The Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Abteilung Istanbul (DAI) and Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED) invite applications for newly established DAI-ANAMED Joint Fellowships in Environmental Archaeology to support Post-Doctoral scholars.

The fellowships will support research on the environmental archaeology of Anatolia using approaches such as archaeobotany, anthracology, environmental modelling, and related specializations. The primary responsibility of fellowship holders will be to conduct work relating to a longitudinal research project titled “Humidity & Society: 8,500 Years of Climate History in Western Anatolia.” Using Neolithic through Classical period materials from excavations associated with the DAI and Koç University (e.g., Barcin Höyük, Kaymakçı, Pergamon), the project aims to conduct high-resolution stable isotope carbon analyses of ancient wood and seed samples to estimate past relative humidity and water availability and thus to understand past climatic conditions for agricultural and pastoral activities.

ANAMED, located in Beyoğlu, Istanbul is dedicated to fostering research on the archaeology, art, heritage, and history of Anatolia through fellowships, exhibitions, symposia, publications, and library collections and services. Selected post-doctoral fellows will work in ANAMED’s environmental archaeology laboratory, help develop reference collections therein, and run hands-on workshops related to the fellowship. Fellows must be resident in Istanbul but might spend up to two months elsewhere in Turkey carrying out field work or on-site research related to the fellowship.

Successful applicants will have a strong combination of the following qualifications:

- PhD in a related specialization (i.e., archaeology, anthropology, ancient history and/or related social sciences and humanities fields) granted after 15 September 2015;
- Demonstrated expertise in archaeobotany, anthracology, environmental modelling, isotope analyses in archaeology, and/or related specializations;
- Demonstrated interpersonal, organizational, and collaborative skills for working within teams;
- Ability to work independently and to prioritize multiple, simultaneous projects;
- Ability to communicate effectively (written and spoken) in English with project-related researchers as well as Koç University faculty, administration, staff, and students; Turkish and/or German is preferred as well;
- Flexibility in work schedule, as needed; and
- No military obligations.

The successful applicant will be provided a fellowship stipend commensurate with experience, health benefits, a research account, and assorted other benefits. The successful applicant will be ready to start the one-year fellowship on 21 September 2020. Renewal thereafter is contingent on project progress and available funding.

APPLICATION MATERIALS & SUBMISSION

Required application materials include;
(1) an application letter detailing the applicant’s relevant experience and motivation to win a fellowship;
(2) a Curriculum Vitae; and
(3) the names and emails of two referees familiar with the applicant’s experience. Up to two relevant publications or writing samples are welcome, also. Applicant materials must be submitted via email to anamedapplication@ku.edu.tr. Application files should be saved as MSWord or PDF files, with filenames containing the applicant’s last name. Questions should also be addressed to anamedapplication@ku.edu.tr.

Application review will commence on 15 July 2020 and continue until the position is filled, with an estimated fellowship start date of 21 September 2020.