

Grants for MA students

Applications are invited for a grant to work on a MA thesis in Comparative Literature for the Spring term of 2022 under the supervision of Sif Ríkharðsdóttir, Professor of Comparative Literature, in connection with the international research project “Emotion and the Medieval Self in Northern Europe”, which is funded by the Icelandic Research Fund (RANNÍS).

The grant is a full grant for the thesis semester: 479.000 ISK (including employment related costs) per month for four months, or 1.916.000 ISK in total (including employment related costs). The thesis should entail either a in-depth case study of the correlation between emotion and selfhood in a single Old Norse literary work or, alternatively, engage with the interplay between emotion and selfhood in medieval Nordic literature in general. The project encompasses secular texts from roughly 1200-1500, but the theses can tackle any genre (or historical sources) that are best suited to the topic. Further information about the research project and the team, which the MA student would be joining, can be found here: <https://medievaemotion.hi.is/>.

The applicants should preferably be MA students in Comparative Literature, although applications from related fields will also be considered. Applicants should preferably have a background in medieval studies or a knowledge of medieval literature. The following documents should be included with the application: 1) transcript of graduate studies, 2) curriculum vitae and 3) short description of the proposed project (250-400 words). It is vital that the description detail how the thesis will be connected to the project.

The application should be marked “MA studies-Emotion and Self” and sent to the School of the Humanities: Hugvísindasvið, b.t. Eiríks Smára Sigurðarsonar, Háskóla Íslands, Aðalbyggingu, 101 Reykjavík **no later than 15 November, 2022**. For further information on the project please contact Sif Ríkharðsdóttir (sifr@hi.is) and for information on how to apply or details of the grant please contact Eiríkur Smári Sigurðarson (esmari@hi.is).