

Research Associate in Assyriology/Near Eastern Archaeology Faculty of Oriental Studies,
Sackler Library, St. John Street, Oxford
Grade 7: £30,738 - £37,768 p.a.

We are looking for a Research Associate to work on the 'Seals and their Impressions in the Ancient Near East' (SIANE) project, under the direction of Dr Jacob Dahl.

The Research Associate will work with Dr Dahl and his partners at Southampton University and elsewhere, testing new equipment for imaging cylinder seals and seal impressions. The RA will, independently and with minimal guidance, image various collections of ancient Near Eastern cylinder seals in the UK, France, and Belgium. In France, the RA will work together with project staff from the CNRS. The Research Associate will also image impressions of cylinder seals on clay tablets and other artefacts, using Reflectance Transformation Imaging (RTI) and other methods, and will assist colleagues in developing a catalogue of cylinder seals and seal impressions. During the second half of the project, the Research Associate will assist colleagues in preparing the collected data for computational analysis, and will begin tagging the data for image-based typologies.

By the time of appointment, you will hold a masters or doctoral degree or equivalent qualification in Assyriology or Near Eastern Archaeology, and have good knowledge of ancient Near Eastern seals and sealing practices. You will combine an advanced reading knowledge of German and French, in addition to English, with a thorough understanding digital imaging and cataloguing. You must be willing to travel to collections in the UK and continental Europe, and to attend IT training courses as necessary. Ideally, you will also have organisational or administrative experience, and be able to demonstrate that you can work effectively both independently and as part of a small team, with possess good communication and interpersonal skills.

This is a full-time, fixed-term contract for 9 months, funded by a grant from the John Fell Fund.

The closing date for online applications is 12.00 noon on Friday 9 September 2016.

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Also on the University's web-page here <<http://tinyurl.com/zokwkg9>>, with further particulars.