

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The **ERC Advanced Grant Project 741520 *Locus Ludi. The Cultural Fabric of Play and Games in Classical Antiquity***, led by the PI Véronique Dasen, is now accepting applications for **one research assistant with doctoral position** (100%) starting on 01/10/2018.

**Location:** University of Fribourg, in co-direction with the University of Bretagne Sud (Prof. Dominique Frere)

**Contract duration:** 100% 3 years, with a possible extension to four years.

### Main task

The research assistant (PhD student) will work on a dissertation topic related to the project. She/he will be involved in the subproject about the distribution of gaming device in the Roman provinces, with a series of case studies in Roman Gauls and Germania. Work will focus on objects in context (such as dice, knucklebones, counters). The main duties consist in collecting extensively the material, analysed in its archaeological and cultural context (public or private spaces), feeding a database with data according to an unified template in order to create a typo-chronology; analysing the material in order to detect social and cultural interactions and comparing with the material from other sites in the Roman world (in particular Herculaneum and Pompeii) ; the development of keywords for search purposes; contributing to the organisation of workshops, public events, and scientific conferences; presenting regularly the results of the research; the preparation of relevant publications.

### Activities

The main activities will be:

- to scrutinise archaeological corpora, visit and study in museum reserves and archive,
- to compare with written and iconographic sources;
- to feed regularly the database;
- to analyse the data;
- to take an active part to the scientific activities of the team: seminars, workshops, conferences, summer schools, etc., and to their organisation;
- to present regularly the progress of the research;
- to maintain the website and a scientific blog;

### Requirements

- training and research experience in the field of Roman and Roman Provincial archaeology, ancient history;
- good knowledge of Roman iconography, as well as of classical philology (Greek and Latin);
- good knowledge of digital humanities;
- very good command of French and English, and at least good comprehension of written German and Italian;
- advanced teamwork skills.

**Professional environment**

The research assistant will work under the direction of the Principal Investigator of the Locus Ludi project, namely Véronique Dasen. She/he will work with the whole team, which includes the senior researcher, Ulrich Schädler, specialist of board games.

**Degree required**

Applicants should hold a Master degree in the field of Archaeology, Ancient History, or equivalent.

For further details on the position, contact  
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Deadline for submission: 15/05/2018

Applicants are requested to submit:

- Curriculum Vitae (5-6 pages max.)
- Motivation letter (1 p.)
- PDF of the Master dissertation and of the final report of the Commission.

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