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**Alta Scuola Europea di Scienze Religiose
«Giuseppe Alberigo»**

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Call for Applications 2021

Fscire PhD Programme

1. The Foundation for Religious Studies (Bologna/Palermo) is offering **three posts**, of which **at least one with a scholarship**, in the fields of the history of religions, exegesis, and theology for the **three-year *Perfezionamento scientifico (PhD) course (2021-2024)*** at the «Giuseppe Alberigo» European School for Advanced Religious Studies.
2. The qualification obtained at the end of the course (*Diploma di perfezionamento scientifico*) is officially recognised – upon application and in conformity with the D.M. 19/10/1998 (*Gazzetta Ufficiale* n. 252, 28/10/1998) – as being equivalent to a PhD degree obtained in the Italian academic system.
3. The call is open to candidates of any nationality holding a Master's degree – or equivalent advanced degree qualification recognised by the Italian academic system – in fields relating to the subjects of the course and obtained before 30 September 2021.
4. Candidates less than 26 years of age as of 1 October 2021 may apply for the scholarship. Its annual value – **15.343,28** euros before welfare contributions and deductions as required in law – is equivalent to the PhD scholarship of the Italian academic system.
5. The application, written on plain paper and including full personal details of the candidate – inclusive of address, tax number, and email address – must be accompanied by the following documents in a sealed envelope:
 - a) a copy of the academic qualifications held;
 - b) a hard copy and a .pdf copy of the Master's degree thesis, along with copies of any other relevant publications;
 - c) a cover letter describing the candidate's educational curriculum and research interests;
 - d) a declaration concerning the candidate's language skills (ancient, classical, and modern) and, if applicable, any proficiency certifications;
 - e) if possible, two presentation letters signed by scholars or professors in the field of interest.

6. The application and all additional documents must be sent or delivered by hand to the «Giuseppe Alberigo» School's secretariat (Via San Vitale 114, 40125 Bologna, Italy) **by 31 May 2021**. The postmark or courier service stamp will serve as proof of the date of dispatch. Applicants are strongly advised to send an electronic copy of their application form and all additional documents in .pdf format (email address: **altascuola@fscire.it**), in addition to the hard copy which must, however, reach the School's secretariat before the deadline indicated.
7. Admission to the selection procedure, following verification of the congruency of the application and the enclosed documents, will be communicated via email by the School's Coordinator **by 20 June 2021**.
8. Those eligible for the selection will be asked to participate in one or more seminars, tests, and/or interviews during the days **between 12 and 16 July 2021** in the premises of the Foundation in Bologna or, if prevented due to the ongoing SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, through videoconferencing.
9. In case the aforementioned seminars, tests, and/or interviews will take place in the premises of the Foundation in Bologna, each candidate admitted to the selection will benefit from an expense allowance (with proof of travel and subsistence expenses).
10. Failure to participate in any stage of the aforementioned seminars, tests, and/or interviews will determine the exclusion from the list of suitable candidates.
11. The list of suitable candidates and the award of the grants will be determined by a Commission appointed by the Foundation's Scientific Committee, based on the academic qualifications, educational curriculum, research interests, personal skills, and fruitful participation in seminars and tests, in accordance with art. no. 3, par. 3 of the School's Regulations (*Regolamento dell'Alta Scuola*).
12. With the same criteria, the Commission will draft a separate list of suitable candidates chosen among any Italian applicants belonging to any branches of public administration or teachers in the Italian public schools, with reference to the existing protocol agreement between Fscire and the Italian Ministry of Education.
13. The results of the selection will be published on the website **www.fscire.it** by 31 July 2021 and will be unappealable.
14. Admission to the three-year *Perfezionamento scientifico* course will begin as of 1 October 2021.
15. In accordance with the School's Regulations, fellow students must attend to their studies and be involved in their research and educational activities on a full-time basis, 44 weeks per year, during the opening hours of the Foundation's Libraries (Monday to Friday, 8.30 AM to 6.30 PM), either in Bologna or in Palermo.
16. Fellow students must actively participate in all the internal seminars organised by the School and in the Foundation's ordinary activities, and undertake exchange and research periods abroad – which shall be arranged and agreed upon with the Secretary of the Foundation – after the end of the first year of the *Perfezionamento scientifico* course, in relation to the research subject.

17. Students will be offered travel and research facilities, along with the Foundation's libraries and archives.
18. Admission to the following years shall depend, for each and every fellow student, on the approval of the Scientific Committee and of the Secretary of the Foundation, and is subject to regular attendance and fruitful participation in the seminars and educational activities and to progress being made in the fellow student's research.
19. In order to obtain the final qualification, at the end of the *Perfezionamento scientifico* course students will be required to sit a final exam in the form of a *viva voce* examination of a written dissertation (*tesi di perfezionamento scientifico*) before the Scientific Committee of the Foundation.
20. All seminars and other scientific and educational activities, together with relations with students, are managed by the Director and the Coordinator of the School.
21. The scientific goals and the programmes of the Foundation in which fellow students shall participate are defined by the Scientific Committee and the Secretary of the Foundation.
22. With regard to any aspects not covered by the present call for applications, reference should be made to the School's Regulations (*Regolamento dell'Alta Scuola*) and the Foundation's Statute.
23. The text of the School's Regulations (*Regolamento dell'Alta Scuola*) and all information concerning the programmes and activities of the School and the Foundation are available on the website **www.fscire.it**.