

FONDAZIONE PER LE SCIENZE RELIGIOSE GIOVANNI XXIII

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«Giuseppe Alberigo» School for Advanced Religious Studies

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2020 Three-year postgraduate specialisation course

1. The Foundation for Religious Studies John XXIII is offering **three posts**, of which **at least one with a scholarship**, in the fields of the history of religions, exegesis, and theology to candidates for the three-year postgraduate specialisation course (2020-2023) at the «Giuseppe Alberigo» School for Advanced Religious Studies. The qualification obtained at the end of the course 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.
2. The call is open to candidates of any nationality holding a Master's or advanced degree – or equivalent non-Italian qualification – in fields relating to the subjects of the specialisation course, and obtained before 30 September 2020. Candidates less than 26 years of age as of 1 October 2020 may apply for the scholarship. The annual value of the scholarship is **15.343,28** euros, before welfare contributions and deductions as required in law.
3. 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 any additional language skills (classical and modern); e) two presentation letters signed by scholars or professors in the field of interest.
4. 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 July 2020**. The postmark or courier service stamp will serve as proof of the date of dispatch. Applicants are 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.
5. 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 31 August 2020**. Those eligible for the selection will be asked to participate in one or more seminars, tests, and/or interviews during the days between 8 and 10 September

2020 in the premises of the Foundation in Bologna or, alternatively, through videoconferencing. In case the aforementioned seminars, tests, and/or interviews will take place in the premises of the Foundation in Bologna, each candidate admitted for the selection will benefit from an expense allowance (with proof of travel and subsistence expenses) of up to 300,00 (three hundred/00) euros. Failure to participate in any stage of the aforementioned seminars, tests, and/or interviews, although motivated, will determine the exclusion from the list of suitable candidates.

6. The list of suitable candidates and the award of the grant 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*). With the same criteria, the Commission will draft a separate list of suitable candidates chosen among any public servants on secondment who will apply, with reference – specifically for teachers – to the protocol agreement between Fscire and the Ministry of Education. The results of the selection will be published on the website www.fscire.it by 15 September 2020 and will be unappealable.

7. Admission to the postgraduate specialisation course will begin as of 1 October 2019. In accordance with the School's Regulations, 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 Institute (Monday to Friday, 8.30 AM to 6.30 PM). Students must also actively participate in all the internal seminars organised by the Foundation and in the Foundation's ordinary activities, and undertake exchange and research periods abroad – which shall be arranged with the Secretary of the Foundation – after the end of the first year of the postgraduate specialisation course, in relation to the research subject. Students will be offered travel and research facilities, along with the Foundation's library and archives.

8. Admission to the following years shall depend, for each student, on the approval of the Scientific Committee and of the Foundation's Secretary, and is subject to regular attendance and fruitful participation in the seminars and educational activities and to progress being made in the student's research.

9. In order to obtain the final qualification, at the end of the three-year 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.

10. All seminars and other scientific and educational activities, together with relations with students, are managed by the Director and the Coordinator of the School in accordance with the goals and programmes defined by the Scientific Committee in accordance with the Secretary of the Foundation.

11. 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*). The text of the Regulations and all information concerning programmes and activities of the School are available on the website **www.fscire.it**.

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