

THE DIGITAL RESTORATION OF THE HERCULANEUM POPYRI

The Mellon Foundation in partnership with the University of Kentucky and The Herculaneum Society is offering **5 positions** within the Digital Restoration of the Herculaneum Papyri Project (G-1810-06243):

1 PostDoc scholar – onsite (Officina dei Papiri Ercolanesi, Naples, Italy)

3 PhD Candidate – onsite (Officina dei Papiri Ercolanesi, Naples, Italy)

1 PhD Candidate – remote

Scope of work

The scholars will work closely with the University of Kentucky team and the designated Research Assistant, who will manage their work, participate in the requested tasks as needed, and ensure the quality of the work accomplished. In particular, the scholars and the Research Assistant will perform the following tasks:

- Organizing and preparing auxiliary sources of information—e.g., sources, transcriptions, multilingual translations, and bibliographic material, together with data produced from The Digital Restoration of Herculaneum Papyri project objectives—for the purpose of electronic dissemination and scholarly work.
- Helping ensure that appropriate metadata is attached.
- Adding descriptive content to images.
- Assisting the University of Kentucky team during the imaging process.

Scholars shall account for hours worked, describe their activities, and estimate progress on the scope of work in monthly reports to the Herculaneum Society and to the University of Kentucky. The Herculaneum Society (herculaneum@classics.ox.ac.uk) will not be responsible for overseeing or directing the daily work of the scholars. Responsibility for supervision of the scholars will remain solely with Primary Investigator Prof. W. B. Seales (University of Kentucky) and his designated Research Assistant, Dr. Federica Nicolardi (Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II).

Duration

The five positions are initially offered for **4 months** starting in **September 2022** and may be renewed according to the project needs. For onsite work, a total of up to 300 hours is expected over the whole period; for the remote work, a total of up to 200 hours.

Eligibility

The PostDoc scholar must hold a PhD in Papyrology (no more than 3 years since completion of PhD) and have direct experience in the study of the Herculaneum papyri. The PhD candidates must be writing their thesis in Papyrology on the edition of a Herculaneum papyrus. All candidates must have familiarity with the Herculaneum collection and the material preserved in the Officina dei Papiri Ercolanesi (Biblioteca Nazionale di Napoli “Vittorio Emanuele III”). The ideal candidate will be fluent in both Italian and English.

Payment

Payments will be made in two installments: one-half of total at the beginning of the work period and one-half of total at the end of the work period. Scholars will be provided stipends according to the following rate schedule:

PostDoc Scholar (onsite): \$4,500;

PhD Candidate (onsite): \$3,000;

PhD Candidate (remote): \$1,600.

The activity is compatible with other scholarship and fellowships, and will not entail any legal subordination of the selected scholars to the University of Kentucky nor the Herculaneum Society as salaried employees.

Application and selection process

Interested candidates are requested to send their CV (max. 3 pages) and a short abstract of their PhD thesis to federica.nicolardi@unina.it **by July 8**. The applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee, which will include distinguished experts in the field of Herculaneum papyrology and will be chaired by the Research Assistant. The selected scholars will be informed by August 5.