



**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 60 days (including travel days) **at University of Bologna (mobility period: 60 days between January 2018 and April 2018)**. All applicants must suggest a **research topic** which they will pursue in Bologna (this can be either a thesis, a publication or current research work).

Trainings will focus on the following topics:

- Conception of Degree Courses
- Internationalization in Academia
- Academic Writing, Applications
- Near Eastern Archaeology and Art History
- Remote Sensing and GIS
- Sumerian Philology
- Museum Studies and Archaeological Conservation and Management

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

- University of Kufa
- Qadisiyah University

The researchers of University of Baghdad have been already selected for the Junior Staff Training Program in Munich and Istanbul.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

1. To hold a Master's 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 (CV and motivational letter) should be sent by September 24th to the following email address: disci.waladu@unibo.it

The entire application must be submitted in English.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

The hosting university (University of Bologna) 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 September 28th, 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 September 29th, 2017 the UNIBO 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 October 3rd, 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 from the University of Bologna from Najaf airport (it is not possible to have a flight from a different airport) to Bologna airport. There is no possibility of changing this travel arrangement.

In addition to the cost of travel, University of Bologna will provide an accommodation for all the entire mobility period and a daily allowance.

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 University of Bologna 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.