

### CfA: CHEML Project: Research fellowships, 2019-2020

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History

#### **What:**

CHEML Project – Companion for the History of Early Modern Lviv offers fully funded six-month research fellowships in 2019-2020 for doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers willing to contribute to a research project on the Companion to History of the Early Modern Lviv.

#### **Dates:**

Fellowships can be taken up between September 2019 and September 2020.

#### **Who should apply:**

We are looking for up to six fellows – historians with the experience in the early modern urban studies and with interest in the field of inter-ethnic and inter-confessional relations.

#### **What is the goal of the project?**

The main goal of the CHEML research project is to create a specific form of guidebook for international scholars interested in the field of the multiethnic and multi-confessional relations in the Early Modern Lviv. The guidebook is designed to provide the most important information for the selected eight fields of the social history of the city. It will offer the short description of the state of art on the topic, its specificity from the perspective of the each of four main ethno-religious groups in the city, the examples of and details about the relevant source material and list of bibliography on the topic.

Multi-ethnicity was a widespread phenomenon in premodern Europe. However, it was particularly visible in the cultural frontier zones and in regional trade centers located on the crossroads of the important trade routes, as was Lviv. Lviv became an important center of social and cultural life of four ethno-religious communities: Roman Catholics (mostly Poles and Germans), Orthodox Ruthenians (Ukrainians), Orthodox Armenians and Judaic religious community. The social history of early modern Lviv provides unique research material to examine the process of intercultural interactions and formation of group identities in a multiethnic society before the development of modern nationalisms. It was one of the few European cities with such a unique ethno-religious diversity, and in which minority communities were so numerous and strong enough to establish their own independent institutions.

### **What we expect from our fellows:**

Fellows will work on one of eight fields of Lviv's early modern history (for specifications see below) and craft a handbook-chapter to foster international visibility of the city's rich source material and its characteristically multiethnic as well as multi-confessional history. Co-authored chapters will be encouraged. Fellows will be expected to work in a close cooperation with the international Project's team, which involves discussing and consulting ongoing progress and giving critical feedback to research of other team members during the regular team meetings.

The working schedule also includes three workshops of the research group in 2019 (in Mannheim), 2020 (in Warsaw), and 2021 (in Lviv). Traveling costs of research fellows can be reimbursed with up to 3.000 € per fellow. There is also a possibility of funded archival research in Lviv for research fellows.

The guidebook to the history and sources of the Early Modern Lviv will be divided into eight main chapters:

1. Legal order – Statutes, privileges and other normative texts
2. Contracts and social relations – Obligations & litigations, witnessing & pledging
3. Economy of the city – Communal Accounts, incomes and expenses
4. Narrative descriptions of the city – Diaries, chronicles and other narrative sources
5. International trade and private finances – Merchant books, business contracts & letters
6. Crime and punishment – Criminal records, criminal law and practice testimonies
7. Family and Property – Records of baptisms, marriages, wills & inventories
8. Urban space and social topography – Tax records, lustrations, real estate transactions

Applicants are expected to choose in their letter of intent one or more of the topics above in which they would like to work on and to develop into the chapter. The general structure of the chapters shall involve:

- General introduction to the problem – synthesis
- Characteristic of the problem from the perspective of

- Catholic community
- Ukrainian community
- Armenian community
- Jewish community
- Researcher's "toolkit"
  - Description of the sources corresponding to the issue
  - Edition and translation of 2-3 short examples of given sources
  - Short description of the most important works on the topic and possibly full bibliography
- General resume and future research perspectives

**Required professional and language skills:**

We expect from the prospective fellows the documented experience with the Early Modern paleography as well as the sufficient knowledge of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth history. The previous experience in the edition of sources will be an additional value.

The handbook will be published in English. Editorial assistance will be provided to some extent, but fellows are expected to be able to write their respective chapters in English. As the Project includes international team, the basic communication skills in English are required. Skills in reading literature and source materials in Latin, German, Polish, and Ukrainian are valued.

**What we offer:**

We offer up to four six-months fellowships for doctoral students and up to two six-months fellowships for post-doctoral researchers working in the field of Early Modern studies to be launched in 2019-2020. According to the DPWS's funding scheme, rates depend on the scholars' residencies: €1.200 for doctoral students from Germany, €600 for doctoral students from Poland, Ukraine; € 1.400 for post-doctoral researchers from Germany, € 800 for post-doctoral researchers from Poland and Ukraine. For other countries, similar rates will apply; please do not hesitate to contact us before application and ask.

In addition to the stipendia, fellows will receive reimbursement of travel costs for their participation in conference workshops in Mannheim, Warsaw and Lviv in 2019-2020. Moreover, funding of archival research in Lviv is possible.

Fellowships do not lead to any kind of employment, and will not include any kind of insurances or taxes. Fellows are liable to organize both on their own. There are no residence obligations attached to the fellowships.

**Application form:**

Prospective applicants are expected to send a short letter of intent with the general description of previous research experiences, research and language skills, and with the indication of one or more sphere of expertise from the higher mentioned topics of chapters. They are also asked to attach the CV and a sample of their academic work – a journal article or chapter of the book.

Please send applications to [j.wysmulek@isppan.waw.pl](mailto:j.wysmulek@isppan.waw.pl) and [hram.kuemper@uni-mannheim.de](mailto:hram.kuemper@uni-mannheim.de) till 16th of June 2019.

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