



WALADU project Training Program for Junior Scientific Staff from Iraqi Universities 2017



WALADU is a three years (2017-2019) international project funded by the European Union in the frame of the Erasmus+ Capacity Building Key Action 2. The project includes **6 universities** (3 from the EU and 3 from Iraq) the aim is to contribute to the improvement of the education in archaeology and ancient history in Iraq and to increase the opportunities for students in the labor market in Iraq.

The WALADU training program for **Junior Researchers** from the 3 Iraqi partner universities is one of the key initiatives carried out within the framework of the project. The aim of the training is to improve their technical and academic skills focusing on didactic, research and innovation policies. This call is addressed to **4 Junior Iraqi scholars** who will spend 2 months (including travel days) **at LMU Munich from 22nd October to 21st December 2017**. All applicants must suggest a **research topic** which they will pursue in Munich (this can be either a thesis, a publication or current research work).

Trainings will focus on the following topics:

- Research-oriented teaching and supervision
- Conception of Degree Courses
- Leadership and People Management
- Internationalization in Academia
- Academic Writing, Applications
- Near Eastern Archaeology in Theory and Practice
- Digital Humanities and the Ancient Near East (particularly GIS training)
- Sumerian and Akkadian Philology
- History and Arts of Mesopotamia

The following Iraqi partner universities are participating in the 2017 training session for the Iraqi Junior researchers:

- University of Baghdad
- University of Kufa
- Qadisiyah University

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are **mandatory to enroll in the training program**:

1. To hold a Masters Degree.
2. To be employed as **scientific staff in Ancient Near Eastern Studies or a related field** by an Iraqi partner university of the WALADU project. Candidates already living and/or studying in Europe will not be considered.
3. To **actively teach** archaeology, ancient philology, ancient history or a related field in one of the three Iraqi partner universities participating in the training session.
4. To submit the application according to the regulation specified in the following paragraph.
5. To be available to take part in the training schedule provided by LMU Munich.
6. Good or very good command of the English language.

The committee encourages applications by female staff members.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The application form and annexes should be sent by August 6th to the following email address: sekretariat@vaa.fak12.uni-muenchen.de

The entire application must be submitted in English.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

The hosting university (LMU Munich) in collaboration with the WALADU project coordination team will evaluate the applications in order to select candidates who meet the eligibility criteria.

Selection procedures will be carried out until August 14th, 2017.

Successful candidates will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Academic responsibilities of the applicant
- Experience as a teacher
- Quality of scientific research
- CV assessment and institutional experience
- Coherence between the training subjects selected and the expertise of the applicant
- Command of English

Shortlisted candidates may be asked to have a Skype interview with the selection committee.

By August 20th, 2017 the LMU team will inform all the candidates via email about the results of the application. Successful candidates currently employed at a university are responsible for ensuring that their home institution will approve their training period abroad.

Successful candidates will have to reply the acceptance e-mail and confirm their participation in the training by August 31st, 2017. Those who will fail to provide confirmation will be rejected and a replacement will be nominated.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Each candidate will be provided a round flight ticket by the project management team. The departure date from Iraq will be scheduled for October, 21st from Baghdad or Najaf airport (it is not possible to have a flight from a different airport) to Munich airport, the departure date from LMU will be 21st December. There is no possibility of changing this travel arrangement.

In addition to the cost of travel, transportation and stay a living allowance of EUR 40,- per day / of 2.400,- for the period of residence in Munich will be paid.

No other financial support is provided (e.g. visa fees and insurance are not covered)

All practical details concerning the mobility period, cost of stay payment, certificates and VISA procedures should be discussed with the hosting university and not with the WALADU project coordination team.

OBLIGATION OF THE SELECTED CANDIDATES

It will be mandatory for selected candidates to accomplish the following actions:

- To comply with the legal requirements (in terms of insurance, visa etc.) of the hosting country.
- To send a letter/email of acceptance of the participation in the training to the LMU coordination team.
- To attend each day of training according to the schedule; if not the candidate will be asked to refund the cost of stay received.
- To send a report at the end of the mobility to the WALADU coordination team.

For further information please contact the WALADU project coordination team disci.waladu@unibo.it and the LMU local team at sekretariat@vaa.fak12.uni-muenchen.de