

## The Dickens Code - Symposium 2

British School at Rome, July 14-15, 2022 (9.00-14.00)

### Bursary - doctoral/post-doctoral student or untenured researcher

The Dickens Code is an international, interdisciplinary network project funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council UK aimed at understanding the shorthand of Charles Dickens and raising awareness of undeciphered scripts and stenographic culture more widely. Thanks to global media coverage, the project is currently estimated to have reached 2 million people around the world.

In February 2022, we announced the crowdsourced transcription of a new letter by Charles Dickens and are currently working on deciphering the shorthand manuscripts of the stories Dickens dictated to his pupil Arthur Stone. To explore the implications of our results for different fields of research, we will be running our second symposium with invited experts in the areas of Applied Linguistics, Dickens Studies, Stylistics, Paleography, Digital Humanities, and Informatics. The seminar, which is by invitation only, will take place at the British School at Rome on July 14-15 on two half-days (9.00-14.00).

The project is offering a travel and accommodation bursary of up to **400 euros** to a doctoral or post-doctoral student or untenured researcher from an Italian university who would like to attend the seminar.

Interested applicants should send a short cv and a covering letter of no more than one page to the project coordinators [hugo.bowles@unifg.it](mailto:hugo.bowles@unifg.it) and [claire.wood@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:claire.wood@leicester.ac.uk) explaining briefly how attendance at the seminar might benefit their research.

Deadline for application is **17 June** with a reply guaranteed before 24 June.

For further details of the project, please see our website <https://dickenscode.org/>

Twitter: [@dickens\\_code](https://twitter.com/dickens_code)

**Dr Claire Wood**  
Lecturer in Victorian Literature  
University of Leicester, UK  
[claire.wood@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:claire.wood@leicester.ac.uk)

**Prof. Hugo Bowles**  
Full Professor of English Language  
Department of Law  
University of Foggia, Italy  
[hugo.bowles@unifg.it](mailto:hugo.bowles@unifg.it)



*The Dickens Code is supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Council*  
**Visit [dickenscode.org](https://dickenscode.org) for further information and resources**