Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowships 2021
School of Archaeology - Expressions of Interest

Deadline for receipt of EoIs is **5pm, Monday 04 January 2021**

The School of Archaeology welcomes interest from applicants to this round of the scheme. The funder's deadline for applications is **Thursday 25 February 2021**. Full details are available at the funder's website.

As the Leverhulme EC Fellowships are highly competitive, and require a significant input from the School (to meet 50% of the salary in Years 2 and 3 in the current round), we set a limit on the number of applications that can be supported. The School therefore runs a selection exercise to identify those that we are realistically best able to support.

Submitting an Expression of Interest (EoI)

If you are interested in making an application, the first step is to identify a mentor who is an academic member of the School of Archaeology. Before submitting an EoI, please also check (contacting research@arch.ox.ac.uk) that the School is the most appropriate department through which to apply, especially if your field of research also intersects with other disciplines (e.g. Classics, Anthropology, etc.).

Potential applicants should submit their EoI to the School by email (to research@arch.ox.ac.uk) no later than **5pm on Monday 04 January 2021**. The EoI should consist of a single pdf document containing the following information:

1. Title and summary of the Research Proposal (about 2 pages A4 max). Candidates should ensure that the summary covers both the specific research questions of the project *and* their broader archaeological relevance. It should also address the feasibility of completing the project within the scheme's timeframe, and the project's fit to the School of Archaeology.
2. Details of any facilities that would be required from the School/University during the Fellowship (e.g. scientific analyses/facilities/equipment/space).
3. A CV
4. A letter of support from the academic within the School who will support your application, and act as mentor if your application is successful.

Please note: It is normal for aspects of the project to change once you have started but your proposal should highlight the main research question, data and methods that are key to the project. To demonstrate that the project is feasible you must provide sufficient detail on the essential and desirable resources required for your proposed research project. This should be discussed with your potential mentor and should include information on any collaborations, fieldwork, samples and analytical equipment required.

All applications will be assessed on academic merit, the feasibility of the proposed research project and the extent to which the work fits with existing interests of the research cluster and the School. The School will consider its research priorities and resource implications when reaching a decision. Applicants should expect to hear on or before Monday 11 January 2021 whether or not they will be invited to proceed to develop a full application.

Candidates who are invited to proceed to the full application stage will be asked to submit a full draft to the School by Thursday 11 February 2021, for review. Please note that we cannot guarantee that all applications will ultimately be approved for submission.

Should you have any queries about the scheme, please contact research@arch.ox.ac.uk.

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