

Announcement: Visiting Professorship in Egyptology, IHAC, NENU, Changchun (China)

Position: Visiting Professorship in Egyptology

The Institute for the History of Ancient Civilizations (IHAC) at Northeast Normal University in Changchun, Jilin Province, P. R. China, invites applications for a full-time Visiting Professorship in Egyptology. The appointment will be fixed term from 1st September 2017 through 15th July 2018, with the possibility of an extension for the following year. Egyptology at IHAC is currently expanding to increase its number of teaching staff.

Every year, IHAC employs three to four visiting professors in the fields of Egyptology, Assyriology, and Classics. The institute has been established for more than 30 years and is the largest in China for the study of the ancient Near East and Western Classics. IHAC has its own double blind peer-reviewed journal, *The Journal of Ancient Civilizations* (http://ihac.nenu.edu.cn/ENGLISH/Journals_JAC_.htm) as well as an up-to-date library.

The visiting professor will be expected to teach between 8 and 12 hours per week, all in English, and contribute to the research output of the department. Term dates are roughly 1st September to 10th January and 1st March to 10th July, but these are subject to change depending on the lunar calendar; the Chinese holidays as well as the major national holidays of the appointee's country will be observed. Salary will be around 6,000 RMB to 7,500 RMB per month depending on experience; the University will also pay and provide accommodation for the appointee. Funding is also available for travel around China, and the University will pay for one round-trip flight from the home country to Changchun. Health care will be provided by the University, but this does not cover the cost of prescription drugs. However, there is a hospital on the campus where all members of the University get discount for medicaments.

Northeast Normal University (<http://en.nenu.edu.cn/>) is located in the heart of the city of Changchun in Jilin Province. The city consists of about 4 million people and is home to a large number of universities. A "normal" university in China refers to a university for future teachers, and there are over one hundred normal universities in China, of which NENU is ranked no. 4. The Department of History and Culture has been recently selected to be no. 3 in China. Living expenses are very low in Changchun, and a single person will generally not spend more than 1,000 RMB per month on food. The climate is normally dry, but has very extreme winters (-20c) and summers (+20c).

Duties and responsibilities:

The appointee will be responsible for designing and teaching courses to MA and PhD level students on the following subjects: Middle Egyptian, Late Egyptian, Hieratic, and Egyptian Civilization. There is also the possibility for designing other courses upon agreement from IHAC. It is also possible that the appointee maybe asked to supervise students if so required. All teaching is done in English. The appointee will also be co-editor of the department journal, *The Journal of Ancient Civilizations*, which is, inter alia, accredited by the Chinese Social Science Citation Index and Thomson Reuters-web of science.

Requirements:

- A PhD in Egyptology.
- Research experience and a publication record that are reflective of career stage.
- Demonstrable commitment to high-quality teaching practice, and wide teaching scope in terms of content and didactics.
- Excellent command of the English language.
- Editing experience desirable.

Chinese scholars are not permitted to apply for this post, and a preference will be given to experienced candidates.

Application:

Deadline for applications: 20th August 2017.

(Video-)Interviews: 22nd-25th August 2017.

All applications have to be sent to Prof. Dr. Sven Günther (sveneca@aol.com / svenguenther@nenu.edu.cn).

Applications should be in English and contain the following: cover letter, CV, details of 3 referees with email addresses, and a publication sample (a chapter from a PhD thesis is also acceptable).

Informal inquires can also be made to Prof. Dr. Sven Günther (sveneca@aol.com / svenguenther@nenu.edu.cn).