

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The dean of the Faculty of History, with the consent of the Rector of the University of Warsaw, announces a competition for the position of postdoctoral researcher (R2) in the Department of Medieval History, Faculty of History, University of Warsaw in the Sonata Bis NCN research project: "Recognising Saints in the High Middle Ages: Local and Papal Formalisation of Cults Reconsidered"

About the project:

Title of the project	"Recognising Saints in the High Middle Ages: Local and Papal Formalisation of Cults Reconsidered"
Type of the project	Sonata Bis 13
Funding institution	National Science Centre Poland
Duration of the project	60 months (21.02.2025-20.02.2030)
Head of the project	Prof. Grzegorz Pac
Description of the project	The aim of the RECOGNISING-SAINTS project is a comprehensive analysis of the phenomenon of the recognition and formalization of cults of saints in Latin Europe from the late 10th to the late 13th centuries. The subject of interest is both local approval of sainthood and papal canonizations, as well as the actors involved in the process of recognizing new cults and the forms in which this took place. The primary research tool, and an important outcome of the project besides publications, will be the Sainthood Recognition Catalogue - a complete digital catalogue of all cases of sainthood recognition in the High Middle Ages.

Position details:

Position title	postdoctoral researcher
Organisational unit	Faculty of History, Department of Medieval History
Employment group	research
Position profile	R2
Academic discipline	History
Number of positions	1
Expected date of commencement of work and employment period	Employment is planned from 1 January 2026 (or alternatively 1 December 2025) Period of employment: 36 months
Remuneration	Basic remuneration including seniority bonus: approximately PLN 8850.00 gross/month plus the additional (thirteenth) annual remuneration similar to the amount of the monthly salary. More information: link
Other working conditions	– 36 days of paid vacation per year, the possibility of obtaining each year a financial allowance for vacation and Christmas break

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workplace: Faculty of History - <i>Career opportunities:</i> <i>More information:</i> link
Basic responsibilities and obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - researching the phenomenon of saint recognition in the High Middle Ages, especially in areas outside the former Roman areas such as Scandinavia, the British Isles, most areas of Germany, East Central Europe etc. - collecting data and entering them into the Sainthood Recognition Catalogue. - participating in the analysis and interpretation of the collected data. - publishing the results in internationally recognized scientific journals and publications, including participation in the creation of a collective monograph. - participation in the dissemination of the project results at international conferences and seminars. - participation in the organization of events related to the research project, such as conferences and workshops, both scientific and popular science/promotional, and in the editing of collective publications related to the project. - cooperation with the Principal Investigator and other team members, including a regular presence in the office and participation in weekly team meetings. <p><i>More information:</i> Scope of responsibilities of the academic teacher</p>
Conditions for entering the competition ¹	<p>1. <i>Fulfilment of the requirements set out in Article 113 of the Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, consolidated text)</i></p> <p>2. a Ph.D. degree in history, classical philology, literary studies, theology, art history, or a related field, obtained no earlier than 2018 (this period may be extended pursuant to the Types of costs in research projects funded by the National Science Centre, Poland).</p> <p>The doctoral degree must be awarded by an entity other than the University of Warsaw, unless the candidate has completed at least 10 months of post-doctoral fellowship abroad after obtaining the degree. The candidate must not hold a titular professorship or have a habilitation, or have worked with the PI on a research grant in the past.</p> <p>2. Experience with research in an area related to the project topic: history, culture, religiosity of medieval Europe documented by relevant publications.</p> <p>3. At least very good knowledge of Latin, enabling reading of sources.</p> <p>4. Modern languages: fluency in speaking and writing in English, and ability to read in another modern language (preferably German). Knowledge of Hungarian and/or Scandinavian languages would be an advantage.</p>
In addition, we expect ²	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preferably previous studies or good acquaintance with topics regarding the cult of saints and/or Church history in the Middle Ages 2. A readiness to work in a team is also expected 3. <i>If hired, we expect the University of Warsaw to be the primary workplace for the successful candidate.</i>
Criteria for the assessment of candidates in a competition	

¹ Required by the Act, the Law on Higher Education and Science, the Statute of the University of Warsaw, as well as necessary for the position.

² Additional conditions to be met; however, not meeting them will not lead to a negative formal assessment.

	<p>1. Previous academic activity (academic publications, participation in academic conferences) (0-35 points).</p> <p>2. Activity in research projects (0-15 points)</p> <p>a) leadership of research projects (0-10 points),</p> <p>b) participation in projects as a researcher (0-5 points).</p> <p>3. obtaining prestigious scholarships (0-15 points)</p> <p>a) for a stay in a foreign academic centre (0-10 pts),</p> <p>b) national fellowships (0-5 pts).</p> <p>4. organisational activities (0-5 points).</p> <p>5. other activities, e.g. dissemination of knowledge (0-10 pts).</p> <p>6. research project (0-20 pts).</p> <p>(total: 0-100 points)</p> <p>The selection committee has the right to invite selected candidates for interviews.</p> <p>The members of the committee make an evaluation on the basis of the achievements and the interviews by creating a ranking of the candidates, starting from the candidate rated the highest. Candidates are awarded points according to their ranking by each member of the selection board.</p>
<i>Position <u>not related</u> to activities covered by the protection of minors.</i>	

Competition rules:

Announcement reference number	Whist-K-2025-06
Keywords	High Middle Ages, sanctity, Church, papacy, religiosity
Deadline for submitting applications	30 September 2025.
Method of submitting an application	by e-mail to the following address: praca.historia@uw.edu.pl under the title: "Call: Recognising-saints 2"
Required documents	<p>1. A letter of application (to the Rector of the University of Warsaw).</p> <p>2. GDPR consent statement ("Information on personal data processing").</p> <p>3. CV with a list of publications (in English) including information such as education, professional information (previous employments) with special attention to and justification of any career breaks, language skills, scholarships/awards, list of publications and conference presentations, information on completed and ongoing research projects, information on other achievements.</p> <p>4. Description of research plans related to the project - a research proposal on a selected problem area within the theme of the project on which the candidate would like to focus (in English)</p> <p>5. A copy of a scholarly article or chapter published or accepted for publication (with a certificate from the editor) in a journal or an edited volume.</p> <p>6. Ph.D. degree or a statement from your supervisor that you expect to receive your Ph.D. degree no later than the end of December 2025. The Ph.D. degree must be obtained prior to the beginning of employment.</p> <p>7. Names and contact details (email, phone number) of two referees.</p>

	<p>8. An administrative questionnaire ("Personal questionnaire for the person applying for employment").</p> <p>9. Please include in your application the following statement: "I am familiar with the conditions of conducting a call for the position of an academic teacher at the University of Warsaw (Decree No. 106 of the Rector of the UW of 27 September 2019, paragraph 1, point 4)."</p> <p>10. The candidates should meet the conditions set out in the Act of July 20, 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science (i.e. Journal of Laws of 2023, item 742) and the Statute of the University of Warsaw (Resolution No. 443 of the Senate of the University of Warsaw of June 26, 2019, Monitor item 190). Please include in you application the signed statement: "Statement – pursuant to article 113 of the Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science"</p> <p>Please ensure that your application is complete and submitted by the deadline indicated!</p>
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The competition is the first stage of the recruitment process, please read the Policy of Open, Transparent and Merit-Based Recruitment at the University of Warsaw [link](#)

Stages of competition	After a formal assessment of the applications, the committee will make a preliminary merit-based assessment of the applications and, on this basis, will select a short list of candidates to be admitted to the second stage of the procedure, which will include interviews. The competition will be decided on the basis of a final merit-based assessment of the candidates admitted to interviews.
Anticipated date and method of notification of the competition outcomes	by the mid-November 2025. Candidates will be informed by e-mail.
Contact for any questions relating to the competition	to: praca.historia@uw.edu.pl with the announcement reference number Accessibility needs should be indicated on the Candidate's Questionnaire, in: <i>Other relevant information from a candidate</i>

Employing faculty/unit:

Research profile of faculty /unit	https://historia.uw.edu.pl/en
Teaching profile of faculty/ unit	https://historia.uw.edu.pl/en

The University of Warsaw has implemented the procedure for whistleblowers reporting cases of law violation and for undertaking follow-up actions. For **more information** about this topic and the processing of candidates' personal data please follow the [link](#)

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