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**Call for n. 1 Short Research Fellowship(s) - Ca' Foscari University of Venice– THE NEW INSTITUTE Centre for Environmental Humanities (NICHE)**

(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.

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The Centre THE NEW INSTITUTE Centre for Environmental Humanities (NICHE) of Ca' Foscari University of Venice, having regard to the decision of the Director of the NICHE Centre (Rep 29/25 Prot. 93084 del 31/03/2025) establishing the research programmes for awarding of the short fellowships on “Venice Waterscapes in Historical and Crosscultural Perspective” lasting 12 months, 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 May 2025.

The research fellowship is awarded for the purpose of collaboration with the following research programme of the NICHE Centre - **abstract**:

This grant is part of the activities of the Waterscapes Unit of the NICHE Centre: THE NEW INSTITUTE for Environmental Humanities, in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair Water Heritage and Sustainable Development. It aims at a project publication in the form of either a monograph or an edited volume or a thematic issue of a journal. Related documentary materials should be digitally archived for potential online dissemination. The Waterscapes Unit investigates the dynamic entwinement of nature, episteme and agency on the basis of the study of territories that are defined by waters, such as the lagoon of Venice. The specific themes of the call concern the political and environmental history of Venice and its lagoon, as well as the valuation of its material and immaterial heritage in the Anthropocene, also from a comparative diachronic and crosscultural perspective.

**The research fellowship amounts to Euro 19,367.00 per year, gross to the recipient, exempt from IRPEF and not relevant IRAP paid in two-monthly instalments in arrears**

**Deadline: 18 April 2025.** In case the deadline is on Saturdays, Sundays or on holidays it is extended to the first working day thereafter.

## **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:**

People with masters degree (or equivalent) and an adequate scientific and professional cv are eligible.

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**

- University degree on topics relevant to the call for applications
- Research experience
- Knowledge of the English language
- Proven knowledge of the political and environmental history of Venice
- Proven knowledge of Venetian cultural heritage from a cross-cultural perspective, particularly in the UNESCO framework and the debates on the Anthropocene
- Proven expertise in digital humanities

## **Any other evaluable qualifications**

- PhD on topics relevant to the call
- Scientific publications on relevant subjects

## **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”

Fellowship holders may carry out self-employed work or occasional or permanent collaborations, as long as this is coherent with the ongoing research, upon approval and on the condition that:

- does not involve a conflict of interest with the specific research activity carried out;

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- does not prejudice the university, in relation to the activities carried out.

Subordinate employment contracts holders, in addition to obtaining permission by the university, must provide the authorization of their employer.

In the specific case that the subordinate employment contract started prior to the awarding of the fellowship, compatibility with the existing employment will have to be assessed; if the assessment yields a negative result, the short research fellowship will not be awarded; in the case of a positive result, the successful candidate will have to provide the authorization of his/her employer within 15 days.

In the event that the subordinate employment contract will start once the fellowship is ongoing, the successful applicant is required to notify this change at least 15 days before the start of the employment contract for an assessment of compatibility; if the assessment is negative, the fellowship will cease by the start of the employment contract; in the event of a positive outcome, the successful applicant must provide the authorization of his/her employer within 15 days.

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
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 duly dated and signed.
4. A copy of a valid identity document (e.g. Identity Card or Passport).

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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/nichedfbcpaesaggiacquatici> not later than noon time (12:00 Rome CET) on 18/04/2025;

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 24 hours prior to the deadline. For further information please contact [niche@unive.it](mailto:niche@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.

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### **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.

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 Dario Pellizzon, in charge of the CESA Administrative office.

### **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, 01/04/2025

The Director of the NICHE Centre  
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