

# **Rewriting World Archaeology: South Asia 2023-24**

## **Application Form Guidance**

**Submission deadline: Monday 24th April 2023**

### **Eligibility**

The 'Rewriting World Archaeology' programme welcomes applications from individuals currently studying for a PhD or at post-doctoral level, those in new academic roles (up to five years from award of PhD), and early career professionals working in heritage organisations (up to five years from appointment).

Applicants must be from countries in South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar).

Applicants should primarily define themselves as archaeologists, although it is acknowledged that their work may extend beyond the discipline of archaeology.

**Announcement of successful applicants: Week of 26th June 2023**

### **Evaluation of applications**

Applications will be evaluated by members of the programme's workgroup. All evaluators are trained in unconscious bias\*, and are committed to the principles of equality and diversity.

Applications will be judged qualitatively on: 1) the quality and scope of the applicant's ongoing research and draft paper for publication; 2) the potential of the applicant to benefit significantly from participation in the programme; 3) any comments received from referees

## **Contact**

If you have any questions or are having difficulties completing or submitting this form, you are welcome to contact the programme leads, Dr Robert Witcher and Prof. Robin Coningham, via emails:

[r.e.witcher@durham.ac.uk](mailto:r.e.witcher@durham.ac.uk) and [r.a.e.coningham@durham.ac.uk](mailto:r.a.e.coningham@durham.ac.uk) who will endeavour to help you.

\* Unconscious bias – A person's life experience can affect how they view others. These views may not always be true or reasonable and this can lead a person to make decisions based on assumptions and stereotypes. Being aware of our unconscious biases is important so it does not affect our decision-making processes.

## **Privacy notice**

We will ensure that the personal data you provide us is held securely and treated as confidential.

Your data will be made available to the programme staff, and to your named referee. It will not be shared with any other third party without your explicit consent.

In the application form you can tell us if you have any specific objections to the use of your personal data, and you will need to confirm if you agree to the use of your personal data by the 'Rewriting World Archaeology' programme, as stipulated. You have the right to withdraw your consent to use your personal data at any time. You can request to see the information we hold on you, and have it corrected or deleted.

### **Confirmation**

This section will ask you to confirm the following:

I hereby certify that all the information I enter in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

I hereby certify that I have permission from my current employer (if appropriate) to participate in this programme

I hereby confirm that I am willing and able to participate actively in the programme and to submit any relevant assignments within specified deadlines

Please indicate yes to confirm for each question.

### **Personal information**

You will be asked to enter the following information in this section:

Applicant name: family name (in CAPITALS), then first names)

Institutional affiliation (if any)

Email

Telephone (including country code)

Title

Academic qualification and awarding institution

Title of PhD thesis (if you have a PhD)

Gender

Current employment status

Current employer (if applicable)

Nationality

Previous Nationality

Current country of residence

How would you rate your English language skills?

## **CV**

A CV, short for curriculum vitae, is a document outlining your work experience, qualifications, etc. Formats for CVs vary widely from country to country, but it should include the information indicated in the guidance below.

Maximum 2 pages of A4 in font 12

Include your: Name, Qualifications and training history, Employment history (if applicable), and Existing publications and public presentations (if applicable)

**Please send a copy of your CV to** Dr. Armineh Kaspari-Marghussian, South Asia Programme Co-coordinator via email: [armineh.kaspari-marghussian@durham.ac.uk](mailto:armineh.kaspari-marghussian@durham.ac.uk)

No further supporting documents are required for your CV.

## **Research project**

In this section you will be asked to give us an understanding of your current research activities, please briefly describe a project that you are working on. This could be your own research project or a group research project (if the latter, please specify your role).

Include: 1) project title, 2) research aims and questions, 3) research methods, 4) sources of information and categories of data being used, 5) any preliminary results, 6) any preliminary publications, 7) potential importance in and beyond archaeology, 8) plans for the future of this project.

**Maximum 300 words.**

## **Abstract of draft paper**

In this section you will be asked to briefly describe the research paper you would like to develop during the writing programme as an international journal article.

Include: (1) your name, (2) the title of the article, (3) an abstract of the draft article (4) up to 6 keywords that describe the research area, and (5) the names of up to three academic journals that you might submit your finished article to.

**Maximum 300 words.**

## **Draft Paper**

You should already have a first draft of some (or all) of the text of the article you are working on. We are not looking for manuscripts that are ready to

submit, but the core research should have already been concluded, an outline of the article specified, and at least a couple of sections drafted.

Please include any illustrations in a single document, ideally a pdf.

**Maximum 8000 words.**

**Please send a copy of the most recent draft of your paper** (along with your CV) to

Dr Armineh Kaspari-Marghussian, South Asia Programme Co-coordinator  
via email: [armineh.kaspari-marghussian@durham.ac.uk](mailto:armineh.kaspari-marghussian@durham.ac.uk)

### **Personal statement**

In this section you will be asked to state briefly why you believe participation in this writing programme will be of value to your career.

**Maximum 100 words.**

### **Referee**

In this section, please provide the name, title, email address and institutional affiliation of a senior colleague who we might ask for a short reference regarding your academic/professional performance and suitability to participate in this programme.

Do ask their permission beforehand, and warn them that it will be necessary to ask them for a rapid reply to a request for a reference.