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JOB ADVERTISEMENT

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ARCHAEOLOGIST, ABANDONMENT ARCHAEOLOGY TEAM SUPERVISOR

SAUDI ARABIA, ALULA VALLEY / FRANCE

Founded in 2017, Archaïos is a French scientific research company in the field of Heritage and Archaeology. Archaïos team, composed of researchers and PhD-students, brings together a wide variety of services and skills allowing it to be involved in several international projects: archaeological maps, heritage protection, research and development-based archaeological excavations, as well as training courses for local researchers. Archaïos prides itself in hiring highly qualified specialists in the techniques and research areas needed for the projects it proposes to obtain the best results.

As part of the «**Historical Investigation of Al-Ula Old Town – Multiscalar Documentation for Urban Dynamics**» or MuDUD project, coordinated and funded by AFALULA (Agence française pour le développement d'AlUla) in partnership with the RCU (Royal Commission for AlUla), Archaïos is recruiting an **Archaeologist for the supervision of Abandonment Archaeology team** for the study of the Old Town of AlUla, in northwestern Saudi Arabia.

As a multi-year project implemented in early 2021 by Archaïos, and under the leadership of Dr. Apolline Vernet, the Project Director, the MuDUD Project wishes, through a multidisciplinary approach, to apprehend the history of the Old Town of AlUla. Working within an international team of experts, the Archaeologist, Head of the 'Abandonment Archaeology' Research Department is under the supervision of Dr. Apolline Vernet, and in collaboration with the Project's Scientific Coordinator.

The Archaeologist, Head of the 'Abandonment Archaeology' Team will be asked to come to AlUla Old Town (Saudi Arabia) several times a year for 2-months field missions. Between each mission, they will be working either in Paris (France), at the Archaïos office, or remotely, depending on their place of residence.

JOB TITLE : Archaeologist, abandonment archaeology team supervisor attached to the MuDUD Project

TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT : Permanent Contract

SALARY : Based on experience

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND : Master or PhD in Archaeology (minimum 5 years of professionally-oriented experience abroad)

WORKPLACE : Saudi Arabia (AlUla region) / France (Paris) and/or telework

TO APPLY : Please send a CV and a cover letter of 1000 words max. before October, 1st, 2021 via email with « MuDUD Candidacy - Archaeologist Position » as the object of the email to these 3 addresses :

secretariat@archaios.fr, apolline.vernet@archaios.fr, benedicte.khan@archaios.fr

In order to evaluate your experience and abilities you are invited to join a field report and/or an article representative of your work.



MAIN MISSIONS

The work of the 'Abandonment Archaeology' Research Department is dedicated to the study of the archaeological remains, especially through ad hoc excavations and archaeological cleanings in the Old Town of AIUla. The team will work in close collaboration with the other Research Departments of the MuDUD project — 'Building Archaeology', 'Architecture', and 'Data Management' —, the specialists involved, and the other stakeholders in the Old Town.

The Archaeologist, Head of the 'Abandonment Archaeology' team shall be responsible for the tasks that fall on the team itself. These are:

- Coordination of the archaeological cleanings and excavations made within AIUla Old Town
- Supervision of a team of local workers
- Documentation and analysis of the unearthed archaeological remains
- Supervision of the excavations' stratigraphical reading via the corresponding Harris Matrixes
- Training the students and/or trainees, local and international, participating in the project
- Ensuring the organization of the field's documentation, the photographs, the drawings, as well as the sketches
- Ensuring the archiving of the field's documentation
- Working in close collaboration with the Database Administrator
- Writing a weekly report of the field operations, in English.

Along with these team tasks, the Archaeologist, Head of the 'Abandonment Archaeology' team has the following responsibilities:

- The planning of the field's activities
- The recording and archiving of the data coming from the 'Abandonment Archaeology' team's fieldwork
- Being a source of proposals regarding analysis and data processing techniques
- Joining to the end-of-mission report the totality of the documentation produced by the team:
 - the field data, field notebook(s), list of the recorded and described objects in paper format, in native format and in PDF
 - the photographs and maps created in native format and in PDF
- Ensuring the data transfer to the Head of the Data Management Research Deptment
- Participating to the development of the projet's scientific axes in collaboration with the other Research Department Heads and the Project Director
- Preparing a neat and meticulous archaeological documentation for publication to the general public
- The writing of an end-of-mission report, in English, of all the field operations, which would be submitted 10 (ten) days after the end of the field mission
- The writing of a scientific report, in English, which would be submitted 1 (one) month after the end of the field mission. This report must contain the various scientific questions raised by the 'Abandonment Archaeology' Research Department, and the data acquired during the mission in correlation to the data



previously obtained

- The testing and improving of the data recording protocol in accordance with the different scientific interlocutors and within Archaïos.

These tasks (on the team and on the personal level), imply management and team management skills:

- The good coordination of the daily field data recording following the registration protocol implemented by Archaïos
 - The management of the logistics of the archaeological material unearthed (recording, storage, etc.) following the precise guidelines from the RCU's Conservation Department
 - Ensuring the field team's strict following of the security, hygiene and sanitary guidelines established by Archaïos, at the project's global level as well as regarding the tools' storage and maintenance, the securing of the soundings, etc.
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PROFILE

The Archaeologist, Head of the 'Abandonment Archaeology' team, as a Member of the MuDUD project, will actively participate in the smooth running of the project as a whole, through true collegiality. Experience in archaeological excavation, including in rescue excavation, is a must.

The Archaeologist must have the following qualities:

- Good adaptability to fieldwork in difficult climate conditions (hot and arid)
- Capability to anticipate needs
- Capability to work in urgency and under tight deadlines when the situation arises
- Good at prioritizing tasks
- Diplomacy and discretion
- Resourcefulness and versatility
- Flexibility
- Knowing how to keep it cool in all circumstances, and being resistant to stress
- Being able to work in an intercultural environment
- Good writing skills
- Having at least a B1 level in English
- Knowing and speaking a little Arabic would be a real plus
- International Driver's license (desired)

Archaïos will take the plane ticket, the housing and the food in charge for each field mission.

Does the prospect of working with our team motivate you? Then join us by applying to this offer.