

The ERC-StG project n°636983 - PLATINUM (University of Naples 'Federico II') is pleased to announce THREE POST-DOCTORAL POSITIONS in Classics.

The aim of PLATINUM (Papyri and Latin Texts: INsights and Updated Methodologies. Towards a philological, literary, and historical approach to Latin papyri) is to scrutinize Latin texts on papyrus from several points of view in order to highlight their substantial contribution to our knowledge of innovations in ancient Roman literature, language, history, and society, especially in the multilingual and multicultural contexts of the Eastern part of the Empire between the 1st century B.C. and 8th century A.D.

The three post-doc positions will concern specific areas of this research in the field of Latin texts on papyrus and the successful applicants will work under the direction of the Principal Investigator of PLATINUM; English short descriptions of the three profiles are found below. The appointments will be for two years in the first instance but can be extended for a further two years.

Although the application form is available only in Italian it may be completed either in Italian or in English. Knowledge of Italian is not required at the time of the application, and applications from non-Italians are actively encouraged.

All questions should be addressed to: mariachiara.scappaticcio@unina.it

Best regards,

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Deadline: 5th June 2015 (12 a.m.)

Interviews: 11th-12th June (see details)

How to apply and practical information (only in Italian): see below (+ detailed calls)

Practical details – a brief summary: Applicants should send: 1. the specific form ('domanda di partecipazione' - Allegato/Attachment B of the Call); 2. a photocopy of their passport; 3. the form with self-declaration about their titles ('dichiarazioni sostitutive di certificazione' - Allegato/Attachment C); 4. a *curriculum vitae* and full list of publications; 5. their PhD thesis, plus a writing sample(s) of relevance to the advertised position (maximum three publications); 6. a list of the publications and other documents submitted with the application. Applicants should provide both a paper copy and an electronic one (on cd-rom); 7. at least one letter of reference.

ALL the documents (with the exception of the letter of reference) MUST be sent in TWO COPIES; we apologize for this regulation, which is beyond our control.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for more than one of these positions and advised that in order to do so they should submit separate applications; we apologize sincerely for the inconvenience.

Interviews will be conducted in either Italian or English, according to the applicant's choice. If the applicant is not a native Italian speaker, he/she should show ability and willingness to learn the language.

The successful applicant will be expected to reside in Naples for the entire period of the contract. As a member of the PLATINUM staff, he/she will benefit from all related facilities and research funding.

***** PROFILE 1**

Research Program: Latin and bilingual (Latin-Greek) epistolography on papyrus. Material and linguistic-literary surveys.

Description of the Research Program: The post-doctoral researcher will serve as 'Research Assistant' (RA) of the project and will work closely with the Principal Investigator of PLATINUM. He/she will be responsible for the Research Program duties and for organizational tasks related to the scientific part of PLATINUM. The RA will assist the PI in searching for and establishing links with papyrological collections and additional Research Groups, as well as in managing the scientific activities of the project.

He/she will work on Latin and bilingual (Latin-Greek) letters on papyrus, parchment scraps and *ostraka* between 1st cent. B.C. and 6th cent. A.D. A material (i.e. palaeographical-papyrological) analysis of the texts will precede the linguistic and literary examination. His/her first months of employment will be spent working towards a first census of Latin (but also bilingual and trilingual, when Latin is attested) texts on papyrus, together with the other members of the staff. He/she will also oversee the implementation of the online platform of PLATINUM.

Prerequisites for the position are: a PhD in Classics completed at least six months before the deadline of the present call; excellent knowledge of Latin and Greek and of current philological and papyrological methods; excellent knowledge of spoken and written English; strong organizational and interpersonal skills.

Preferred skills and background: previous postdoctoral positions (if in Italy, for no more than two years); experience in the field of papyrology, especially with unpublished papyri; previous involvement in projects in the field of classical textual criticism and/or papyrology; experience with Greek and/or Latin literary and/or paraliterary texts; knowledge of European languages other than English; familiarity with mark-up language and encoding of Latin and Greek texts.

Salary: 19367 euros (gross)

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*****PROFILE 2**

Research Program: Material and historical analysis of documentary Latin and bilingual Latin-Greek texts on papyrus I

Description of the Research Program: Research will cover Latin and bilingual Latin-Greek documentary texts, to be examined from a 'material' (paleographical and papyrological) and historical perspective. The exact number and typology of texts to be studied will be defined only once the staff of PLATINUM has taken a first census of Latin texts on papyrus (as well as bilingual and trilingual texts). This census will be part of the researcher's initial duties. He/she will also be responsible for transcribing and entering texts in the online platform of PLATINUM. In particular, he/she will assist the software developer in establishing the technical parameters for the online material; he/she will also play a leadership role in the area of digitalization and text mark-up.

Prerequisites for the position are: a PhD in Classics/Ancient History and/or Papyrology; good knowledge of Latin and Greek and of papyrological methods; excellent knowledge of spoken and written English; strong organizational and interpersonal skills; knowledge of current encoding methods and standards used in online tools dealing with ancient papyri and/or inscriptions (e.g., TEI/EpiDoc.).

Preferred skills and background: previous postdoctoral positions (if in Italy, for no more than two years); experience in the field of papyrology, especially with unpublished papyri; previous involvement in projects related to ancient history and/or papyrology; interpersonal skills; experience with Latin and/or Greek documentary texts; knowledge of European languages other than English.

Salary: 19367 euros (gross)

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***** PROFILE 3**

Research Program: Material and historical analysis of documentary Latin and bilingual Latin-Greek texts on papyrus II

Description of the Research Program: Research will cover Latin and bilingual Latin-Greek documentary texts, to be examined from a 'material' (paleographical and papyrological) and historical perspective. The exact number and typology of texts to be studied will be defined only once the staff of PLATINUM has taken a first census of Latin texts on papyrus (as well as bilingual and trilingual texts). This census will constitute the researcher's initial duties. He/she will also be responsible for transcribing and entering texts in the online platform of PLATINUM.

Prerequisites for the position are: a PhD in Classics/Ancient History and/or Papyrology; good knowledge of Latin and Greek and of current historical and papyrological methods; excellent knowledge of spoken and written English; strong organizational and interpersonal skills.

Preferred skills and background: previous postdoctoral positions (if in Italy, for no more than two years); experience in the field of papyrology; previous involvement in projects related to ancient history and/or papyrology and/or collaboration with papyrological collections; interpersonal skills; experience with Latin and/or Greek documentary texts; postdoctoral research experience in not-Italian institutions; knowledge of European languages other than English; knowledge of current encoding methods and standards used in online tools dealing with ancient papyri and/or inscriptions (e.g., TEI/EpiDoc,).

Salary: 19367 euros (gross)

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