



ACCADEMIA DEGLI OTTUSI

FONDATA NEL 1612

Scholarship: Humanists and Humanist Circles in Spoleto

The Accademia degli Ottusi (Academy of the Obtuse Ones) in Spoleto, formerly known as the Accademia Spoletina, in collaboration with the Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici of the University of Rome Roma Tre and The Marignoli di Montecorona Foundation, intends to foster research carried out by young scholars by offering a one-year-long research grant to Italian or non-Italian nationals holding a master's or doctorate in history, art history, philosophy, philology and literature on the following topic: Humanists and Humanist Circles in Spoleto. More specifically, the research to be carried out should highlight the Renaissance humanists mentioned in the local archives variously linked to Spoleto either by birth, visits, or study interests. Particular emphasis should also be placed on the larger centres of power, other humanist and artistic groups, what such humanists did, their institutional roles, their intellectual/artistic production.

1. Requisites for participating

Potential candidates must:

- 1) **not** be older than thirty-five years of age
- 2) hold a master's degrees or a doctorate in one of the following disciplines: Literature, History, History of Art, Humanism

Those in possession of other research grants or a doctoral scholarship upon commencement of the designated period of research in Spoleto may **not** apply.

2. How to apply

The form attached below (Form A) must be fully completed, signed and sent by email to the Academy secretary at:



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accademiadegliottusi@gmail.com by **15 July 2021**. The following documents, in one of the main languages of the European Union, must also be attached as a scanned document or Pdf:

- 1) Personal document of identification.
- 2) The candidate's up-to-date *Curriculum studiorum* including: languages known and certified; list of publications.
- 3a) Four-year undergraduate degree certificate or master's, with the marks for every single exam. For non-Italian nationals, equivalent certification.
- 3b) Doctoral certificate. For non-Italian nationals, equivalent certification.
- 4) A copy in electronic format of the degree or doctoral thesis, plus any research whether published or forthcoming (the latter being accompanied by a declaration of acceptance to be published from the journal or book series director). Together with the degree or doctoral thesis, a maximum of three such publications may be included in the application.
- 5) Two letters of presentation by scholars under whose direction the candidate has carried out study or research.
- 6) The Research project the candidate intends to carry out if successful, outlining objectives, expected results and progression rate with dates.

All applications must bear the title: **Bando per assegno di ricerca 2021**. Any applications not fully meeting the conditions



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outlined above will be immediately disqualified.

3.1 Judging Panel

Candidates shall be evaluated on the basis of the documentation presented by a Judging Panel composed of a member of the Scientific Committee of the Academy and by two members of the teaching staff (references for the agreement with the Academy) of the Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici of the University of Rome Roma Tre. In the case of a tie, the Judging Panel may elect to interview prospective candidates on-line. The research grant shall be awarded on the sole outcome of said overall evaluation. The Judging Panel's decision is final.

3.2 Evaluation criteria

The Judging Panel adheres to the following criteria:

1. Doctoral thesis: from 10 to 15 points
2. Degree or Masters thesis: from 5 to 10 points
3. Pertinent publications: from 2 to 5 points
4. Further qualifications: from 1 to 5 points
5. Weight and pertinence regarding the Academy's objectives: 20 points

Any on-line interview to be held shall be awarded a mark out of thirty.

4. Award of Research Grant and concomitant expectations:

The research grant, made available by the "Accademia degli Ottusi" and The Marignoli of Montecorona Foundation, shall be paid to the Winner in two steps: 2,500.00 Euros upon presentation of the



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research carried out in the first six months; 2,500.00 Euros upon completion of said research and approval by the Academy one year after the official beginning.

The winner must:

- a) carry out said research on the approved topic at approved cultural institutions, including those based in Spoleto, the Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici of the University of Rome Roma Tre, or others to be defined.
- b) participate in the activities, such as conferences and seminars, that the two main institutions involved may hold on the research topic.

The Academy, in collaboration with the Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici of the University of Rome Roma Tre, shall appoint a specific reference person to monitor the research being carried out.

The Academy shall also appoint a special committee to do the same via regular video-conferences with the winning candidate.

The winner shall have pertinent insurance costs covered.

5. Publication of research carried out

The Academy pledges to publish the research, or part thereof, upon official approval by the committee appointed to monitor it.

Spoleto, 1 June 2021

Accademia degli Ottusi, Spoleto