



Call for n. 1 Short Research Fellowship in “Oxygen and carbon isotope analyses on apatite of osteological remains from pre-classical sites in Georgia (Southern Caucasus)”, lasting 4 months, tutor Prof. Elena Rova, Academic discipline: L-OR/05 Ancient Near East archaeology and art history, GEO/08 Geochemistry and volcanology - Ca' Foscari University of Venice – Department of Humanities

(L. 240 del December 30th 2010, art. 18, DL 19/2012; Regulations about Short Research fellowships issued under D.R. 300/2014 of 14/04/2014 and subsequent amendments and additions)

The present document in English is to be considered as a mere translation of the provisions of the call which is available in Italian at the following [link](#). The text in Italian is the official text of the notice of competition for all legal intents and purposes and, in the event of non-conformity with the present document, it shall prevail.

The Department of Humanities of Ca' Foscari University of Venice, having regard to the Director's Decree Rep no. 532/2024 Prot. n. 82577-VII/16 of 29th March 2024 establishing the research programmes for awarding of the short fellowships in **“Oxygen and carbon isotope analyses on apatite of osteological remains from pre-classical sites in Georgia (Southern Caucasus)” lasting 4 months**, Academic discipline: L-OR/05 Ancient Near East archaeology and art history, GEO/08 Geochemistry and volcanology, tutor Prof. Elena Rova, with the possibility of renewal within the limits of art. 4 of the Regulations for awarding of university short research fellowships.

The expected starting date is **1 May 2024**.

The Short Term Research Fellowship is part of the project entitled “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” (project code 20227JXEB2), CUP H53D23000070006, Principal Investigator Prof. Elena Rova, financed by PRIN 2022 - Missione 4 “Istruzione e Ricerca” del Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza, nell'ambito dell'iniziativa Next Generation EU, ed in particolare la componente C2 – investimento 1.1, Fondo per il Programma Nazionale di Ricerca e Progetti di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN).

The research fellowships is awarded for the purpose of collaboration with the following research programme of the Department of Humanities.

- **abstract:** The grantee is expected to assist in the analyses (to be carried out at the laboratory of the University of Parma under the supervision of Prof. Paola Iacumin) of the isotopic analyses on samples of animal and human bones from the excavations carried out by Ca' Foscari University of Venice in Georgia, Southern Caucasus. The samples date from the Chalcolithic to the Early Iron Age (V-I millennium BC). The aim of the analysis is to reconstruct the evolution, in the course of time, of the mobility patterns and food habits of the local population, and the changing role of animal husbandry in its economy. The isotopic analyses in skeletal remains are very suitable for this purpose as isotopes acquire and maintain information over time about the individual's diet, the environment, and the climatic conditions. The analyses concern carbon and oxygen isotopes in the apatite of bones and teeth.

The research fellowship amounts to Euro 1.600,00, gross to the recipient.

Deadline: 22nd April 2024 h. 12 noon (Italian time).

Rules of eligibility – Beneficiaries

Citizens belonging to European Union member states and non-community citizens in possession of the following qualifications may take part in the selection:

- a) master's degree (or equivalent) in Chemistry
- b) scientific and professional cv relevant to research activities.

Applicants must hold all the requisites within the call deadline. The qualifications will be evaluated by a Commission that examines the eligibility and qualifications of the candidates and makes a merit rank of them.

Skills required

- chemical treatment of bone and tooth samples for the isotope analysis of bioapatite;
- analysis with GasBench;
- analysis with elementary analyser online with IRMS

Evaluable qualifications

- PhD
- Titles and certificates proving that the candidate is qualified to carry out the research project
- Publications

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

- Activity Report
- Tables with the results of the analyses and report with interpretation and comments of the results.

In addition, the grantee is expected to contribute to writing, max. one year after the end of the grant, an article to be presented to an international research journal and/or a communication to be presented at an international congress

Incompatibility

The short-term research fellowship may not overlap with:

- other scholarships granted in any capacity, apart from those granted by national or foreign research institutes in order to integrate with periods abroad the specific activity foreseen by the work plan of the appointed fellow;
- attendance of PhD courses with scholarship and medical specialization, in Italy and abroad;
- research grants “assegni di ricerca”
- subordinate employment relationships

Scholarship holders can carry out occasional work activities, upon written communication to the scientific manager and on the condition that:

- a) this activity is declared by the person in charge to be compatible with the pursuit of the research activity referred to in the scholarship;
- b) does not involve a conflict of interest with the specific research activity carried out;
- c) does not prejudice the university, in relation to the activities carried out.

The awarding of the short-term research fellowship does not imply the establishment of any employment contract, nor does it give rise to any rights of access to positions of employment at the university.

How to apply

Candidates should submit:

1. The application form <https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/2024-dsu-br-2>
2. Applicants must declare in the application, under their own responsibility:
 - educational qualification held;
 - the possession of a residence permit valid at the deadline of the call for applications, in case he/she is a non-European citizen residing in Italy;
 - that they understand that the short-term research fellowship is not compatible with the positions referred to in Art. 12 of the present Regulations and current legislation;
 - to be medically fit to discharge his/her duties for the fellowship;
 - not to have received measures restricting personal freedom at the time of submitting the application;
 - not to have a degree of kinship or affinity, up to and including the fourth degree, with any professor belonging to the department or facility issuing the call or with the Rector, the General Manager or a member of the University Board of Directors and that they are aware of the provisions of the Law no 240/2010, Art. 18, para. 1, letter b);
 - any benefit under L. 104/92.

3. A CV in European format (<http://www.unive.it/data/28900/>), duly dated and signed.
4. A copy of a valid identity document (e.g. Identity Card or Passport).
5. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure.

How to submit your application

Applications, together with all the required documentation, have to be submitted exclusively online at the following webpage: <https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/2024-dsu-br-2> not later than noon time (12:00 Rome CET) 22nd April 2024.

The candidate, after the uploading, will receive a submission number and an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their application. The candidate, if necessary, could access the procedures for updating any data and materials through the link and submission number provided in the e-mail until the call deadline expires.

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate until 19th April 2024 h. 12 noon (Italian time). For further information please contact the Department of Humanities' Research Sector – e-mail address: ricerca.dsu@unive.it.

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. Incomplete applications, those without the required data and the compulsory attachments will not be taken into consideration. Furthermore, the applications which, for any reason, reach this University beyond the deadline indicated above cannot be accepted.

The declarations made in the application shall be considered issued in accordance with the DPR no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments, by candidates entitled to use the simplified administrative certifications permitted by the above decree.

Selection and Evaluation Procedure

The selection is made by assessment of the scientific-professional qualifications of the candidates, by a Selection Committee appointed by order of the Director of the research department taking into account, whereas possible, gender balance.

The Commission compiles a ranking and specifies the winning applicant, having regard to the score appointed to experience and qualifications, interview and any other test, as specified by the call. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same score at the end of the selection, the younger candidate will be preferred.

Awarding of the short research fellowship

Having received the selection documents, and at the outcome of the checks, the Director approves, by his own decree, the classification and the selection procedure reports and makes them public.

Notification, including the start date of the short-term research fellowship, shall be sent to the winning candidate.

The winner must accept the short-term research fellowship within seven days of receipt of the written notification referred to above, under penalty of revocation. In the event of withdrawal, the short-term research fellowship shall be awarded to the next available candidate, following the order of the final ranking of merit.

Publication of the results of all the selection phases shall be published in the online University notice board, on the specific Department web page ([link](#)) and on the University website ([link](#)).

Access to the selection documents is guaranteed pursuant to the law of August 7th 1990, no. 241 and subsequent amendments and additions and relative internal implementation regulation.

Processing of personal data

Personal data provided by the candidates in their applications for participation in the selection procedures, are processed pursuant to the legislative decree of June 30th 2003, no. 196 and subsequent amendments and additions

and to EU Regulations 2016/679. Comprehensive information on personal data processing can be found [here](#).

Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to the provisions of art. 5 of the law of August 7th 1990, no. 241 and subsequent amendments and additions, the person in charge of the administrative procedure for this selection is dr. Alessio Parpagiola, in charge of the Department of Humanities.

Final provisions

For anything not specified in this call, see the University current regulations regarding the awarding for research fellowships and the current legislation.

Venice,

The Head of Department of Humanities
Prof. Daniele Baglioni

VISTO: IL RESPONSABILE DEL PROCEDIMENTO AMMINISTRATIVO
Dott. Alessio Parpagiola

VISTO: IL VICESEGRETARIO DEL DIPARTIMENTO DI STUDI UMANISTICI
Dott. Alessio Parpagiola