

Beta maṣāḥəft call for incoming fellowship 2017

The project Beta maṣāḥəft: Manuscripts of Ethiopia and Eritrea (Schriftkultur des christlichen Äthopiens und Eritreas: eine multimediale Forschungsumgebung) is a long-term project funded within the framework of the German Academies' Programme (coordinated by the Union of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities) under survey of the Akademie der Wissenschaften in Hamburg. It aims at creating a virtual research environment that shall manage complex data related to predominantly Christian manuscript tradition of the Ethiopian and Eritrean Highlands. With detailed manuscript descriptions as a starting point, the project collects and manages information on the texts transmitted in the manuscripts and their authors, on the scribes and other historical persons as well as places and networks connected with the manuscript production and circulation. The first project phase places special attention on codicology and manuscript production.

The project provides an opportunity for scholars to pursue research in any of the areas relevant to the project with a fellowship endowed with dedicated project funds. The fellowship is awarded on a competitive basis following the present call.

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from scholars with a background and experience in any of the aspects of Ethiopian/Eritrean manuscript studies. Applicants are expected to demonstrate competences and skills additional to those already covered by the project. The successful applicant should be prepared to conduct research independently within the scope of the Beta maṣāḥəft project as well as to offer up to two lectures of 2 academic hours each in his or her field of expertise. Applications are welcome from researchers of all nationalities. Doctorate degree or equivalent is desirable.

Terms

The Beta maṣāḥəft incoming fellowship covers a residence with the project for up to three consecutive months, with a total grant of up to 10,000 Euro for the entire period. The precise scheduling shall, wherever possible, be set according to the preference indicated by the applicant. In addition to the stipend, the grant also includes office space and access to PC, library, and printing facilities. Travel and accommodation are to be covered from the stipend by the grantee.

Application procedure

Applicants are asked to apply within **30 November 2016**. The applicants should submit the

1) filled application form (<https://www.betamasaheft.uni-hamburg.de/en/pdf/callform2016.pdf>)

and supply the following attachments:

2) project proposal (up to 5 pages) for: (1) project description (please specify which of the project's components would be pursued while in residence); (2) methodology; (3) expected outcome; (4) project contribution to the Beta maṣāḥəft project; (5) applicant's qualifications to execute project; and (6) benefits to project from resources at Hamburg; (7) selected project bibliography

3) curriculum vitae

4) suggested topic of a lecture(s) with a short summary

5) optionally: sample of writing

Review process and notification

The incoming fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, based on the application file. In particular, the following aspects shall be considered: an applicant's past achievements; his or her qualifications to undertake the project; how the project would benefit from the resources at Hamburg, including its library and collections; and, most importantly, how the project would contribute to the advancement of the Beta maṣāḥeft project.

Applicants shall be notified of the decision by 15 January 2017.

Contact

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For more details on the project visit <https://www.betamasaheft.uni-hamburg.de/>