

CALL FOR APPLICATION

Recruitment of 4 Post-doctoral contracts in Archaeology

Including 2 reserved for candidates from the Arab world

- **Academic or Research Staff :** Category A
- **Contract :** Fixed-term contract of 24 months, to be carried out within a maximum period of 36 months from the date of recruitment
- **Start date :** January, 1, 2026
- **Place of work :** premises of the host Research Unit
- **Gross monthly remuneration :** €2959

JOIN **PARIS 1 PANTHEON-SORBONNE** UNIVERSITY

As the leading French university in the humanities and social sciences (HSS), the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne has, since 1971, fostered a unique spirit combining rigorous scientific inquiry with the ambition to generate new knowledge that transforms the world. Located across 25 sites in Paris and the Île-de-France region, it supports nearly 45,000 students annually, organized into 10 teaching and research units, 4 institutes, 37 research units, and 10 doctoral schools, boasting one of the largest alumni networks on the continent. The university employs 2,600 staff members, including 1,200 BIATSS staff (administrative staff) and 1,400 teaching staff. Its annual budget exceeds 220 million euros.

Thanks to its exceptional range of disciplines, the university trains researchers, educators, legal professionals, business and public administration executives, economists, artists... but above all, critical citizens who analyze the world around them and envision concrete solutions to the new challenges facing our society. Today, the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne stands as the premier French university in the humanities and social sciences, committed to placing the human being at the heart of scientific inquiry—for more humane sciences and a fairer, more sustainable society.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

More than a century ago, Antonin Jaussen and Raphaël Savignac both Dominican priests of the École biblique de Jérusalem (now known as the École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem) traveled to Saudi Arabia with a scientific objective. During their journey, they discovered the sites of Hegra (Mada'in Saleh) and Dadan in the AIUla Oasis. Their surveys of the great Nabataean rock tombs, which are the region's hallmark, remain extraordinarily relevant, even though since then, numerous archaeological missions have been carried out in Arabia and in the oasis. In 2022, the 20th anniversary of archaeological collaboration between Saudi Arabia and France was celebrated. It was an opportunity to highlight the dynamic and strong French presence in Saudi Arabia, initiated by Professor Jean-Marie Dentzer and later followed by François Villeneuve.

In continuation of their work, an agreement was signed on February 21, 2024, between the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and the Royal Commission for AIUla for 5 years (2024-2029).

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WORK ENVIRONMENT (continued)

Dedicated to the development of archaeology and preventive conservation in the Arabian Peninsula, and more broadly extending to the Arab-Muslim world, this programme focuses on two main topics: research and training. Six main themes structure the activities of the center and the collaboration between Saudi and French researchers, students, and academics, thereby ensuring a dynamic exchange of ideas and expertise:

- Environmental Heritage: Oasis Landscapes
- Conservation and Restoration in the Arabian Peninsula
- Archaeology 2030: Archaeology and New Technologies
- Arabian Peninsula: Cradle and melting pot of cultures and religions
- Arabian Peninsula: crossroads between the East, Africa and the Mediterranean
- Epistemology and Historiography of Archaeology and Conservation in the Eastern Regions.

PRESENTATION OF THE POSITION

The recruited post-doctoral researchers, starting on January 1, 2026, for a duration of two years, will contribute to the dynamic environment of the Jaussen & Savignac Archaeological Research Center by developing a research project within at least one of the six themes listed above. He or she will be expected to organize doctoral seminars and/or scientific events, and will be allocated a corresponding budget.

The postdoctoral researcher will carry out their work as part of one of the six research units associated with the Jaussen & Savignac Archaeological Research Center including UMR 8215 Trajectoires, UMR 8167 Orient et Méditerranée, EA 4100 HICSA within its welcome team Conservation Restauration des Biens Culturels, UMR 7041 ArScAn and UMR 8068 TEMPS, under the direction of a professor of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University affiliated with ED 112 (Archaeology or Preventive Conservation).

CANDIDATE PROFIL

The selected post-doctoral researcher is required to have a PhD in Archaeology or Preventive Conservation. Two types of contracts may be offered, depending on the candidate's situation:

- In accordance with Decree No. 2021-1450 of November 4, 2021, relating to the public law post-doctoral contract provided for under Article L. 412-4 of the French Research Code, this type of contract must be awarded no later than three years after the candidate has obtained their doctoral degree.
- A project-based post-doctoral contract: Intended for candidates who completed their doctoral thesis more than three years before the start of the contract.

There are no age or nationality restrictions for applicants.

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HIRING PROCESS

Application deadline : October, 2, 2025 at 4:00 pm (Paris time).

The file must contain the following documents in the order listed below:

1. **Curriculum vitae – Europass** format – of the applicant (**maximum 2 pages**),
2. A cover letter outlining the reasons for applying to the postdoctoral position, signed by the applicant
3. A research proposal of no more than 17,000 characters (including spaces, maximum 5 pages, in French or English; up to two illustrations may be included; the bibliography is counted within the limit); A doctoral seminar proposal (maximum 3 pages); a proposal for a scientific event (roundtable, symposium, etc.; maximum 3 pages).
4. A PhD thesis summary (**maximum 4 pages**),
5. A list of publications
6. A copy of the PhD diploma
7. The doctoral thesis defense report, translated either into French or English
8. The commitment statement from the supervisor of the research project accredited by ED 112 (document available below).
9. The application form duly completed and signed by the applicant (document available below).

The documents must be submitted as a single PDF file addressed to:

Mrs Gaëlle Tallet: dir.jaussen-savignac@univ-paris1.fr

and to the Jaussen & Savignac Center's email address: Sec.jaussen-savignac@univ-paris1.fr

Any submission received past the deadline will be considered inadmissible.

For further information, please contact the programme secretariat: Sec.jaussen-savignac@univ-paris1.fr

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DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT BY THE PROSPECTIVE SUPERVISOR

Je, soussigné(e), (Nom Prénom)

m'engage à être encadrant(e) du projet de recherche de (Nom Prénom du candidat)

s'il (elle) est lauréat(e) d'un contrat post-doctoral à l'ED112.

I, the undersigned, (Full Name), hereby commit to supervising the research project of (Full Name of the applicant) should he/she be awarded a postdoctoral contract at ED112.

Fait à (*signed in*) :

Le (at) :

Signature :

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POSTDOCTORAL CONTRACT APPLICATION FORM

JAUSSEN & SAVIGNAC 2025 APPLICATION CAMPAIGN

To be completed on the digital file, then printed for signature and attached to the application file in PDF format

LAST NAME:

USED NAME:

First name:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Nationality :

Residential address:

Postal code: Town:

Landline:

Mobile phone:

Email address:

Title of the research project:

Jaussen & Savignac Research theme (tick as appropriate):

- ☐ Environnemental Heritage: Oasis Landscape
- ☐ Conservation and Restoration in the Arabian Peninsula
- ☐ Archaeology 2030 : Archaeology and New Technologies
- ☐ Arabian Peninsula: cradle and melting pot of cultures and religions
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Requested supervisor:

Last name:

First name:

Affiliated laboratory:

Joint Research Unit (UMR) Name:

UMR Director (Last name, First name):

Date:

Signature of the applicant: