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LECTURER IN ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES (fixed term, three years)

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Closing date for applications: 4 March 2018

Salary range: £43,219 - £50,949 per annum inclusive of London Allowance

Full-time (35 hours per week)

This post is a fixed-term contract from 1st September 2018 to 31st August 2021

### **The role and its responsibilities**

SOAS is seeking to fill a three-year fixed-term Lectureship in Ancient Near Eastern Studies to cover for the absence of the Professor of Babylonian on research leave. The position is funded by the Leverhulme Trust, commencing on 1st September 2018.

Study of the ancient Near East has an illustrious history at SOAS and makes a strong contribution to the School's reputation as a research-led institution. The post will be filled by an individual who can uphold and improve the international standing of research and publication in Ancient Near Eastern Studies at SOAS, and deliver high-quality research-led teaching on degree programmes in the Department of History, Religions and Philosophies.

### **Skills and experience**

Candidates will have a PhD on an ancient Near Eastern topic and a demonstrable track-record of excellence in research and publication. Those who combine individual research, collaborative enterprise and an appetite for grant-seeking will be at an advantage. The successful applicant will have solid experience of teaching Akkadian and Sumerian language and literature to undergraduate and postgraduate students, and preferably also a competence in Hittite sufficient to provide teaching cover in this language also. He or she will be expected to supervise Masters and research students in ancient Near Eastern topics. He or she will be able to demonstrate a strong research interest in the history, religion and culture of ancient Mesopotamia, a capacity to contribute to teaching in the department's disciplinary specialisms of history, religions and philosophies, and a commitment to embed the ancient Near East more widely in the School's curricula.