Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowships 2024
School of Archaeology - Expressions of Interest

Deadline for receipt of Expressions of Interest: Thursday 04 January 2024

The School of Archaeology welcomes interest from applicants to this round of the scheme. The funder’s deadline for applications is 22 February 2024. Full details are available at the funder’s website.

As the Leverhulme EC Fellowships are highly competitive, and require a significant input from the University (to meet 50% of the salary), the School runs a selection exercise to identify those that we are realistically best able to support.

Submitting an Expression of Interest (EoI)

If you’re interested in making an application, the first step is to identify a mentor who is an academic member of the School of Archaeology, who will support your EoI. Please ensure that you contact School members as early as possible regarding letters of support, as the University will be closed over the Christmas period from Thursday 21 December 2023 to Monday 01 January 2024. Before submitting an EoI, please also check (if necessary, contacting research@arch.ox.ac.uk) that the School is the most appropriate department through which to apply, particularly 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 Thursday 04 January 2024. 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). Please ensure that the summary addresses the broader archaeological relevance of the project, and the specific research questions, data and methodology. It should also discuss the feasibility of completing the project within the scheme’s timeframe, and the explain 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: 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 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 the existing research interests of the School. The School will consider its research priorities and resource implications when reaching a decision. Applicants should expect to hear on or before Friday 12 January 2024 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, 01 February 2024, 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.