

PhD Scholarship in Archaeozoology

University of Cantabria - Instituto Internacional de Investigaciones Prehistóricas de Cantabria (Santander, Spain)

The Instituto Internacional de Investigaciones Prehistóricas de Cantabria invites applications for a 3-year PhD scholarship in Archaeozoology and Palaeoeconomy of Late Glacial human groups in the northern Iberian Peninsula under the supervision of Dr. Ana B. Marín-Arroyo and co-supervision of Prof. Manuel R. Gonzalez-Morales (IIIPC) and Prof. Lawrence G. Straus (University of New Mexico, USA)

The PhD scholarship is advertised within a research program on “Economic adaptations in a stressful environment. The Cantabrian Region as a refugium during the Last Glacial Maximum” undertaken by the supervisors. The main objective of this research program is to study the economic behaviour of hunter-gatherer groups during the Last Glacial Maximum in different ecological settings and to reconstruct their responses to the climatic changes that took place at that time. The PhD project will involve the analysis of the unpublished early Magdalenian faunal assemblages from El Mirón Cave in the Cantabrian Cordillera and comparison with other contemporaneous regional sites.

The PhD scholarship will be financed annually up to a maximum of three years. The recipient will have a contract as a PhD student at the University of Cantabria. The candidate who is awarded the scholarship must commence his/her contract at the beginning of January 2013. The successful candidates must hold a Master degree in Archaeology/Archaeozoology or any related topic with this position and have proven prior experience in archaeozoological analysis on Palaeolithic assemblages. Previous research experience in the period of study will be evaluated positively. Fluency in either English is required and basic level competency in Spanish is recommended.

The PhD scholar will be included in a research group with senior and postdoc researchers and other PhD students already working on various specific projects within the institute's general research programme. Participation in the projected excavation campaign at El Mirón Cave in June & July 2013 would be strongly recommended.

The candidate must have Spanish nationality or from any other member state of the European Union or from a state for which, under the international treaties established by E. U. and ratified by Spain, free movement of workers is permitted. Applicants with different nationality to that mentioned above may also apply if they can prove to be in the possession of a work permit and residence in Spain. The candidate must have a Master in a research field related to this particular announcement. The qualifications issued outside Spain that are intended to be used in this procedure must be in accordance with the current regulations (Management UC Circular No. 134 <http://www.unican.es/iiipc/instituto/Becas+y+Contratos.htm>).

Application Instructions

The candidate must submit to coie.uc@unican.es by **November 14th at 13:00 hours**

- cover letter
- curriculum vitae
- the names and email of two referees
- photocopy of ID or passport
- photocopy of the Master dissertation title
- the next application form www.coie.unican.es/bloques/ofertasuc/impresosolicitud.doc

The shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at the beginning of December (likely by phone or video conference).

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