



Call for application

PhD Scholarship at Aix-Marseille University, ERC project HornEast

DEADLINE for application: **28 July 2019**

Period: 1 October 2019 to 31 September 2022 (36 months)

Address for submission: mellal@mmsu.univ-aix.fr

The ERC project **HornEast**. Horn & Crescent. Connections, Mobility and Exchange between the Horn of Africa and the Middle East in the Middle Ages (P.I. Julien Loiseau) offers a three-years PhD scholarship.

The ERC project HornEast aims at evidencing connections between the Christian societies of Nubia and Ethiopia on the one hand, and their Islamic environment on the other, on both local and regional scales (ie., in the Horn of Africa, as well as in Egypt, Palestine, Yemen and Arabian Peninsula), for a better understanding of the integration process of the area in the Middle Ages (7th to 15th Century) and of the role played by Islam and islamization in this process.

The ERC project HornEast investigates these connections in all their aspects: material, social, and cultural. **The thesis topic**, under the supervision of Julien Loiseau (Aix-Marseille University), **will be defined in consultation with the PhD candidate**. He/she will investigate one case study of these connexions on the basis of a corpus of (mainly, but not exclusively) Arabic source material.

Graduated with a MA in History and/or Arabic studies, the PhD candidate will have a good knowledge of history and a command of Arabic good enough to begin with the study of primary sources already published. He/she could also strengthen his/her learning of Arabic and/or other languages during the scholarship.

Based in the research team at Aix-Marseille University, he/she will actively participate in the project meetings and in its research blog (<https://horneast.hypotheses.org/>). He/she will be supported to travel on mission if needed and to participate to any relevant scholarly meetings.

The monthly scholarship is about **2 000 euros gross** (for information, about **1 500 euros net**).

How to apply?

Please send us

- your CV
- a cover letter with a short motivation and a statement of interest
- your MA thesis
- your transcripts (BA & MA)
- name and email address of two referees

Applications have to be submitted by email to mellal@mmsu.univ-aix.fr. The five components of the application (CV, letter, MA thesis, transcripts, referees address) should be combined in one PDF file.

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Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an **interview** before the end of July 2019.

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