

#### **4 Ph.D. Research positions in Classics at Dutch universities**

OIKOS, the National Research School in Classical Studies of the Netherlands, invites applicants for four Ph.D. research positions (for a period of four years, starting Feb. 1-April 1, 2012). Proposals are welcomed in the general area of classical studies, including Greek and Latin language and literature, ancient history, ancient philosophy and classical archaeology.

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of academic quality and the research qualifications of the applicant. Successful applicants will be appointed at the university where their supervisor resides (either Leiden University, Radboud University Nijmegen, Utrecht University, University of Amsterdam, University of Groningen or the VU University Amsterdam). The institutional environment for the research project will be OIKOS as well as the research group of the local university.

#### **Requirements**

- The Ph.D. research should result in a doctor's degree at one of the six universities that participates in OIKOS (see above);
- The applicant must have (on Feb. 1, 2012) a Master's degree in Classics and must have obtained this degree no longer than five years ago. The MA-thesis must be of high quality, with a grade of at least 8.5 on a ten-point scale, or comparable assessment;
- The research must fit the theme of one of the six research groups of OIKOS (<http://www.ru.nl/oikos/research-groups/general/>) and must be supervised by a member of one of these groups;
- Before submitting the research proposal to OIKOS, the applicant should ask a member of OIKOS working at one of the participating Dutch universities whether he/she is willing to supervise the project. The candidate is encouraged to ask his or her potential supervisor to comment on the proposal before submitting it to OIKOS. The supervisor need not be from institution where the candidate obtained his or her Master's degree; on the contrary, OIKOS wishes to use this grant to encourage the rotation of PhD candidates among the participating universities;
- The proposal must be of very high quality and must preferably be innovative in character;

- The MA-thesis, study program, and grade point average must show evidence of academic aptitude and research competence;
- The applicant undertakes to finish the proposed Ph.D. research within 4 years, or, in case of a part-time arrangement (0,8), within 5 years at most.

## **Procedure**

Candidates are asked to submit:

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Research proposal in English (max. 2000 words), which should include a description of the project, an explanation of the proposed methodology, a plan of work, and a brief bibliography. The proposal should be preceded by a summary of max. 500 words.
3. Letter of support of the potential supervisor, who must be a member of OIKOS, stating that he or she is willing to supervise the dissertation.

Appendices:

- copy of relevant course assessment and the MA degree certificate;
- the MA thesis;
- separate list of publications, if not added to the curriculum.

Shortly after November 15, the selection committee decides which candidates will be invited for an interview. These interviews are scheduled on **Friday Dec. 9**. Shortly after this date candidates will be notified about the decision.

**Conditions** are dependent on regulations of the university where the successful applicant is appointed, but one should count on an initial probationary period of 12- 18 months (starting date between Feb. 1- April 1, 2012). If progress is satisfactory, the appointment will be extended up to four years.

Approximately 10 % of the appointment may be devoted to teaching. It is therefore very important that the applicant is willing to teach and has affinity with teaching, not only within his or her own specialisation, but in a broader field as well. For each Ph.D. research student a plan for formal training and

supervision will be developed at the beginning of the appointment both within OIKOS and at the local university.

Successful applicants will receive a salary starting around € 2.042 per month during the first year and going up to around € 2.612 per month in the fourth year of the appointment. This is based upon a fulltime employment and in conformity with current salary scales under the collective employment agreement (CAO) for Dutch Universities.

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### **Application**

Applications should be sent **before November 15, 2011** to OIKOS preferably by e-mail: [oikos@let.ru.nl](mailto:oikos@let.ru.nl).

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