

## Lead Archaeologist: Iraq Emergency Heritage Management Project Middle

East Full time Fixed Term - 4 Years £43,423 per annum (C5C)

The British Museum seeks to employ two experienced Middle Eastern field archaeologists to direct a high-profile training programme for Iraqi cultural heritage specialists. The programme will deliver mentoring and training in advanced archaeological field techniques, supplementing the skills of the Iraqi archaeologists and curators to document and stabilise sites damaged as a result of conflict or deliberate destruction.

The programme will build on many years of collaboration between the British Museum and our colleagues in Iraq, demonstrated by the Museum's response to the damage to Iraqi cultural heritage as a result of the last conflict in the region.

### Key areas of responsibility:

- . Lead the Iraq Rescue Archaeology Project, involving a three-month training period in the British Museum followed by an equivalent period of fieldwork training in Iraq.
- . Commission and direct two 3-month archaeological fieldwork seasons each year to take place in secure areas of Iraq.
- . Identify suitable participants for the training course in collaboration with the Iraq State Board of Antiquities and Heritage.
- . Manage ten trainees (Iraqi archaeologists, curators or other specialists) a year over four years.
- . Develop and deliver training in the British Museum in advanced archaeological field techniques, data retrieval, forensic procedures, imaging, research and other technical and soft skills relating to 'rescue archaeology'.
- . Obtain permits for and risk assess suitable sites together with local and national authorities in Iraq.
- . Specify and procure the range of equipment that trainees will need to complete the fieldwork element of the course (to be granted to their source institutions in Iraq on completion).
- . Oversee the visa applications, and travel and accommodation arrangements for course participants
- . Complete fieldwork reports.
- . Contribute to reports on project process, risk, issues and budget.

### Person Specification:

The successful candidate will have a postgraduate degree in Middle Eastern archaeology, with preference given to a Mesopotamian specialty. You will be an internationally recognised field director with established track record and experience of teaching or training. You will be able to communicate in Arabic.

## About the British Museum:

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