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## **RENOWNED RESEARCHERS OF NIŠ**

**Summary:** The long and rich history of the city has attracted numerous researchers who, since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, began visiting Niš and studying its cultural heritage. The aim of this paper is to recall those individuals who devoted part of their professional lives to the city of Niš and, through their scholarly research, contributed to placing the city on the cultural map of Serbia and beyond. The paper examines the work of the following researchers, scholars, and cultural figures: Felix Kanitz, Nikola Vulić, Adam Oršić Slavetić, Aleksandar Nenadović, and Aleksandar Jovanović. Based on archival material from the Archives of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, documentation from the archives of the National Museum in Niš, and the Nikola Vulić collection preserved in the National Library of Serbia, the paper presents the activities of these researchers in the city of Niš. In addition, it highlights the significance the city held in the Late Antiquity period, as well as the reasons why it became a point of interest for numerous researchers who visited and stayed in Niš for shorter or longer periods

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