



Department of History and Archaeology

Special Scientist (Research) Position Announcement

Position Title:	Special Scientist (Research) on Greek Classical Reception in the Early Modern Period (15 th -17 th centuries)
No. of Positions:	One (1) full-time or two (2) part-time
Category:	Initial 24-month contract which may be renewed further for another 2 additional months
Place of vacancy:	University of Cyprus, Nicosia.

The Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Cyprus invites applications for one full-time (140 hrs/month) or two part-time (70 hrs/month) position of Research Associate (post-doctoral level) work in close collaboration with Dr Natasha Constantinidou. The successful candidate will work on Book History (15th-16th centuries); in particular, she/he will focus on an aspect of Greek books produced in Western Europe in the 16th century (esp. in areas such as France, the Holy Roman Empire, the Italian States, or the Low Countries).

The position will be funded by the GrECI (*Greek heritage in European Culture and Identity*) Twinning project (www.greci-twinning.org) funded by the WIDERA/Twinning call for proposals of the Horizon Europe programme for Research and Innovation of the European Union. The successful candidate will also benefit from the collaboration with the University of Oslo (Prof. Han Lamers, UiO, Norway) and Université Franche-Comté (Prof. Marie Barral-Baron UFC, France).

The project team will meet regularly, both virtually and physically, and is committed to the well-being and career development of all our members.

Terms of Employment

The duration of employment will be two years, starting from 1/12/2023 or the soonest thereafter. The monthly gross earnings will be €2610-€3046 /month (depending on qualifications) for full-time employment (140 hours/month). Employee contributions will be deducted from this amount. The Research Programmes do not provide for the payment of a “13th salary”.

Description

The research conducted at the University of Cyprus in the context of *GrECI* aims to contribute to our understanding of the cultural history of Greek learning in early modern Europe. As the dissemination of this culture took place through the production and circulation of Greek books, understanding the place of Greek books in the context of early modern culture through a book history perspective is crucial. Although it is a commonplace to refer to the wide availability of Greek texts during the sixteenth century, with printers and publishers (such as Aldo Manuzio in Venice, Froben in Basel, or the Estiennes in Paris and Geneva) producing ‘the classics’ in the original language in printed

form for the very first time, we still lack a broader frame for understanding issues relating to the production, distribution, and use of Greek books. Questions such as the full scope of Greek editions, popularity of authors, texts, and editions, their specific use and purpose, and much more still elude scholars. Research undertaken for this fellowship should address some of these aspects as a way of contextualising and sharpening our understanding of the role of Greek books in disseminating Greek heritage and culture in Europe in the early modern period.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The postdoctoral fellow will be expected to conduct research that sheds new light on the history of Greek books in early modern Europe (publishing, printing, distribution, use etc.), starting from the cataloguing of a significant body of works, either from a specific geographical area or on a specific subject. Research results should be presented in the form of conference papers and a number of journal articles. Relevant backgrounds include book history, history of knowledge and scholarship, classical reception studies, classics, Byzantine and Greek studies, Neo-Latin studies, Renaissance and Reformation studies. Candidates are asked to clearly articulate whether they have a specific topic in mind that they wish to conduct research on.

In addition to conducting research and presenting its results, the successful candidate will also be expected to contribute to other project activities, including collaborative research, writings sessions, the organization of workshops, and visiting the consortium's partner institutions.

The successful candidate will work closely with Dr Natasha Constantinidou at the University of Cyprus; s/he is also expected to collaborate with consortium members, and to participate in the research network of the department. The main purpose of postdoctoral research fellowships is to qualify researchers for work in higher academic positions within their disciplines.

REQUIREMENTS

- PhD or equivalent academic qualifications with a specialization in an area that is relevant to the project (e.g. book history, classics, Greek studies, Renaissance studies, early modern history)
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English
- Command of the language(s) that are essential to the candidate's proposed research project, including ancient Greek and Latin.

ADDITIONAL/PREFERABLE REQUIREMENTS

- Submitting a research proposal that will link a significant number of early Greek editions to a series of research questions relating to themes described above.
- Submitting a proposal for a project closely connected to the ambitions of "Greek heritage in European Culture and Identity" (HORIZON-WIDERA-2021ACCESS call, 101079379)

In the evaluation of the applications, emphasis will be placed on:

- The applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to carry out the project within the allotted time frame and contribute to the research of the project team
- Ability to successfully contribute to the research of the existing GrECI team
- Good co-operative skills with other members of the team and ability to join in academic collaboration within and across disciplines

SUBMISSION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

The application must include:

- *Expression of interest* describing the applicant's motivation for the position
- *Curriculum Vitae* (with a list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience or anything else relevant to the position)
- *List of publications*
- *Copies of educational certificates* (academic transcripts only)
- *List of two reference persons* (name, relation to candidate, e-mail and phone number)

Additional documents:

- A project description (2-3 pages, maximum 1000 words) for those who wish to submit one, on which the candidate proposes to work on in the context of this position. .

Please note that all documents should be in English.

Short-listed candidates will be asked to submit the following:

- Two academic article-length writing samples that the applicant wishes to be considered (these can include dissertation chapters and must not necessarily be published).
- Their doctoral dissertation

Candidates are invited to send their application and accompanying documents to Paraskevi Achilleos, at achilleos.paraskevi@ucy.ac.cy by 3/11/2023 at the latest. The application must be submitted in ONE clearly marked PDF file. Please note that any applications which do not fulfil these requirements will not be considered. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to submit a longer research proposal and the sample of written work by the 8th of November. For more information, candidates can contact the coordinator of the project, Dr Natasha Constantinidou by email constantinidou.natasha@ucy.ac.cy.

At least the best three candidates that satisfy the required qualifications, will be interviewed by a 3-member Committee. Interviews will be held in the week of 3-7 July. Candidates shall be informed of the result of their application by the relevant entity.

Having in mind the provisions of the General Regulation for Data Protection of the EU 2016/679 of the European Parliament, the University of Cyprus collects and processes your personal data in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation. The University of Cyprus shall collect and process your personal data according to the provisions of the General Regulation on Personal Data 2016/679 (EU).

The University of Cyprus (UCY) is committed to promoting inclusivity, diversity, and equality, as well as the elimination of all forms of discrimination in order to provide a fair, safe, and pleasant environment for the entire university community, where students and staff members will feel supported both in their professional and personal development, within and beyond their multiple identities. To this end, UCY seeks to create the necessary conditions that will encourage and respect diversity, and ensure dignity both in the workplace and society at large. Moreover, UCY has adopted specific policies to promote equal opportunities, as well as respect and understanding of diversity, while it is committed to promoting and maintaining a working, teaching, and learning environment, free from any form of discrimination, whether direct or indirect.