



University of Cyprus  
Archaeological Research Unit



PlaCe-ITN  
Pre-modern Plasters and Ceramics

**UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS  
VACANT POSITION FOR SPECIAL SCIENTIST  
Archaeological Research Unit**

**Training the next generation of archaeological scientists: Interdisciplinary studies of pre-modern Plasters and Ceramics from the eastern Mediterranean (PlaCe-ITN)**

A Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network

<b>Title:</b>	Special Scientist –Early Stage Researcher
<b>Number of positions:</b>	one (1)
<b>Category:</b>	contract for 36 months without provisions for extension
<b>Expected starting date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> of September 2021
<b>Place of employment:</b>	University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

**Research position and overall project**

The University of Cyprus, a member of the Horizon 2020 MSCA-ETN-ITN project “Training the next generation of archaeological scientists: Interdisciplinary studies of premodern Plasters and Ceramics from the eastern Mediterranean” (PlaCe-ITN) offers a fully funded doctoral position with the above research project, based at the Archaeological Research Unit, Department of History and Archaeology. This high-profile Innovative Training Network aims at training Early-Stage Researchers to conduct state-of-the-art, science-based research on the provenance, use, and technology of plasters and ceramics, in pre-modern societies in different regions of the eastern Mediterranean.

The successful applicant (ESR09) will be admitted to the PhD programme of the Department of History and Archaeology to carry out research on "***Sampling, characterisation and reproduction of historic plasters from Cyprus with special emphasis on hydraulic lime plasters***". ESR09 is expected to work on plasters from archaeological sites in Cyprus dating to the Roman and Late Antique period. A special emphasis will be given to hydraulic lime plasters which were used in baths, artificial pools and baptisteria which have not been studied up to now. ESR09 will work on the identification of the raw materials used and will also try to experimentally reproduce the plasters and make suggestions for their possible use in the restoration of monuments. Most of the research will be conducted at the University of Cyprus, but ESR09 is expected to travel to partner organisations for further training, including a secondment to NCSR Demokritos in Greece.

**Qualifications**

The successful candidate is expected to have a Master’s degree in archaeological sciences, earth or material sciences, civil or chemical engineering, heritage science or a related field. It is required that the degree has been acquired not more than 4 years before the envisaged starting date. Good oral

and written communication skills in English and the ability to work in an international, interdisciplinary research environment are essential.

### **Submission of applications:**

The application must be submitted online in the following link:

<https://applications.ucy.ac.cy/recruitment/common.welcome>

Look for the specific position (Archaeological Research Unit-MSCA-ITN PLaCe-Special Research Scientist/Early Stage Researcher-2021) under the heading *Academic-Research Support*.

The documents that need to be submitted for the application are the following:

- I. A Curriculum Vitae
- II. A covering letter including brief description of their research interests and activities. In the letter the candidate should clearly state for which of the two PlaCe positions at UCY they are applying – in this case it is ESR09. They can apply for both if they meet the qualifications.
- III. Transcript and copy of undergraduate degree **and** transcript and copy of Master's degree (please make a single pdf with these documents)
- IV. A copy of the Master's thesis or a relevant essay or publication
- V. The names and contact details of **two referees**. Referees will be contacted in case the candidate is shortlisted. The candidate must inform the referees so that they will be ready to submit the letter if/when requested.

**Deadline for applications:** The deadline for applications is Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

### **Financial Support**

This Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) ITN offers competitive and attractive salary and working conditions. The successful candidate will receive a gross salary in accordance with the MSCA regulations for Early-Stage Researchers of 32,400 euros;. Employee contributions will be deducted from the above amount. Candidates will also receive living and mobility allowances, and a family allowance, if the researcher is married or with children. The exact salary will be confirmed upon appointment.

**Tuition fees:** covered by PlaCe-ITN

**Maximum hours per week:** 40 (full-time)

### **Eligibility Criteria**

According to the eligibility criteria set by the European Commission and the particular MSCA-ITN-2020 call, the recruited Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs) will have to comply with the following conditions:

1. not have resided in Cyprus for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the recruitment date, and not have carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Cyprus. Short stays, such as holidays, are not taken into account;

2. be — at the date of recruitment — an ‘early-stage researcher’ i.e., in the first four years of his/her research career and not have a doctoral degree. This is calculated from the date they obtained a qualification (Masters or equivalent) allowing them to embark on a doctorate.

Qualified applicants from all countries are welcome to submit an application, provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

**Information about PLaCe and the position**

For more information about the current position you can contact Prof. Vasiliki Kassianidou at [v.kassianidou@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:v.kassianidou@ucy.ac.cy)

For general information about the MSCA-ITN PLaCe please the project website:

<https://place-itn.cyi.ac.cy/> or contact the project’s manager at the Cyprus Institute, Dr Maria Dikomitou-Eliadou, [m.dikomitou@cyi.ac.cy](mailto:m.dikomitou@cyi.ac.cy).

**Information about the Archaeological Research Unit, the Department of History and Archaeology and UCY**

Please visit the following websites

ARU’s website: <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/aru/en/>

Department of History and Archaeology: <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/hisarch/en/>

University of Cyprus: <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/en/>

Graduate Studies at the University of Cyprus: <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/graduateschool/en/>

At least the best three candidates that satisfy the required qualifications, will be interviewed by a 3-member Committee.

Candidates shall be informed of the result of their application by the relevant entity.

The University of Cyprus shall collect and process your personal data according to the provisions of the General Regulation on Personal Data 2016/679 (EU).