



Fully funded PhD scholarship with the aim of developing the area of Applied Archaeology in Denmark.

Museum Southeast Denmark and University of Copenhagen are pleased to announce a call for applications for a 3-year fully funded PhD scholarship. The position is part of the research project *The Timeline: Applied Archaeology in Køge Nord* (Tidslinjen. Anvendt Arkæologi i Køge Nord). The position is available from February 1, 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The project

The point of departure for *The Timeline* is the current crisis within development-led archaeology – in Denmark as well as internationally: More excavations are conducted than ever before, but the excavation results are only to a limited degree translated into knowledge directly relevant to contemporary society. Consequently, media and politicians increasingly question the significance and value of statutory excavations. At the same time as the demands for relevance of archaeological knowledge intensify, the economic, administrative and professional framework around development-led excavations make it difficult to live up to these new societal demands. The hypothesis of the project is therefore that the link between development-led archaeology and contemporary society needs to be reconsidered. Can the dialogue between excavations and their community context be strengthened? Can statutory excavations assume a new role in the contemporary society in a way that turns archaeological knowledge into a valuable resource rather than a heavy burden imposed by law?

The urban development in Køge Nord, south of Copenhagen, forms the case study of *The Timeline*. The development of a new neighbourhood in the area obscures the historical dimensions of the landscape and challenges the coherence within the existing communities of the

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area. To solve this *The Timeline* employs a range of experimental initiatives in the area – archaeological research into the creation of communities in the past, *Citizen Science* projects, development of a hiking route with digital mediation and artistic interventions in public spaces – seeking to transform archaeological knowledge into a resource for addressing the challenges created by contemporary development. The aim is to build on the experimental initiatives to formulate a general strategy for an Applied Archaeology applicable in development-led archaeology in Denmark.

The task of the PhD fellow is in this context two-fold: First, we ask the PhD fellow to monitor, evaluate and translate the experiences from the experimental initiatives of the project into a general strategy for Applied Archaeology in Denmark. Second, we ask the PhD fellow to contribute to rethinking existing notions of ‘archaeological knowledge’ by presenting a new suggestion to how development-led archaeology can contribute to contemporary society.

More information about *The Timeline* can be found here (in Danish):

<https://www.museerne.dk/udstillinger-og-projekter/tidslinjen-anvendt-arkaeologi-i-koge-nord/>

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Practical information

The thesis can be delivered in Danish, Swedish, Norwegian or English.

The PhD position is a research education and as part of that it is expected that the PhD candidate follows courses (min 30 ECTS) as well as a research stay at a university abroad (min 3 months). Furthermore, the PhD fellow has six months of work obligation, partly at the university (e.g. teaching) and partly at the museum (e.g. organizing various activities in relation to the project).

The candidate will be employed at Museum Southeast Denmark and enrolled at Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen with associate professor Tim Flohr Sørensen as main supervisor. The working place will be shared between the museum and the university.

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The position includes 3 years full-time employment (37 hours per week) beginning at February 1, 2022 or as soon as possible hereafter. Salary and terms of employment follows the AC agreement of the Danish State (<https://modst.dk/media/34201/043-19.pdf>) (in Danish).

Qualifications

We expect you to hold a degree (MA, cand.mag or mag.art) in archaeology, heritage studies, ethnology or other relevant studies.

As a minimum you should be able to understand and read Danish as the majority of the relevant research material will be available in Danish only. The ability to write Danish is an advantage but not a requirement.

We welcome all qualified applicants irrespective of your personal background, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability or ethnicity.

How to apply

The written application should contain:

- Cover letter (max. 2400 characters, incl. spaces), where you describe your motivation for applying for the PhD position
- Project description (max 12.000 characters, incl. spaces, not including bibliography)
The project description is a detailed description of how you plan your project. Please include a description of how you will gather your data; how you see it translated into a strategy that make archaeological knowledge relevant; which problems in Danish development-led archaeology does the proposed strategy aim at solving.

In other words:

- Description of the method and theory of the proposed project
- Presentation of the background and focus of the proposed project

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- Presentation of perspectives of the study in relation to the possibilities of Applied Archaeology in Denmark.
- Curriculum Vitae (max. 4800 characters, incl. spaces) and list of publications
We recommend that you use the Curriculum Vitae briefly to describe how your educational background and experience enable you to fulfil the proposed project and how your qualifications contribute to the completion of *The Timeline*.
- Copy of relevant diplomas
- Time schedule for the proposed project, including a suggested plan for teaching and research stay abroad (max. 2400 characters, incl. spaces)
- Budget (in case the proposed project includes expenses beside the salary and the travel grant (30.000 DKK) provided by the project)

The application should be sent as pdf in one file to job@museerne.dk, please put “Timeline – PhD” in the subject line, November 1, 2021 23:59 (GMT+1) at the latest.

The recruitment process

The candidate will be selected by a committee consisting of participants from Museum Southeast Denmark, University of Copenhagen and the project group of *The Timeline*.

The criteria are (in order of priority):

1. The quality of the proposed PhD project and its feasibility
2. The applicant’s qualifications for completing the proposed project
3. The applicant’s general qualifications, experience and knowledge within research areas covered by *The Timeline*.
4. Grades from BA and Postgraduate.

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