



Rosalind Franklin Fellowship in Islamic Origins

A tenure-track position leading towards full professorship

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To promote the advancement of talented international researchers at the highest levels of the institution, the University of Groningen has initiated the prestigious Rosalind Franklin Fellowship programme. The ambitious programme has been running since 2007 and it financed over seventy fellowships.

The fellowship offers a Tenure-Track position leading towards a Full Professorship and it includes funds to support a PhD project. The fellowship is only awarded to outstanding researchers. The Rosalind Franklin Fellowship is an instrument to increase the number of female professors at the University of Groningen, and women are especially encouraged to apply.

Job description

The Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Groningen invites applications for a full-time Tenure-Track position leading towards a Full Professorship. The successful candidate will strengthen the profile and the strategic goals of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies. Therefore, candidates with a solid basis in the early history of Islam and the formation of the Qur'an, in relation to late antique and particularly Jewish and Christian traditions, are encouraged to apply. The faculty's expertise in Jewish and Christian origins will provide a stimulating context for an interdisciplinary study of Islam in its formative period and within its broader historical and cultural context. Candidates should also be able to connect the academic study of Islam's formative period to contemporary public perceptions of and debates about Islam.

The successful candidate will set up her or his own research project(s). Rosalind Franklin Fellows will be expected to attract external funding. Although the first years include a strong focus on research, fellows will also contribute to the (international) teaching programmes within the faculty.

Job qualifications

The candidate is expected to have:

- a PhD degree and at least three years of post-doctoral experience in the field of Islamic Studies, Religious Studies, or a related discipline;
- excellent research skills, demonstrated by articles in leading academic journals and other international publications;
- a strong commitment to and experience in teaching;
- experience in acquiring external funding for research projects;
- the capacity to play an active and leading role in the teaching and research of the faculty;
- organizational competence and communication skills;
- a demonstrable interest in interdisciplinary cooperation;
- an innovative research plan for the first five years that strengthens the profile of the department and sets up a challenging research line for the future.

Conditions of employment

For the Rosalind Franklin Fellow the appointment will be on a temporary basis for a maximum of 5 years. On completion of 4 years of employment there will be an assessment of performance based on established criteria including research and teaching qualifications. If the outcome of the assessment is positive, the assistant professor will be promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure. At the end of a further 4-7 year period there will be another assessment aimed at a promotion to full professor.

The University of Groningen offers a salary for the Rosalind Franklin Fellow, dependent on qualifications and relevant work experience, with a minimum of € 3,259 gross per month (salary scale 11 Dutch Universities) to a maximum of € 5,070 gross per month (salary scale 12 Dutch Universities) for a full-time position. The salaries are plus an 8% holiday allowance, 8.3% end-of-year bonus and participation in an employee pension scheme. The conditions of employment comply with the Collective Labour Agreement for the University of Groningen (Collective Labour Agreement Dutch Universities 2011-2013, available in English at <http://www.vsnu.nl>). The position is full-time, but an employment of a minimum of 0,8 fte is also possible.

The university provides a career advisory service for partners of new staff who move to Groningen.

The intended starting date for this appointment is 1 September 2014.

Application requirements

Interested candidates should submit a complete application composed of;

- (i) a letter of motivation,
- (ii) a complete CV,
- (iii) a list of publications,
- (iv) a list of five self-selected “best papers”,
- (v) a statement about teaching goals and experience, as well as
- (vi) a brief description of scientific interests and plans of maximum 3 pages.

Applicants must provide the names of five references complete with title, address and contact information (i.e., phone number and email address).

The application should be sent electronically in PDF format to vmp@rug.nl with all the credentials in separate attachments.

Applications with missing credentials will not be taken into consideration.

Deadlines and procedures

The deadline for applications is 1 June 2014, 11.59pm (CET) by means of the application form.

Job interviews will be held on 30 June and 1 July 2014. Shortlisted applicants will be notified before 9 June and will be expected to be in Groningen for both days of interviews. Travel and accommodation will be arranged and reimbursed.

Organization

The Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies of the University of Groningen (founded in 1614) is a leading European institution for the study of religion. We are proud to be ranked as the best teaching and research centre for religion in the Netherlands. We are committed to highest standards in critical academic research, and we translate our research into stimulating and cutting-edge teaching programmes. We train students to be independent and critical observers of the place of religion in its cultural and historical context, and we prepare them for the job market.

Further information

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Acquisition is not appreciated.