

Call for candidates for a post-doctoral researcher for the project *The Cult of Saints: a Christendom-wide study of its origins, spread and development* (Latin evidence)

The Institute of History, University of Warsaw, is seeking to recruit a post-doctoral researcher for a position in the project *The Cult of Saints: a Christendom-wide study of its origins, spread and development*. The Project is supported by an Advanced Grant from the European Research Council under Grant Agreement Number 340540 and is based at the University of Oxford with a partnership at the University of Warsaw. The successful candidate will work as part of a team of seven post-doctoral researchers reporting to the Principal Investigator, Prof. Bryan Ward-Perkins (University of Oxford), but under direct supervision of Dr. hab. Robert Wiśniewski (University of Warsaw). The postholder will have responsibility for collecting Latin evidence consisting mostly of literary texts, within an electronic searchable database. The postholder is also expected to produce sole-authored articles on aspects of the cult of saints in the West.

This is a full-time position for 12 months, starting on 1 November 2017 or soon thereafter. The postholder will be offered the salary of about 2 700 Euros per month.

For more information about the Project see: <http://cultofsaints.history.ox.ac.uk>.

If you have any questions about the project or the recruitment procedure, please address them to Robert Wiśniewski (r.wisniewski@uw.edu.pl)

Responsibilities / duties

- Conduct independent, excellent research on the origin and development of the cult of Christian saints, in libraries in Warsaw with frequent visits to the UK and other countries.
- Systematically collect, and enter into the *Cult of Saints* database the literary and epigraphic evidence in Latin needed for the project.
- Produce articles on aspects of the early cult of saints.
- Attend team meetings and other events in Poland, the UK and other countries as required, and act as a source of information and advice to other members of the research team.
- Represent the University of Warsaw and the project, and deliver papers at team workshops, external workshops, conferences, public events, and other meetings.
- Contribute to the public engagement work of the project.

Selection criteria

Essential

- A completed doctorate in a relevant field (e.g. History, Classics, Patristics).
- Experience of working with late-antique sources related to the cult of saints.
- Excellent knowledge of Latin and English.
- A strong working-knowledge of the other principal western academic languages (especially French and Italian).
- Detailed knowledge of the historical context of late-antique Christianity.

- Ability to conduct, with only light supervision, autonomous academic research and associated activities.
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to write for publication, present research proposals and results, and to represent the project at meetings.
- Ability and willingness to work as part of a team, share insights and findings, and engage in collaborative, collective and experimental forms of research and publication.
- Ability to work to a deadline.

Desirable

- Knowledge of Ancient Greek.
- Experience of working with epigraphic evidence and/or late antique calendars.
- Experience of working with databases.
- Experience gained in scholarly milieux other than Warsaw.

How to apply

Required documents:

1. A letter of Application (to the Rector of the University of Warsaw).
2. A copy of PhD Diploma or relevant document.
3. A CV and list of publications.
4. Names and contact details of two referees.
5. A statement showing what paths of research a candidate is going to follow within the project (in English).
6. An administrative questionnaire (“kwestionariusz osobowy”) to be found at the University of Warsaw Website or contact information if a candidate does not speak Polish.

The application, which can be sent either as hard copy or email attachment, must arrive not later than on 30 September 2017. Shortlisted candidates can be invited for the interview (in English) which will take place between 2 and 13 October. The interview can be by Skype.

All documents should be sent to the following address:

Institute of History, University of Warsaw
 Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warszawa, Poland

or as an attachment to the following address:

sekretariat.ih@uw.edu.pl

The results will be announced by 31 October 2017.