



XIX. Call for the Junior Fund, 2026

Proposal for a research project

Faculty/institute/unit of CU:	Faculty of Arts
Department:	Department of Middle Eastern Studies
Research project title:	Jewish Knowledge Across Media: Texts, Materiality, and Cultural Transmission
Project description:	<p>We invite applications for a postdoctoral research position in Jewish Studies devoted to the study of Jewish knowledge as it has been produced, transmitted, transformed, and received across different media, linguistic settings, and cultural contexts. The position is conceived as an open research framework for an original project examining the movement of Jewish knowledge through manuscript culture, printed books, and, where relevant, modern or digital media, with particular attention to the interaction between material forms of knowledge transmission and intellectual, social, and religious practices.</p> <p>Projects may explore the intersection of the history of religion, book history, intellectual history, and the social history of knowledge in pre-modern Jewish cultures. Particular attention may be given to topics such as the role of Jewish and non-Jewish makers of Jewish books, multilingual textual environments, the sensory and emotional dimensions of knowledge construction and textual reception, inter-religious encounters and the circulation of ideas within and beyond learned communities. Proposals may also address less frequently foregrounded areas of Jewish thought and practice, including non-canonical or understudied dimensions of rabbinic, kabbalistic, or devotional traditions, the role of non-Hebrew Jewish languages such as Yiddish or Judaeo-Arabic, and forms of reading or knowledge transmission involving socially or culturally marginalized groups.</p> <p>Methodological openness is strongly encouraged. Applicants may incorporate approaches drawn from philology, social and cultural history, sensory studies, history of emotions, material text studies, or digital humanities, especially where digital methods help illuminate textual corpora, transmission networks, or patterns of cultural interaction.</p>



	<p>The successful candidate will be expected to develop an independent research agenda while contributing actively to a collaborative research environment and to longer-term international grant development, including possible preparation of future ERC-level projects.</p>
What do we offer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A two-year contract at Charles University in Prague (October 2026–October 2028) - Salary: equivalent of ca 2.700 EUR - A contribution towards research expenses (subject to mutual agreement and availability) - Participation in the ongoing projects of the Prague Centre for Jewish Studies - A well-equipped Judaica library - A supportive research environment in an important regional hub for Jewish Studies
Profile of an ideal candidate:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PhD degree in a relevant field (Jewish studies, history, art history, philosophy, religious studies, information science) - Relevant research interests and publication track record - Excellent command of English and of the Jewish language relevant to their project - Teaching experience is welcome <p>Due to tax specification, the candidate cannot be employed in any other country than Czech Republic in course of the postdoctoral period.</p> <p>For more details, see: JUNIOR Fund (Post-Doc) - Charles University</p>
Position available from:	October 1, 2026
Workplace location:	Faculty of Arts, Charles University
Supervisor(s):	Daniel Boušek, Ph.D., Pavel Sládek, Ph.D. (based on the focus of the project)
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Application deadline:	May 4, 2026
Applicants must submit required documents to:	project supervisors daniel.bousek@ff.cuni.cz and pavel.sladek@ff.cuni.cz and in a copy to tomas.klir@ff.cuni.cz (Vice-Dean for Project and Grant Management, CU FA)