

Rewriting World Archaeology: South Asia Workshop 2023-24 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 committed to sharing the results of your research with the public?

We warmly invite applications from early career researchers (ECRs)¹ from South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar) to participate in the *Rewriting World Archaeology: South Asia* mentoring programme during 2023-24.

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, strengthen their ability to rewrite the archaeology and heritage of the South Asia, and have a major and lasting impact on world archaeology.

The programme consists of a structured series of online workshops and one-to-one mentoring sessions, supported by a variety of digital resources.

¹ We define ECR broadly. As well as 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).

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 a South Asia work group, which brings together established researchers, heritage professionals and academic journal editors from South Asia, 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, capable of attracting international recognition. They will also receive training in preparing grant applications and sharing research with the public.

The programme will include an in-person workshop, to be held in Kathmandu, bringing together the participants, to support the submission of manuscripts to international journals such as *Antiquity*.

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 applying for the programme, participants are expected to be willing and able to commit to the various meetings, workshops and deadlines and to engage fully with the programme of mentoring and activities.

We are grateful to the *Antiquity* Trust for their generosity in supporting this initiative.

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