Research fellowship on “Water in Babylonia in the later periods between business strategies, propaganda and ritual use” - Department of Humanities at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)

Description
The Department of Humanities at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici dell’Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia) opens applications for a fellowship in: “Water in Babylonia in the later periods between business strategies, propaganda and ritual use”, SSD: L-OR/03 Assyriology.

Abstract: During Babylonia’s late periods the construction, the exploitation, the maintenance and restoration of the canals (also known as nâr šarri = the king’s canal) were the first concern of the king, who developed a complex bureaucratic system in order to guarantee the network’s efficiency: a process that found its ideological counterpart in the royal's intense propaganda. Water courses also constituted crucial elements for the city, with special reference to their possible use for ritual processions. The research: 1) will try to connect water management to the rise of personal assets, the emergence of an entrepreneurial mentality, and the capitalization of familiar fortunes. 2) will take into account the technical lexical repertoire in terms of an evaluation of its functional or propagandistic use, in the available sources both official (esp. royal inscriptions) and in ritual and religious context (purification rituals, aspersion and consecration ceremonies, and god meals), as an expression of institutional propaganda.

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.

Who can apply
Prospective candidates are expected to hold a doctoral’s degree and appropriate scientific-professional curriculum for the research. Ca’ Foscari encourages applications from researchers with positive evaluation in all the criteria in individual proposals such as Marie Skłodowska Curie/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar. Researchers having successfully completed Marie Skłodowska Curie/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 (approximately starting: 1st July 2017).

Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to 20,250,00 Euros, gross to the recipient, net of the expenses to be sustained by the Provider. The amount may be subject to adjustment in the event of variations in the law.

Deadline for submission of applications: 12th June 2017, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

How to apply:
Candidates should submit:
1. The application form;
2. A CV in European format, duly dated and signed;
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).

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: http://static.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/ACCESSO/dsu-4-2017

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 **12th June 2017, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)**.

If the deadline is on Sunday or on holidays, the deadline is extended to the first working day thereafter.

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.

**Selection procedure**

The interview will be held on **21st June 2017, 9.30 a.m., Department of Humanities, Palazzo Malcanton Marcorà, second floor, room 2A02, Dorsoduro 3484/D, Venice.**

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University’s webpage on **14th June 2017** (link).

Candidates living farther than 200 Kms from Venice may ask to hold a video interview.

**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