, it investigates the actions of Italian foreign fighters who returned to their home country to understand whether they demobilized or chose new forms of political mobilisation and to analyse what Italian and international authorities did to monitor and, possibly, contain and repress their actions. The postdoc fellow will carry out research in Italian and foreign archives and libraries with the aim of collecting documentary and printed material relating to the research.

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 Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

Prospective candidates are expected to hold **a master's degree 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: 12 months (approximate starting date: 15th February 2024)

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to **30,000 Euros**, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 9th January 2024, 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 “Returning Foreign Fighters. The Demobilisation of Italian Transnational War Volunteers in Liberal Italy” – PRIN 2022 PNRR BACCHIN 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-46> **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 on **9th January 2024, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 8th January 2024 (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.

Please keep in consideration that the University will be closed over the Christmas period on the days from 23rd December 2023 to 2nd January 2024.

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;
- b) list of scientific publications;

- c) electronic submission of 3 (three) publications (in PDF format);
- d) specialisation diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialization courses, obtained both in Italy or abroad, documented research activity in public and private organisations with contracts, study grants or assignments both in Italy and abroad;
- e) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5 of the competition available in Italian ([link](#));
- f) 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:

- General knowledge of Italian history and Liberal era;
- Basic knowledge of the secondary literature on the topic and of possible primary sources to be analysed.

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

- **The fellow will be asked to submit an article to an A-level journal and to collaborate with a chapter in the collective book promoted by the research group, as well as carry out dissemination activities of the research results among a non-specialist public.**

Selection procedure

The interview will be **on 23rd January 2024, h. 2:00 p.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 16th January 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 contact Department of Humanities - Research Office, e-mail: ricerca.dsu@unive.it (email object: Research Fellowship on "Returning Foreign Fighters. The Demobilisation of Italian Transnational War Volunteers in Liberal Italy" – PRIN 2022 PNRR BACCHIN project).