



LaScArBx

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SENIOR CHAIR

International Call

**for highly qualified and motivated senior scientists
2015 – LaScArBx Cluster of excellence**

Description of the Cluster of excellence

The LaScArBx Cluster of excellence brings together three joint research laboratories (UMR) of the Universities of Bordeaux working in the field of Archaeology (UMR 5607 AUSONIUS, UMR 5199 PACEA, UMR 5060 IRAMAT-CRP2A). Such a range of “archaeological sciences” and covering such a chronological field (Archaeology, History, Prehistory, Classical Studies, Biological Anthropology, Archaeomaterials, Palaeoenvironment, Rock Art, Archaeotechnology).

The LaScArBx’s general objectives and the characteristics of the three associated laboratories are described at: <http://lascarb.labex.u-bordeaux.fr/>

The theme of research of LaScArBx is entitled "**Using the world in ancient societies: process and forms of appropriation of space in Long Time**". This focus on the notion of space is not in itself original (archaeology has always consisted in studying how past societies interacted with their environments, natural or cultural, as well as the consequences of these interactions). However, the chronological scale of the subject (from Prehistory to the Middle Ages and even beyond in certain areas), its spatial extent (across several continents), the diversity and combination of the disciplines and skills carried out to address it in its totality constitute the specific strengths of this project: space is here conceived of in all the senses of the word (environment, place, territory), understood in the long term (in certain cases over tens of millennia) and across the diversity of its interactions with Man, these being documented by the entire range of archaeological sciences.

This theme is channelled through three routes (1. Settlement and territories, 2. Exploitation, innovation, exchange, 3. Expressions of the symbolic and spaces of memory), each of them dealing with the relationship between Man and the space that surrounds him, and in particular the different processes of appropriation of this space that were developed by ancient societies. These themes are described at:

<http://lascarb.labex-univ-bordeaux.fr/Le-programme-scientifique-LaScArBx/r164.html>

Call for applications

LaScArBx Cluster of excellence is offering a Senior Chair (starting January 1st 2015 for a maximum period of three years) attached to one of the associated laboratories (AUSONIUS) while being in close connection with the other two (PACEA and IRAMAT-CRP2A).

We welcome applications worldwide from leading senior researchers. We aim to attract in Bordeaux a creative scientist with an international commitment as well as quality publications in high-impact venues, and showing a strong interest in the development of our interdisciplinary programme. In order to match the programme standards, applicants have to submit an innovative research proposal, dealing with the following topic :

***Gestes techniques, gestes rituels, pratiques sociales/Technical and ritual processes and social practices**

This chair aims at attracting high-profile researchers, with an international background, in order to feed the axis n°2 and n°3 of the LaScArBx (“Exploitation, innovation, exchange” and “Expressions of the symbolic and spaces of memory”) through an investigation focused on ancient (from the Bronze Age to the end of the Roman Empire) and/or medieval societies, the time span covered by the host institution, the laboratory Ausonius (UMR 5607). Research projects must focus on the analysis on an archaeological basis of sequences linked with technical and/or symbolic processes. Cross analysis emphasizing the symbolic aspects of the technical action or the practical aspects of the symbolic action will be favored. Within this range, every topic can be submitted: there is no need to focus on a specific technical (e.g. metallurgy) or symbolic (e.g. sacrifice) activity or even in a specific cultural entity. On the contrary, cross-cultural analysis are warmly welcomed.

The applicant will have to demonstrate that he/she is able to participate to academic teaching, through the organization of seminary and a possible involvement in PhD tutoring.

Location, duration and appointments

Host Laboratory: UMR 5607 AUSONIUS (Bordeaux-Montaigne University)

<http://ausonius.u-bordeaux3.fr>

The duration of the stay is of one year (renewable twice).

In addition to an attractive salary (€64,680 gross per year), the scholar will get a research support package including either a doctoral grant (3 years) or a post-doc grant (2 years) as well as additional funds for operating costs (approximately €10,000 per year).

He/ She will have a personal workspace in the host laboratory and an access to on-campus facilities including technological platforms.

Some participation (12 hours a year) in Master and/or doctoral teaching will be required.

<http://lascarb.xlabex-univ-bordeaux.fr/en/Formation-Higher-education/r268.html>

Eligible applicants

This senior chair is dedicated to a high-level scholar (PhD + 10 years experience at least), French or foreign, with recognized research, who enjoys working in a pluridisciplinary environment and is used to.

Procedure and Timetable

Applicants have to submit a pre-proposal application sent by email to Sylvie Maleret (sylvie.maleret@u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr) **before November 15th 2014**. This pre-proposal application should include the following elements in a single PDF file (single spaced Arial 11):

- a summary of the project (up to 5 pages including the objectives, the rationale and the methodology, highlighting the novelty, originality and feasibility of the project as well as the added value to LaScArBx and the host laboratory)
- a description of past and present research activities (up to 4 pages)
- a CV
- a complete list of publications
- 2 letters of recommendation

The applicants preselected at this stage will be invited for an interview **in December 2014**. The successful applicant is expected to start working in Bordeaux on January 2015, but a later date is possible.