Research fellowship on “Epigraphic sources from Early Bronze Age Syro-Mesopotamia: developing digital archives” - 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: “Epigraphic sources from Early Bronze Age Syro-Mesopotamia: developing digital archives”, SSD: L-OR/01 Assyriology.

Abstract: The research focuses on the implementation of a new digital platform, where the EbDA database (Ebla Digital Archives, containing the digital edition of the Ebla texts) shall be migrated. The new database structure, based on PostgreSQL, will offer several enhancements: it will improve the potential of the current search engine; it will allow for a more efficient management of image data; it will facilitate the input of corrections and collations of transliterated texts; it will generate adequate context for the search results, as well as co-occurrence lists. Part of the research is concerned with automatic correction of current texts and new data input, up to the completion of all archival information, as inferable from individual publications not yet (re-)edited as part of the dedicated series (Archivi Reali di Ebla – Testi; Materiali Epigrafici di Ebla).

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 doctorate’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 August 2017).
Stipend: The research fellowship amounts to 19.367.00 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: 5th July 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-8-2017

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 5th July 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.

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.
Candidates are admitted to the interview if assessment of the qualifications and the possible tests results in a score equal to or greater than 42/60.

The following qualifications are considered as evaluation criteria:
- a list of the candidate’s scientific publications and a minimum of 5 publications focusing on the edition or scholarly study of cuneiform texts, and at least one publication focusing on Digital Humanities, sent by the candidates in a digital format;
- specialisation diplomas and attendance certificates at post-graduate specialisation 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;
- experiences in the field of Digital Humanities

The interview aims to assess the candidates’ skills and expertise on the following subjects:
- Knowledge of cuneiform sources of the third millennium B.C.;
- Knowledge of Akkadian, Sumerian, Eblaite languages;
- Knowledge of English language;
- Assessment of the knowledge of the Italian language (for non-Italian applicants).

Selection procedure

The interview will be held on 12th July 2017, 12.00 a.m., Department of Humanities, Palazzo Malcantoni 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 5th July 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