

Post-doctoral fellow in Latin epigraphy (Roman Africa, western European provinces)

1 Information about the position

- **Supervisor:** Anne-Valérie Pont, Senior associate professor in Roman History, UMR 8167 Centre Antiquité Classique et Tardive, Sorbonne Université
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- **Location:** Maison de la Recherche, Sorbonne Université - 28 rue Serpente, 75006 Paris.
- **Duration:** 24 months, full-time.
- **Keywords:** Roman history, Latin epigraphy, cities, social history, economic history, Digital humanities.
- **Project:** ERC Consolidator Grant **PECUNIA** – *Private interests in public functions: Framing a new paradigm of power in the cities of the Roman empire (70 BC-284 AD)* (Grant number: 101088477).
<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101088477>
<https://pecunia.huma-num.fr>
- **Environment:** The PECUNIA project also benefits from the scientific environment of the Orient & Méditerranée research department and cooperates with SCAI (Sorbonne Center for Artificial Intelligence).
- **Remuneration:** following the post-doctoral salary scale in effect at Sorbonne Université.
- **Start date:** September 1st, 2025 (possibility to slightly postpone the beginning of the contract depending on on-going commitments).

2 Project background

The PECUNIA project - *Private interests in public functions: Framing a new paradigm of power in the cities of the Roman empire (70 BC-284 AD)*, funded by an ERC Consolidator Grant (2022), aims to study the economic and material resources provided to various groups in the cities of the Roman Empire by their participation in public life. PECUNIA employs an ambitious methodology, involving an empire-wide survey; exploiting data from a wide range of written sources (epigraphic, papyrological, legal, so-called 'popular' literature, corpus of private or official correspondence, etc.); and analyzing them using survey concepts derived from political science and sociology of the elites. All data extracted from the sources will be structured in a database which will ultimately allow to implement multiple modalities of modelling and visualization of knowledge (spatial, statistical, networks).

Over a period of 5 years, this project will bring together, in addition to the PI, historians, epigraphists and a papyrologist specializing in different regional areas and different documentary corpora, a doctoral student, a scientific communication officer and a post-doc in computer sciences who will be in charge of the database of the project.

3 Job description

After specific training, through seminars, on the issues and approaches specific to the project, the post-doctoral researcher in charge of the data from western provinces (Africa, Spain, Gaul, Britain,



Germany) will be responsible of the following tasks, under the supervision of the PI and in regular interaction with the team, notably with the post-doctoral researcher in charge of the documentary system:

- Collecting relevant epigraphic sources stemming from the published corpora of the provinces corresponding essentially to northern Africa and western Europe;
- Preparing and entering the sources into the database, when the database is made available to the team;
- Reporting on the advancement of the assigned tasks and attending the internal seminars and meetings of the team;
- Contextualizing and analyzing the links between public roles and private opportunities within the institutional, social and political framework of civic societies in the Roman world;
- Disseminating the results of the research in seminars, conferences; articles; writing of a regional-based chapter in the final monograph (mandatory); participating in conferences planned as part of the PECUNIA project.

For data collection, the post-doctoral researcher will be able to benefit from documentary research missions in various research centres. In addition, for their work in relation to the database, they will benefit from specific training as needed.

4 Profile of applicant

Applicants are required to have:

- A Ph.D. in Classics or Ancient history (Roman world) obtained in or after 2022.
- Advanced skills in Latin epigraphy are mandatory.
- Research interests in the civic world and/or Roman administration; social, economic, institutional history.
- Ability to work in an international team and to be fully committed to the research conducted in the project; a knowledge of written and spoken French is essential.

5 Application

Any enquiry and all applications should be sent to Anne-Valérie Pont (anne-valerie.pont-boulay@sorbonne-universite.fr) in a pdf file with:

- A full curriculum vitae including a complete list of publications;
- A transcript of higher education records;
- A cover letter;
- Two support letters from persons who have worked with them, to be sent directly to anne-valerie.pont-boulay@sorbonne-universite.fr.

An extract from a publication may be requested after examination of the applications to prepare the interviews.

Application deadline: May 25, 2025, 4 pm (Paris time)

Interviews, in person or remotely, will take place between June 10 and 20, 2025.

