

VACANCY: Predoctoral Researcher (0.5 FTE)

Duration: Up to 4 Years

Location: Prague, Czech Academy of Sciences

The Institute of Slavonic Studies of the Czech Academy of Sciences (www.slu.cas.cz), in accordance with Act No. 283/1992 Coll. on the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, as amended by Act No. 420/2005 Coll., and the Statutes of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, announces a call for applications for the position of **Predoctoral Researcher** as part of a multidisciplinary team working on the project *Multilingualism and the Emergence of New Written Languages as a Transformation of Discursive Traditions*. The project is funded under the Lumina Quaeruntur program and will run from 2025 to 2029.

The project aims to describe and analyse the mechanisms behind the emergence of new written languages or language varieties within the multilingual contexts of various European cultural traditions during the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period. The research will compare philological methodologies across traditions and develop a theory on how new written language traditions emerge as transformations of dominant regional or contact culture discourse traditions.

Key Responsibilities:

- Write a PhD dissertation on a theme within the scope of the project.
- Publish two studies in reputable international journals or with leading publishers.
- Contribute to the project's collective monograph.
- Present research findings at workshops and conferences.
- Participate in the Institute's activities, including sharing project results with a non-academic audience.

Requirements:

- Master's degree and confirmation of admission to doctoral studies in the field of historical linguistics, philology, or historical sociolinguistics, focusing on a European language or a language traditionally present in Europe (e.g., Hebrew, Arabic).
- Willingness to engage with multiple philological traditions across different language groups (e.g., Latin & Germanic, Greek & Slavic). Knowledge of Semitic languages is especially encouraged.
- Advanced proficiency in written and spoken English.

What We Offer:

- Half-time position (0.5 FTE) for up to 4 years (negotiable workload and contract duration, in alignment with the duration of the PhD study programme).
- Gross salary: 18,000 CZK for 0,5 FTE (approx. 700 EUR).
- Office in the heart of Prague, offering a dynamic and supportive academic environment.
- Flexible working hours, meal allowances, options for expanding education, including language courses.
- 5 weeks of paid vacation annually.

Application Requirements:

- A cover letter detailing your interest in the position and the value you would bring to the project.
- A full curriculum vitae (CV), including the publication list.
- Copies of documents verifying qualifications.

How to Apply:

Please submit applications with attached documents in an envelope to the institute's address (Institute of Slavonic Studies of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Valentinská 91/1, 110 00 Prague 1) or via the data mailbox (address: jeknq7e) or by email to: slu@slu.cas.cz, clearly marked "**Selection Procedure. Multilingualism.**"

For any questions contact the Principal Investigator Vladislav Knoll: knoll@slu.cas.cz.

Important Dates:

- **Deadline for applications: 3 December 2024 12.00 CET (noon).**
- **Start date:** 1 January 2025 at the earliest (negotiable).