



**University
of Basel**

PhD student position (100%) in Classical Archaeology (4 years)

The Department of Ancient Civilizations of the University of Basel invites applications for one **PhD position (100%) in Classical Archaeology (4 years)** within the new SNSF-funded research project "**Rethinking Collapse: the Fall of Sybaris (ca. 510 BC) and the Transformation of Greek Colonial Space**". For further information, please see: <https://francavilla.philhist.unibas.ch/de>

Deadline for application: **April 15, 2022.**

Beginning of the position: **June 01, 2022** (ideally).

The interviews are expected to take place on **Thursday, April 21, 2022, online** via Zoom.

The project

Under the influence of contemporary experiences, research in cultural studies has, for several years now, been increasingly focusing on the end of cultural systems, on the ruptures and discontinuities that determine the history of humankind to this day. While scholarly interest focuses predominantly on contemporary developments in a global context, the historical perspective is only recently becoming the object of scientific research. The SNSF project '**Rethinking Collapse: the Fall of Sybaris (ca. 510 BC) and the**

Transformation of Greek Colonial Space' housed at the Institute of Classical Archaeology at the University of Basel (PI: Martin A. Guggisberg) seeks to advance the current debate in ancient studies, by taking an innovative, multidisciplinary look at one specific case study, the downfall of Sybaris (ca. 510 BC), the wealthiest colony of the Greek Archaic world. Sybaris and its hinterland, the Sibaritide, are best suited for this project, because we have at our disposal both a detailed written historical tradition (Herodotus/Diodorus) and an excellent archaeological baseline. Moreover, thanks to our own long-standing fieldwork in the Macchiabate necropolis of Francavilla Marittima, which is situated nearby, we possess detailed knowledge of the entire region and the scientific network necessary to successfully complete our research.

PhD Position in Classical Archaeology (4 years)

The PhD student will be fully funded for a period of four years, be registered as a PhD student at the University of Basel, and work in the Department of Ancient Civilizations. The PhD dissertation project will be devoted to Attic pottery imports of the late 6th and early 5th cent. BC in the Sibaritide and the adjacent regions of the Arco Ionico and its impact to the cultural-historical process of transformation in the region. The chance finds of at least two Attic vessels in the Macchiabate necropolis in 2020 is of particular importance since the Attic pottery seems to be sparsely distributed in the Sibaritide.

- Duration: 4 years
- Salary: approx. 50'000 Swiss francs (€ 47'500 or \$ 54,500) / year

Your position

The PhD project will concentrate essentially on the already published find material from the area of interest. It will catalogue and classify these items, as well as contextualize them historically. The evaluation will be carried out in cooperation with other subprojects. In addition, the PhD student will participate in the excavation and will include the Attic pottery expected to be found in this context in his/her dissertation.

Your profile

Applicants should hold a very good Master's degree in Classical Archeology or related fields (Master's thesis is expected to be completed by the start of the position), demonstrate if possible some experience with Greek ceramics, be highly motivated to conduct innovative transdisciplinary research at the intersections of Classical Archaeology, Ancient History, Digital Humanities and Geoarchaeology, have an excellent command of at least one of the following three languages, Italian, German or English, and be able to work autonomously within an internationally and institutionally diverse environment.

We offer you

A stimulating research environment at the Department of Ancient Civilizations, housing one of the world's leading research libraries in Classical Studies and many international collaborations. The Institute of Classical Archaeology hosts the 'Francavilla Marittima Macchiabate project' (<https://francavilla.philhist.unibas.ch/de/>) directed by Prof. Dr. Martin A. Guggisberg since 2009. The salary and the conditions of employment will be those of the University of Basel.
<https://francavilla.philhist.unibas.ch/de/>

Application / Contact

We look forward to receiving your complete application via the online application portal of the university (see button below). Applicants should submit a motivation letter, a current CV (including a list of publications if applicable), a text sample of a research paper (MA-thesis or other), and a copy of their academic degrees until **April 15th, 2022**. Please also indicate the name and address of two possible referees. Applications that are not submitted via the University's online application portal will not be considered. Questions about the position can be addressed to Prof. Dr. Martin Guggisberg, Department of Ancient Civilizations, University of Basel, Petersgraben 51, CH - 4051 Basel (martin-a.guggisberg@unibas.ch) or to MA Marta Billo-Imbach (marta.imbach@unibas.ch).

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