

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

1. The John XXIII Foundation for Religious Studies invites applications for Postdoctoral Fellowships.

FELLOWSHIPS

2. Fellowships are established in accordance with requirements defined by the policy of the Foundation, its agreements with the Regional Government of Emilia-Romagna, the Italian Ministry for Education, University and Research and its donors.

Candidates may thereby apply for one of the following positions:

- i. Junior Research Fellow (2 years, renewable).

Applicants must have obtained their doctorate within the last five years.

The successful candidate will sign a research contract for two years, equivalent to the Italian "Assegno di ricerca junior" (with a gross annual salary of € 28,800, which amounts to a monthly net sum of about € 1,400).

The contract defines a research programme in accordance with the research lines of the Foundation; it might also include the publication of the candidate's dissertation during the second year of the fellowship.

- ii. Senior Research Fellow (2 years, renewable)

The Applicant's doctoral thesis must have already been published.

The successful candidate will sign a research contract for two years, equivalent to the Italian "Assegno di ricerca senior" (with a gross annual salary of € 33,703, which amounts to a monthly net sum of about € 1,650).

The contract defines a research programme in accordance with the research lines of the Foundation.

- iii. Lecturer (3 years, renewable)

Applicants must have obtained their doctorate within the last ten years; they must have already had their thesis and at least one other monograph published; they must provide evidence of having held at least a three-year position as research fellow or equivalent.

Candidates are encouraged to submit a research proposal which would be strategic for the Foundation.

The successful candidate will sign a three-year contract (with a gross annual salary of € 37,800, which amounts to a monthly net sum of about € 1,750).

The contract defines a research programme and a number of additional activities to be conducted on behalf of the Foundation.

All fellowships are residential.

The call for an International Visiting Fellow is always open. Further information can be found at <http://www.fscire.it/index.php/it/alta-scuola/bandi-2/>

RESEARCH PIPELINES

3. Different research areas are established in accordance with lines defined by the Scientific Board, the Secretary and members of the Foundation.

Candidates should therefore specify the area to which they would like to contribute.

- i. ECUMENISM includes research into the history and theology of the development of the desire for Christian unity within Churches. Contributing to this line of enquiry entails participating in an international programme of a multivolume/multilingual history on the subject;
- ii. RELIGIOUS PLURALISM includes research into the historical, juridical and theological aspects of the cohabitation of different faiths and of how this is represented;
- iii. PHILOLOGY includes research into the critical editions of sources found within the entire spectrum of Jewish and Christian traditions;
- iv. ISLAM includes research into the history of Muslim communities and their religious life. Contributing to this line will entail collaborating in the launching of the new branch of the Foundation in Palermo;
- v. NEW YARDS includes proposals concerning new research programmes. In this case, candidates must also indicate how many people would be involved in the programme in order to complete the research.

APPLICATION RULES

4. Applications should be sent to: Fondazione per le scienze religiose, via San Vitale 114, Bologna and segreteria@fscire.it by June 20th, 2018.
5. Applications from all countries are encouraged. Equal opportunities policies are fully implemented. Preference will be given to younger candidates.
6. The application should include:
 - i. The specification of the type of fellowship and research area for which they are applying;
 - ii. A full CV with the description of research interests;
 - iii. An eventual research project (a full programme is required when applying for the “NEW YARDS” research pipeline);
 - iv. A letter of motivation;
 - v. All publications in pdf format (including PhD Thesis);
 - vi. Official certification or self-evaluation of language skills both for modern and ancient languages (when required by the project or programme);
 - vii. The name of 2 possible supervisors, chosen from the Scientific Committee of the Foundation or from other Institutions;
 - viii. Two letters of recommendation from internationally acknowledged scholars who may be contacted by the Foundation’s Secretary (please include contact details).
7. Candidates must specify whether they are also applying for accommodation at the “Collegio Andreatta”.
8. Candidates must specify whether they are willing to request membership of the Foundation: being a Member of the Foundation does not change one’s economic status or the general obligations of belonging to a permanent research community, including participation in the life of the institute according to the opening hours of the Dossetti Library.

The status of Member offers the opportunity to participate in the Foundation’s other research programmes (including European Funded research programmes and other competitive projects), the chance to represent the Foundation on other boards or programmes, teaching opportunities in Italy and abroad and full rights in terms of the acquisition of books, obtaining facilities and travel funds.

EVALUATION PROCESS

9. Applications will be evaluated by a commission of five scholars (including at least one of the members of Fscire), appointed by the President of the Foundation.

10. Members of the Foundation may be consulted during the evaluation process, according to their experience in the given research pipeline.

11. Applicants may be invited by the Secretary to an interview or meeting (in person or via Internet) during the evaluation process. Expenses will be covered.

12. The final evaluation of the commission will be approved by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.

REGULATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

13. The post-doctoral fellowship will be attributed according to the Italian laws concerning private enterprises and does not provide a contract as a dependent employee (“lavoro subordinato”).

14. At the time of signing, successful applicants must not be bound by other employment contracts with universities or research centres. Grants and funds approved by the Scientific Committee of the Foundation and aiming to increase the international experience of Fellows may be accepted and negotiated among institutions.

15. All fellowships are residential and place great emphasis on the exchange of ideas and on the spirit of community among Fellows who live and work in proximity. Fellows are expected to be present during the entire period of their fellowship, except for religious or civil holidays. Longer leaves must be communicated to, and agreed on, with the Secretary of the Foundation.

16. Successful non-EU applicants will be assisted in the procedures for the request of a visa and other permissions.

17. The fellowship salaries are regulated by art. 4 L. 476/1984 (fiscal treatment), art. 2, c. 26 and ff. L. 335/1995 and following updates, DM MLPS 247/2007 (maternity leave), and art. 1, c. 788 L. 296/2006 (sick leave).

18. The Scientific Committee, eventual supervisors and the Secretary of the Foundation will monitor the scientific results of the projects and/or programmes. The Secretary may ask the Scientific Board to withdraw or extend the scholarships in accordance with their different profiles, and grants will be considered accordingly.

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