3 Year CDA (Collaborative Doctoral Award) PhD Studentship available October 2019

**Department:** Archaeology & Ancient History (SAAH)

**Supervisors:** Professor Colin Haselgrove and Professor David Mattingly (SAAH) and Professor Chris Howgego and Professor Chris Gosden (Oxford).

**Eligibility:** UK/EU applicants only – eligibility criteria applies.

We are looking for an excellent, highly promising and appropriately qualified student who will embrace the opportunity to bring together academic research with experience and training in a leading British museum. We want to encourage the widest range of potential students to study for a CDP studentship and are committed to welcoming students from different backgrounds to apply for our studentships.

NB. All applicants must meet the AHRC’s academic criteria and residency requirements. See [https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/research/researchfundingguide/](https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/research/researchfundingguide/)

Candidates should:

1. Hold or be expecting to obtain a Master’s degree in Archaeology or a related discipline at good merit level or above. Alternatively Doctoral applicants who have not completed a research preparation master’s degree may also be considered if they hold a UK Bachelor Degree at 2:1 Hons or better (or overseas equivalent) and can demonstrate that they have equivalent experience that has prepared them for doctoral research in line with AHRC guidelines. [https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/research/researchfundingguide/](https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/research/researchfundingguide/)

2. Be a resident of the UK or European Economic Area (EEA).
3. In general, full studentships are available to students who are settled in the UK and have been ordinarily resident for a period of at least three years before the start of postgraduate studies. Fees-only awards are generally available to EU nationals resident in the EEA. International applicants are normally not eligible to apply for this studentship.

The student will require a good understanding of the archaeology of Iron-Age and/or Roman Britain pursued at the level of a good Master’s degree and will need to have, or to develop:

- a good knowledge of both Iron Age and Roman numismatics, and associated methodologies.
- a basic understanding of developments in Digital Humanities, including Linked Open Data.
- the IT skills to analyse complex data, including through GIS.
- the skills to present their research through seminar and other research presentations, but also through a display in the Ashmolean Museum, as mentored by the Museum’s curatorial staff.

**Project Title:** The Iron Age to Roman Transition in Britain from the Perspective of Coin Hoards

**Project Description:** The later Iron Age in Britain is a period of social change, as clearly evidenced in alterations in technologies and material culture. This is also the period in which the first coins appear,
imported from Gallic neighbours across the Channel, and later minted locally across southern Britain; such material provides a major source of information on Iron Age society, trade, religious beliefs, and continental contacts. Many aspects of Iron Age coinage are still poorly understood, but they combine aspects of ‘money’ since they have standardized weight and metal composition; they exhibit complex and localized iconography; and they are generally deposited in careful ways, probably as part of a broad ‘sacrificial’ economy. This PhD studentship will take as its focus this last aspect, examining and interpreting hoards deposited in a time of major cultural change, namely the late Iron Age to Roman transition in Britain.

The studentship is a collaborative venture between the University of Leicester and the Ashmolean Museum at the University of Oxford.

**Funding details:** This studentship will be a fully-funded three-year doctoral grant for 2019–22 and is funded through the AHRC's Collaborative Doctoral Partnership (CDP) scheme. See [http://www.ahrc-cdp.org/about/](http://www.ahrc-cdp.org/about/)

**Entry requirements:**

Applicants should hold or be expecting to obtain a Master’s degree in Archaeology or a related discipline at good merit level or above. The University of Leicester English language requirements apply where applicable. (See also AHRC Eligibility requirements above)

**How to apply:**

You should submit your application for a PhD in Archaeology and Ancient History, using our online application system.

In the funding section of the application please indicate you wish to be considered for the AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Studentship: “The Iron Age to Roman Transition in Britain”.

In the proposal section, please provide the names of the supervisor and project cited above.

**Applicants should upload to the online application:**

1. A Curriculum Vitae
2. A Personal Statement of 1,000–1,500 words. This should identify how your current academic interests relate to the doctoral project and explain your reasons for wishing to undertake this research. It can also outline how you might wish to refine the project so as to meet specific research aims of your own.
3. Copies of your degree certificates and transcripts.
4. For applicants who still have to complete their Master’s programme, a letter from their course coordinator predicting the expected degree result. (add this to the transcript section)
5. Two academic references or include the contact details of your referees in the relevant section. Please ask you two referees to submit their references by 8 April as these must be submitted for you to be considered.

**Submission of application**

In the funding section of the application please indicate you wish to be considered for the AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Studentship: “The Iron Age to Roman Transition in Britain”. In the proposal section please provide the names of the supervisor and project cited above.

Only complete applications received, with both references, by the deadline, can be considered.

**Further Information**
For informal enquiries relating to studentship, please contact Professor Colin Haselgrove (cch7@le.ac.uk) or Professor Chris Howgego (chris.howgego@ashmus.ox.ac.uk).

Questions regarding the application process should be addressed to pgradmissions@le.ac.uk

Further information about the School of Archaeology & Ancient History is available at: https://le.ac.uk/archaeology

For questions relating to the CDP programme within Oxford University Museums please contact Dr Harriet Warburton, harriet.warburton@glam.ox.ac.uk.

Further information about Oxford University Museums is available at: https://www.glam.ox.ac.uk/home

The deadline for applications is 8 April 2019. Interviews will be held on 29 April 2019. The doctorate will commence in October 2019.