

Call for applications for one

**Doctoral positions (100%)
in Ancient History
(with a focus on the history of ancient religions)**

Within the framework of the project “Religious competition in Late Antiquity: A Laboratory of New Categories, Taxonomies and Methods” (2019-2023), funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and led by Francesco Massa, the Department of History of the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) invites applications for two fully funded doctoral positions (100%).

Starting date: Fall 2019

Location: University of Fribourg

Duration: max. 4 years

Gross Salary: approx. 48'000 Swiss francs (= 42'500 euros) / year

Aim of the Project

The project seeks to show how religious competition in Late Antiquity between pagans, Jews, and Christians shaped the way we think and talk about religions. The inquiry deals with three related trends: (1) The emergence of a new vocabulary of religion, as well as new ways of defining “religion”, in Late Antiquity; (2) the tendency towards organizing the religious traditions of the Roman Empire in the form of a hierarchy; (3) the emergence of a new discourse on the history of religions. These three phenomena have influenced the history of the Roman Empire and of the Western world in general.

Based on her/his research interest and expertise, the candidate will select a focused research area and research topic related to religious competitions in Late Antiquity.

Main tasks

- to complete a PhD thesis in Ancient History, under the supervision of the project leader
- to participate in the scientific activities of the research project
- to contribute to the administration of the project

Requirements

- MA degree in Ancient History, Classics or History of religions (obtained before September 1, 2019)
- excellent knowledge of Greek and Latin
- good knowledge of French and English
- knowledge of German and Italian desirable

Documents

- CV (max. 4 pages)
- PhD research project (max. 5 pages)
- MA dissertation (if available) or another academic work
- two letters of reference
- copy of MA diploma (or official attestation from the university indicating the expected graduation date)

Applications must be submitted (in French or English) in one single file (PDF format) to Francesco Massa (francesco.massa@unifr.ch) by **June 30, 2019**.

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