Two Marie Skłodowska-Curie Early Stage Researchers (Ph.D. Research Positions)

Location: School of Advanced Study, University of London, London WC1E 7HU

Position starts: 1 July 2019 (latest)

Salary: In a range from £37,759 - £43,179 per annum - subject to bi-annual review due to exchange rates

Reference: CLEOPATRA ITN

The School of Advanced Study, University of London is offering two Marie Skłodowska-Curie Early Stage Researcher positions in the context of the CLEOPATRA ITN: 'Cross-lingual Event-centric Open Analytics Research Academy' (http://cleopatra-project.eu/). The research is in the fields of digital humanities, media and communication studies, and library and information studies

The CLEOPATRA Innovative Training Network offers a unique interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral research and training programme, designed to explore how we can begin to analyse and understand the major events that influence and shape our lives and societies as they play out online. It will facilitate advanced cross-lingual processing of textual and visual information related to key contemporary events at scale, and will develop innovative methods for efficient and intuitive user access to and interaction with multilingual information.

The two ESR positions are as follows:

1. Project Title: National and transnational media coverage of European parliamentary elections, 2004-2014 (Event-centric cross-lingual analytics and cross-cultural studies). The project objectives are to explore information flows between national media, and to identify translingual concepts and topics emerging during the elections. Expected results include identification of issues that remain bounded by language or national political cultures in election information flows.

2. Project Title: Nationalism, internationalism and sporting identity: the London and Rio Olympics (Event-centric cross-lingual analytics and cross-cultural studies). The project objectives are to explore online discussion of the two recent Olympics, which took place on different continents, in different time zones, and in different linguistic contexts. Expected results include identification of differences in coverage between nations of major sporting

events, analysing factors such as the type of activity, the location of the event, and the languages of the host nations.

Appointees will:

- Conduct research at the School of Advanced Study, University of London, one of the partner universities in the Cleopatra ITN.
- Provide important input to the development of a common integrated cross-lingual data analytics platform.
- Actively participate in the training programme offered by the CLEOPATRA ITN.
- Engage with researchers in the host and partner universities, and in other UK and EU partner organisations.
- Conduct research visits and secondments according to an individual career development plan.
- Contribute to impact reports and dissemination and outreach activities, including updates of the project Website, trip reports, posters etc.

The positions are offered full-time for three years (36 months).

Applicants should have a good Master's degree in digital humanities, library and information studies, media and communication studies, or another subject closely relevant to the themes of the project, with a strong digital emphasis. Proficiency in English is expected; knowledge of further European languages is helpful. International experience during your studies or afterwards as well as good social and communication skills are desirable. The ideal candidate will have solid programming skills, and an understanding of or demonstrable interest in computer science methods would also be an advantage.

To be eligible applicants must

- satisfy the mobility requirements of Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, which means that at the time of recruitment, the potential candidate must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the recruitment date. There are some exemptions (e.g., compulsory national service).
- be in the first four years (full-time equivalent research experience) of their research careers and have not been awarded a doctoral degree.

Please note that in order to be considered for this post, you will also be required to complete the application process for a place for postgraduate research at the School of Advanced Study, University of London, [available here](#).

The salary per annum payable to the successful candidates will differ from the 'researcher unit cost' as set in the Grant Agreement. The unit cost is to cover all employment costs and Employer's liabilities to HMRC and any applicable employer's pension contributions must therefore be deducted before from the available budget before arriving at the amount available as salary. Under UK legislation the living allowance, mobility allowance and any applicable family allowance are all deemed taxable. The gross salary calculated after Employer's costs will then be subject to Employee's deductions for Tax, NI and Pension contributions where applicable. The sterling salary payable will also be affected by exchange rate fluctuations and will therefore be subject to six monthly reviews.

We welcome informal enquiries: please contact Jane Winters via email: jane.winters@sas.ac.uk.

Please submit your application via the online portal, https://www.jobs.london.ac.uk/AzureAD365/, including:

- a cover letter
- a CV

Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered.

Further information about the School of Advanced Study, University of London, is available here: www.sas.ac.uk.

Further information about the project is available on the CLEOPATRA homepage: http://cleopatra-project.eu/.