

TEMPLATE FOR ADVERTISING RESEARCH POSTS

based on indications given by par. 4.4.1 of the
"Report of the Working Group of the Steering Group of Human Resources Management under the
European Research Area on Open, Transparent and Merit-based Recruitment of Researchers"

Recruiting Department/Research Unit: Department of Humanities

Title: Ars dictandi and grammar: theory and (proto-)syntactic terminology in medieval rhetorical treatises

Offer description:

The inquiry about the development of syntactical-grammatical terms and theories in Europe leads on a path which had its greatest moment during the XVII century in the School of Port-Royal. Nonetheless, another crucial phase has to be found in the late Middle Ages, when new rhetorical treatises quickly spread along from Italy to the rest of the continent, along with doctrines and terms they contained. The so called *ars dictandi* reaches France and the valley of the Loire since the XII century, and there it displays a peculiar attention towards grammatical issues, both macro- and micro-syntactical, bringing to the emergence of early syntactical theories with a reasonable degree of consistency and analytical attitude. A vast number of terms coming from these treatises can be put in relation with the key-concepts that the School of Port-Royal established in the Western logical-syntactical tradition, to verify, in an evolutionary perspective, whether the medieval circulation of grammatical ideas in France pairs with the early awareness of a syntactic level of language analysis. The terminological corpus output of the research will include notions and definitions of *clausola*, *distinctio*, *constructio*, *regimen* and *convenientia* in addition to the set of *figures* as syntactic devices, with the aim of reconstructing a continuity in the history of syntactic theories in Europe on the trail of linguistic ideas that prelude the appearance of portrealist grammar.

Researcher career profile:

- R1 First Stage Researcher (up to the completion of PhD)

For further details <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/europe/career-development/training-researchers/research-profiles-descriptors>

Location: Macerata, Italy

Type of contract:

- temporary

Job status

- full time

Expected start date and duration of the contract: 6 (six) months. The exact start date will be provided after the selection process.

Annual gross salary: 6.000 € for 6 (six) months.

Selection criteria: Master's Degree in Linguistic field

Preferential selection criteria:

1. PhD in linguistics;

2. Proven research expertise in the subject area of the call;
3. scientific publications relevant to the research programme to be evaluated;
4. good knowledge of one European foreign language, written knowledge of Latin and at least written proficiency in two European languages.

Application deadline: 20/07/2025 1 p.m.

Full details are available at: <https://www.unimc.it/it/ateneo/bandi-e-concorsi/finanziamenti-ricerca/bandi-assegni-ricerca>

Enquiries can be made to Ufficio Ricerca Scientifica e Dottorato – ufficio.ricerca@unimc.it

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- The University of Macerata has adopted an OTM-R (Open, Transparent and merit-based Recruitment) policy within the framework of its Human Resources Strategy for Researchers; see <https://www.unimc.it/it/ricerca/hrs4r/la-policy-otm-r-open-transparent-and-merit-based-recruitment-of-researchers>
- The University of Macerata pursues an equal opportunities and diversity policy as well. Among facilities, a kindergarten is available for university's employees. Specific facilities and services are also dedicated to employees with disabilities (transportation services, specific technologies for studying).