

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**  
**RESEARCH POSITION AT THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE**  
**OF THE CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN PRAGUE**

**Research Focus on Central Asia**

**Title:** Research fellow at the Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences

**Expertise:** Central Asian Studies

**Duration:** 3 years with a possibility of extension

**Start:** September 2020 (negotiable)

**Eligibility:** The Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences is offering **one research positions with emphasis on Central Asia**. The call is open to researchers with a doctoral degree in Central Asian Studies or other related humanities and social sciences. We encourage also scholars with interests in comparative studies with the overlapping and adjacent regions of China and/or the Middle East to apply. Academic exchange and cooperation with other members of the Oriental Institute's research team will be encouraged. The candidates must have their PhD degree at the time of the application or guarantee that they will receive it before taking up the position. The candidates are expected to have a proven track record of international publications and **the ability to do research in at least one language of Central Asia besides Russian**, i.e. to work with original language sources and literature. Candidates should also write and speak fluent academic English as a prerequisite both for working in the international environment of the Oriental Institute as well as international publishing and networking. Involvement in grants and outreach activities will be considered. The candidates are expected to relocate to Prague, Czech Republic. Mobility for the purpose of field/archival research and interaction with international academia will be supported.

**Description:**

The Oriental Institute is seeking scholars with completed Ph.D. focusing on Central Asia to join the institute's international research team.

The opening of the position is scheduled for **July–September 2020** (negotiable). This is a **non-teaching research position** on a **three-year fixed-term contract** with a possibility of extension. The Institute will provide office space, a computer, funding for proofreading services and publication expenses, library services (including funding for book purchases), and funding for research trips and academic mobility. The Oriental Institute offers as well the use of its facilities at the **Taipei Research Center** (<http://power.orient.cas.cz/research-center-taiwan/>) at Academia Sinica in Taipei. Successful candidates are expected to be in residence at the Oriental Institute in Prague. During their residence, the researchers are required to publish excellent academic publications, i.e. research articles and monographs in established international venues. They are also expected to be able to connect their research findings and expertise with policy making, media, NGO, education, public debates and/or other venues involved with the region of Central Asia. The researchers are also expected to take active part in the Institute's

academic events and other networking activities. The selected candidate will be expected to contribute to OI's **Central Asian Platform** (<http://www.orient.cas.cz/central-asian-platform/>). The selected candidate may expect a gross monthly salary of 1,500–2,000 EUR, depending on qualification, expertise, and previous work experience. The Institute reserves the right not to fill this position.

**To apply, please submit all of the following materials:**

- 1) CV with list of publications;
- 2) A research proposal comprising approximately three to five pages. The proposal should contain an approximate plan of publications.
- 3) Two writing samples of no more than 20 pages each.
- 4) Two Letters of Recommendation submitted by the referee or the applicant before the application deadline.

**Deadline for applications: 30 April, 2020**

**Notification: May–June, 2020**

**Mailing Instructions and Inquiries:** Please send the application materials and direct inquiries to **Dr. Ondřej Klimeš** ([klimes@orient.cas.cz](mailto:klimes@orient.cas.cz)) and/or **Dr. Jarmila Ptáčková** ([ptackova@orient.cas.cz](mailto:ptackova@orient.cas.cz)).