

THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

Department of Archaeology

PhD Studentships in the Archaeology of the North

We are pleased to offer a number of fully-funded PhD studentships to start in the 2008-9 academic year at the University of Aberdeen's new Department of Archaeology.

The department has a unique focus on the 'Archaeology of the North', defined here as including Scotland and northern Britain, Scandinavia and northern Europe, the North Atlantic and the circumpolar region encompassing Siberia, the North Pacific and the high latitudes of North America. We are looking to recruit a new generation of research students who are willing to play an active role in the development and expansion of current research strengths within the department.

We are the UK's youngest archaeology department, established in 2007 but located on the 15th-century campus of one of Britain's ancient universities. Our growing institution is at the centre of a lively and close-knit community of scholars from anthropology, geography, history, Scandinavian and Celtic studies, and the natural sciences, all of whom have active research interests in the northern world.

The department is also at the centre of a formal network of academic contacts, ensuring that research students have easy access to resources, supervision and materials at some of the world's leading research centres, including the Smithsonian Institution, SILA, and universities across Russia, North America and Fenno-Scandia. Staff languages include Danish, Norwegian, Russian and Swedish.

We are able to supervise a diverse range of research in both the humanities and sciences. Students have access to the extensive collections of the Marischal Museum, chemistry, geology and geography laboratories and a wide range of analytical equipment.

PhD candidates who wish to pursue research in one of the following areas are particularly encouraged to apply:

- Archaeological ethics
- Archaeology of conflict
- Archaeology of ideologies, identity and world-views
- Archaeology of pre-Christian ritual and religion, especially shamanism
- Circumpolar archaeology
- Dispersal of innovations in northern societies
- Diet, health, demography and mobility of hunter-gatherers
- Mortuary archaeology
- Early medieval archaeology, especially the Viking Age
- Ethnoarchaeology
- Human-environment interactions
- Northern migrations, colonisations and culture contacts
- Post-colonial approaches to material culture studies
- Urban development in the north

Studentship Details

Fees at Home/EU rate and Subsistence at the standard research council student stipend rate (minimum stipend for £12,940 for 2008-9)

Application Procedures

Candidates are requested to send in a CV, an outline of their intended research project, and a statement indicating why they would like to undertake doctoral research at the University of Aberdeen, to:

Professor Neil Price (Head of Department)
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Aberdeen AB24 3UF
Tel: 01224 272363
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Informal enquiries are also welcome.

Enquires concerning the application procedure should be directed to:

Graduate School Admissions Unit
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Aberdeen AB24 3UF
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Closing date: **Friday 21st March 2008**

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