The Department of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology (ACE), University of Liverpool is one of the leading academic departments in the study of the human past. Its 35 academic staff and 65 postgraduate researchers engage in world-leading, interdisciplinary research in prehistoric archaeology (especially of Africa, Southwest Asia and the Mediterranean basin), human evolution and palaeoecology, later British & European prehistory, classical and medieval & post-medieval archaeology. The Department also undertakes world-leading research into the archaeology, languages and cultures of the ancient Near East, the archaeology, language, scripts and culture of Ancient and Roman Egypt, the history, languages and literature of the Greco-Roman world and classical receptions.

We have a significant focus on archaeological and material science - the department’s facilities being substantially expanded in 2015 with the establishment of the Elizabeth Slater Archaeology Research Laboratories and a dedicated research microscopy suite. These are primarily dedicated to GIS and studying the remains of ancient humans, animals plants, lithics and metals.

In the 2014 UK Research Excellence Framework, 100% of the department’s research in Archaeology and 94% in Classics were judged as internationally excellent. The also department hosts the Garstang Museum of Archaeology that includes objects excavated in Egypt, the Aegean, Sudan, the Levant and Anatolia.

ACE is inviting applications from experienced researchers for the 2017 Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships competition (MSCA-IF-2017) - initial deadline of 11 August 2017 for institutional evaluation of applications. Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships provide opportunities for the best and most promising postdoctoral researchers to acquire and transfer new knowledge, and to work on research and innovation in EU Member States and Associated Countries or outside Europe. The scheme also supports the return and reintegration of researchers from outside Europe who have previously worked here. It offers a competitive salary including an allowance covering travel, family and research costs. Full details can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/msca-if-2017.html

Applicants may be of any nationality and age. At the time of the MSCA-IF-2017 call deadline (14/09/2017) applicants must be in possession of a doctoral degree, or have at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience. Applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (e.g. work, studies) in the UK for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the MSCA-IF-2017 call deadline. If the applicant is applying to the career Restart Panel, a modified mobility rule applies - researchers must not have carried out their main activity in the UK for more than 36 months in the 5 years immediately prior to the MSCA-IF-2017 call deadline. Further information about the eligibility/mobility requirements and the assessment criteria is available via the H2020 Guide for MSCA-IF-2017 Applicants: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/guides_for_applicants/h2020-guide-appl-msca-if_en.pdf

Applications should be completed using the templates available for this year’s competition via the EC website. They should be submitted by email to Nick Jackson (njackson@liverpool.ac.uk) by 5pm (UK time) on 11 August 2017. Informal enquiries should be addressed to the Head of Department, Professor Keith Dobney (keith.dobney@liverpool.ac.uk). Following the internal review of applications by the institutional panel, shortlisted candidates will be mentored and supported through the MSCA-IF-2017 application process. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the institutional review panel in the week ending 25 August 2017.