



**WALADU project Pilot Summer School
at Koç University – Istanbul**



WALADU is a three year (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 Pilot Summer School for European students from the 3 European partner universities is one of the key initiatives carried out within the framework of the project. The aim of the Summer School is to bring undergraduate students together and to enhance future collaborations between these students from European partner Universities and Iraq. The objective of the summer school is to teach students about Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology (from Prehistory until the fall of the Assyrian Empire), Cultural Heritage Studies related topics, GIS, archaeobotany and petrography. The summer school will be at Koç University Istanbul and will take 2 weeks. The summer school will consist of lectures by specialists on these topics, hands-on experience, written assignments and trips to important museums and archaeological sites in Istanbul. The participants will receive a certificate attesting their participation in the summer school. This call is addressed to **12 Iraqi students from the three Iraqi partner universities (four students from each Iraqi Universities)** who will spend 14 days / 2 weeks **at Koç University from 6.08 - 17.08.2018**

The summer school will focus on the following topics:

1. Grant writing
2. Archaeology of Ancient Near East
3. GIS
4. Archaeobotany
5. Cultural Heritage Studies (Museum Studies, Public and Community Archaeology, the Unesco application process for tangible and intangible cultural heritage)
6. Petrography (only if you think you have enough time to design a good course on this in 2 weeks)

The following Iraqi partner universities are participating in the 2018 Pilot summer School

- University of Baghdad
- University of Kufa
- University of Al-Qadisiyah

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

1. To be enrolled in a Bachelor or Master degree in the field of Archaeology, Art History, History, Archaeometry, Cultural heritage Studies and ancient Philology (Assyriology, Classics, Hittitology, Oriental Studies);
2. To have a good or excellent command of English (both written and spoken);
3. To submit the application according to the regulations specified in the following paragraph.
4. To be available to take part in the Summer School schedule provided by Koç University.
5. Age restriction: to be not older than 30 years old at the time of the application.

The committee strongly encourages applications from female students

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The documents to be submitted can be found at this link:

<https://site.unibo.it/waladu/en/training-and-teaching-unit/waladu-summer-school>.

The application will be considered complete if the following documents are included:

1. **Application form**
2. **Motivation letter (300 words)**
3. **CV**
4. **Copy of the 1st page of your passport**

The complete application should be sent to the following contact details by May 11th 2018 Friday.

The entire application must be submitted in English.

- Applicants from the University of Kufa should send the complete set of application documents to Hayder Al Hamdany - hayderk.alhamdany@uokufa.edu.iq
- Applicants from the University of Al-Qadisiyah should send the complete set of application documents to Mohammed Abdulsada - mohammedabdulsada@gmail.com
- Applicants from the University of Baghdad should send the complete set of application documents to Layth Hussein - laithhussein64@yahoo.de

SELECTION PROCEDURES

Each university will evaluate the applications in order to select candidates who meet the eligibility criteria.

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Successful candidates will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Content and quality of the motivation letter
- Archaeological, philological and related academic experience
- Coherence between the summer school subjects and the expertise of the applicant

- English skills (written and oral)
- Interested to be part of an International group of students

As the Summer School host, Koç University team will inform all the successful candidates via email about the results of the interviews and selection process. Successful candidates will have to reply to the acceptance e-mail and confirm their participation in the summer school by the deadline set by Koc University in the acceptance e-mail. Unsuccessful applications will also be notified by e-mail.

Successful candidates currently enrolled at a university are responsible for ensuring that their home institution will approve their participation in the summer school.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Each candidate will be provided a roundtrip flight ticket by the project management team. The departure date from Iraq will be scheduled for August 5th (Sunday) from the Munich or the Bologna airports (it is not possible to have a flight from a different airport) to the Istanbul airport; the departure date from Koç University will be August 18th, 2018 (Saturday). There is no possibility of changing this travel arrangement. These dates and arrangements are firm.

For students coming from the Iraqi partners will be provided the cost of travel, transportation and stay and living allowance. The details on this will be shared with successful candidates upon students' confirmation of attending the summer school.

No other financial support is provided (e.g. insurance costs are not covered).

All practical details concerning the mobility period and cost of stay payment (accommodation & daily stipend) and 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, etc.) of the hosting country;
- To send a letter/email of acceptance of the participation in the summer school to the Koç University coordination team;
- To attend each day of the summer school according to the schedule; if not the candidate will be required to refund all costs (including travel).
- 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 Koç University local team at summer@ku.edu.tr