Greek documentary papyri: from architecture to periodization

Position opening for

- 1 postdoc in documentary papyrology (80%, 3 years).
- 1 PhD candidate in documentary papyrology (4 years).
- [soon to be advertised: 1 computing technician (80%, 3 years)].

Summary

This is a research project, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and based at the University of Geneva (project leader: Paul Schubert). Its aim will be to carry on with the development of grammateus (https://grammateus.unige.ch), a digital platform for the study and description of the typology of Greek documentary papyri. We shall be focusing on the Byzantine period (IV – VII CE). The funding provided by the SNSF will cover the hiring of three collaborators.

Postdoc in documentary papyrology (80%, 3 years)

A papyrologist with a broad knowledge of Greek documentary papyri and prepared to engage with the Byzantine period. PhD should be obtained before the beginning of mandate, and preferably not earlier than in the past 2 years. Her/his task will be to carry on with the development of the platform grammateus in order to cover documents of the Byzantine period. She/he will work in close collaboration with the technician. Her/his output will be focused on the completion and adaptation of the existing taxonomy, which consists of an online, open access publication. Further output will consist of articles submitted to peer-reviewed journals.

- Employment rate: 80%, leaving free time to develop her/his own research if desired, or to prepare the next steps in her/his career. The postdoc will be expected to spend at least three full workdays every week at the University of Geneva.
- Duration: 3 years, starting in early 2023 (to be determined).
- Salary: approx. 70'000 Swiss francs / year.
- Working language: English (written / spoken).

PhD candidate in documentary papyrology (4 years)

She/he will be working on a PhD thesis covering a specific aspect of the typology of Greek documentary papyri, namely the shift from the Roman to the Byzantine period, specifically regarding taxation, with the intent to test the current periodization. The PhD thesis will be written under the supervision of the project leader. She/he will also be using the tool developed by the other collaborators. Her/his output should consist mainly of a monograph.

- Duration: 4 years, starting in early 2023 (to be determined). The PhD student is expected to work in Geneva, together with the rest of the research team.
- Salary: approx. 47'000 Swiss francs / year.
- Working language: the dissertation will be written either in English or in French.

Candidates who wish to apply for either position should send by e-mail (pdf format) a letter of application (stating for which position they are applying), a full CV with list of publications, a photocopy of the highest diploma, and two reference letters, to Prof. Paul Schubert (paul.schubert@unige.ch). Application deadline: November 30, 2022. A confirmation of receipt will be sent in reply. A full description of the grammateus project is available on request.

Computing technician (3 years)

A position for a computing technician will also be advertised in early 2023 (80%, salary approx. 87'000 Swiss francs / year, starting in July 2023).