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Utrecht University Master-Apprentice Elective - Lettercraft in Early Medieval Europe

Time: 2024-2025, Block 1-2

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The Utrecht-based VIDI project [Lettercraft in Early Medieval Europe, AD 481-751](#) is working on a new database of Merovingian epistolary communication. We aim to go over all surviving Merovingian narrative sources – history and hagiography – and map these for instances of letter-writing and other epistolary events. Relevant passages will be logged in an online environment that is being developed in collaboration with Utrecht's Digital Humanities Lab. The resulting open access database will shed new light on who used letters in the Merovingian world and in what ways.

We are looking for enthusiastic RMA students who would like to join us this Fall as research apprentices for the first phase of data entry and analysis. A solid command of Latin is desirable, as most Merovingian sources will not be available in translation, but students without Latin who are interested in the early medieval world and have an affinity for Digital Humanities, are welcome to apply.

A standard apprenticeship will start mid-September 2024 with a training module and run for two teaching blocks until the end of January 2025, for a total of 10 ECTS (= 280 hours).

The apprenticeship-elective will be situated at Utrecht University. Students from other universities are very much invited to sign up for this elective, but note that you will have to make arrangements with your home university to be awarded ECTS and get the apprenticeship on your transcript. If necessary, we can provide information about the level and workload to your Board of Examination.

Are you interested or do you have questions? Please contact us at r.flierman@uu.nl or h.d.williard@uu.nl

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