

Rewriting World Archaeology: Dialogues on the Global South

Call for Applications

Is your goal to become an internationally recognised archaeologist? Could your ideas help reshape world archaeology? Do you want to see your research published in international journals? Are you interested in developing an internationally significant research project? Are you committed to sharing the results of your research with the public?

We warmly invite applications from early career researchers (ECRs)¹ from developing countries in South Asia, the Middle East and Africa² to participate in the 'Rewriting World Archaeology' mentoring programme.

This programme is designed to equip a cohort of ECRs with the necessary knowledge and skills: to access and publish in international, peer-reviewed academic journals, to develop and lead bold research agendas, to prepare grant applications, and to share their results with the public.

It is intended that the programme will significantly advance the careers of these ECRs, and strengthen their ability to rewrite the archaeology and heritage of the 'Global South' to have a major and lasting impact on world archaeology.

The programme consists of a structured 10-month (June 2021 to March 2022) series of online workshops and one-to-one mentoring sessions, supported by a variety of digital resources.

24 ECRs from a variety of countries and academic/professional backgrounds will be selected from applications. Each will be assigned two mentors and will participate in one of three regional work groups, which bring together established researchers, heritage professionals and academic journal editors from the Global South, Durham University (UK), and *Antiquity*—a world-leading archaeology journal.

Over the course of the programme, each ECR will develop a research article for publication and a research project, both capable of attracting international

recognition. They will also receive training in preparing grant applications and sharing research with the public.

The programme will culminate with a global summit bringing together the participants of all three regional groups, with subsequent opportunities to publish in *Antiquity* and the *Journal of the British Academy*.

The initiative is funded as part of the British Academy Writing Workshops 2021 sponsored by the UK Government's Global Challenges Research Fund.

The programme will be delivered entirely online. Each applicant will be eligible to apply for up to 125GBP to ensure access to a high speed Internet connection.

We will communicate in the English language, with an emphasis on building confidence and skills to speak and write in English to enable greater access to international publishing and funding. We will, however, endeavour to cover the cost of some translation support to ECRs working on initial outlines of their articles.

In return for investing significantly in their skills and careers, we will expect a strong degree of commitment from each selected ECR in terms of engagement with the sustained programme of mentoring and activities.

For further information about the 'Rewriting World Archaeology', including its mission, mentoring team, regional work groups and activities, please see the accompanying 'About the Programme' document.

¹ We define ECR broadly. As well participants at PhD and post-doctoral level and those in new academic roles (up to five years from PhD), we welcome applications from early career professionals working in heritage organisations (up to five years from appointment).

² Eligible countries in South Asia, the Middle East and Africa on the DAC List of ODA Eligible Countries for 2021 can be found here:

<https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2021-flows.pdf>