

Rewriting World Archaeology: South America 2026

Application Form Guidance

Submission deadline: Monday 15 June (9am UTC+1)

Announcement of successful applicants: Monday 22 June

Eligibility

The Rewriting World Archaeology: South America 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 archaeology/archaeological heritage organisations (up to five years from appointment).

Applicants must be from a South American country *and* currently be based at a higher education, research or heritage institution in a South American country.

Applicants should primarily define themselves as archaeologists, although it is acknowledged that archaeology is a broad and diverse discipline and that research may extend into cognate disciplinary areas.

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 potential of the applicant's draft paper proposal; 2) the potential of the applicant to benefit significantly from participation in the programme; 3) comments received from referees.

* 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 information 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. They will not be shared with any other third party, if needed, 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.

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 relevant)

Gender

Current employment status

Current employer (if applicable)

Nationality

Previous Nationality

Current country of residence

How would you rate your English language skills?

Research background

In this section you will be asked to give us an overview of your research interests and experience, including your current research activities. The latter should include a brief description of a project that you are currently working on. This could be your own research project (e.g. PhD topic) 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 types 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 research 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. This should take the form of an extended abstract.

Include: (1) your name; (2) the title of the article; (3) abstract of an article specifying research questions, methods and materials, and potential significance of results; (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.

If you are proposing a co-authored paper, you should specify the names of the other authors and provide details about what your and their contributions would be.

Maximum 500 words.

Personal statement

In this section you will be asked to state briefly how you believe participation in the programme will be of value in developing your career.

Maximum 100 words.

Referee

In this section, please provide the name, title, email address and institutional affiliation of a senior colleague who can provide a short reference or letter of support about your academic/professional performance and suitability to participate in this programme.

Please ask your referee to email their reference letter directly to Jane Abel, before the closing date, at rwa-south-america@durham.ac.uk

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 your: name, qualifications and training history, employment history (if applicable), and publications and public presentations (if applicable).

Please email your CV (maximum 2 pages of A4 in font 12) to Jane Abel at rwa-south-america@durham.ac.uk. No further supporting documents are required for your CV (e.g. we do **not** require degree transcripts, etc.). Please note that we will not be able to process your application without receipt of a CV.

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 university supervisor / employer (as 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.

Contact

If you have any questions or are having difficulties completing or submitting this form, you are welcome to contact the programme lead, Prof Robin Skeates, via email: robin.skeates@durham.ac.uk who will endeavour to help you.