

Now Hiring - Postdoctoral Fellow in Digital Humanities

Organization: University of Oklahoma Women's and Gender Studies Department

Job Location: OU Norman Campus, fully remote work available with approval

Schedule: Full-time

Work Schedule: Flexible but compatible with Central Standard Time working hours,
to be determined upon hiring

Term: August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024

Salary Range: Commensurate based on education and experience, \$52,000-55,000

Benefits Provided: Yes, limited benefits

Job Description:

The Coptic Scriptorium project is hiring a Postdoctoral Fellow in Digital Humanities. Coptic Scriptorium (<https://copticSCRIPTORIUM.org>) is an interdisciplinary project dedicated to making resources available online for Coptic. We are looking for a collaborative scholar with expertise in the Coptic language and Coptic literature to join our team and contribute to our growing database of richly annotated Coptic materials. The Postdoctoral Fellow will work with other team members on digitizing Coptic literature via various methods, including:

- 1) scanning and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) of Coptic documents (manuscripts, out-of-copyright editions)
- 2) manual transcriptions of Coptic text
- 3) checking and correcting digitized Coptic text
- 4) annotating digitized Coptic text manually and using Coptic Scriptorium's Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools
- 5) translating
- 6) other tasks as required to support digital resources in Coptic

The Coptic Scriptorium team will provide training in these specific methods.

In addition, the postdoc will have dedicated time for their own independent research project.

The Postdoctoral Fellow may work remotely and is not required to relocate if they do not already live in Norman, Oklahoma. The Postdoc must be willing to travel to attend in-person meetings or workshops 1-3 times per year (travel expenses to be paid by OU) and to attend virtual weekly meetings. (Virtual meetings may be more frequent during the initial training period.)

We ask candidates to include in the Cover Letter information about their education and research experience in Coptic language and literature and about their own research project on which they will be working during the postdoc.

Required Education:

- Ph.D. conferred prior to August 1 in a relevant field (Religious Studies, Linguistics, Classics, Egyptology, etc.)
- Formal education in the Coptic language (preferably at the graduate level); Sahidic dialect required, other dialects desirable

Required Skills:

- Moderate to strong proficiency in reading and translating the Coptic language
- Research experience in the Coptic language and/or Coptic literature
- Willingness and ability to learn new digital methods in the humanities
- Ability to work both independently and to collaborate with members of an interdisciplinary research team
- Attention to detail
- Interest in open access and open source scholarship

Preferred Skills:

- Experience in digital humanities and/or working with digital tools for studying ancient literature
- Experience working with manuscripts

All applicants must already be eligible to legally work in the US and hiring is contingent upon a successful background check.

Required Attachments for Applicants:

1. Cover Letter
2. Curriculum Vita
3. Two (2) References – names and contact information

Submit all application materials to:

wgs@ou.edu

Applications for this position will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning May 18th and will continue until this position is filled.

Questions about this position:

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