Aix-Marseille Université

MASTER D’ARCHEOLOGIE MARITIME ET LITTORALE

MASTER OF MARITIME AND COASTAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Call for applications for academic years 2023-2025

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French and EU citizens apply via the website Trouver Mon master (Candidater - Trouver mon Master)

Non-EU citizens apply via the website Campus France and the Pastel app (Études en France (diplomatie.gouv.fr))

Further details, please visit our website: https://momarch.hypotheses.org/

Aix-Marseille University opens its eleventh call for applications for the Master in Maritime and Coastal Archaeology. This international Master’s degree of the Department of Archaeology is the winner of the 2013 Académie d’Excellence call for projects and is supported by the French government under the Programme d’Investissements d’Avenir, Initiative d’Excellence d’Aix-Marseille Université - A*MIDEX – Institute of Mediterranean Archaeology - ARKAIA.

The Master’s programme is coordinated by the academic team of the ARKAIA Institute and the Centre Camille Jullian (Aix-Marseille University, CNRS, MCC, Inrap) in direct collaboration with the Department of Research in Subaquatic and Underwater Archaeology (DRASSM) of the Ministry of Culture.

Since 2023, MoMArch is chairing the UNESCO/UNITWIN Network. This international academic network that connects institutions and experts in underwater archaeology. Since 2017, Aix-Marseille University holds the UNESCO Chair in Maritime and Coastal Archaeology.
Objectives of the master

The two-year Master's programme is designed to train high-level international specialists in underwater and subaqueous archaeology, as well as in the archaeology of anthropogenic coastal changes. It aims, in particular, to prepare future archaeologists in the research, protection and management of maritime cultural heritage, and to make them immediately operational, by offering them both theoretical and practical training.

The Master's programme is based on two complementary thematic modules:

- A module devoted to underwater and subaqueous archaeology
- A module devoted to coastal archaeology

The specificity of the course lies in the balance between theoretical and practical teaching.

The theoretical modules allow for an interdisciplinary and diachronic approach (from Prehistory to the Modern era) to issue of maritime, littoral, subaqueous, harbour and coastal archaeology. Students benefit from a series of educational, scientific, technical and material resources from a network associating several CNRS laboratories and specialised research organisations (on archaeology, geosciences, geomorphology, biology, topography, photogrammetry, GIS, conservation, etc.)

Practical training is organised in the form of operational immersion courses (3 months per year), training for professional diving diplomas.

Practical training is provided during internships and dedicated training field schools (3 months per year). The main training courses are the following:

- Professional diving in partnership with the INPP (Institut National de Plongée Professionnelle) to obtain the CAH 0b – underwater archaeology certificate.
- Methods and techniques of archaeological documentation (topography, underwater photography, photogrammetry, GIS etc.)
- Methods and strategies for archaeological excavation in a submerged context
- Methods of preventive conservation of waterlogged archaeological objects
- Initiation on methods of marine geological and geophysical prospections (acoustic mapping, bathymetry, magnetometry etc.)
- Initiation to dissemination of maritime archaeological heritage in partnership with archaeological museums (dissemination and educational activities, exhibitions, etc...)

The Master is covering the costs of participation of the students at the dedicated training field schools organised, as well as the costs for the hyperbaric training to obtain the professional diving certificate CAH 0Bb underwater archaeology in partnership with the National Institute of Professional Diving (INPP, Marseille).
Framework: Direction, teaching team, promotions

**Director:** Jean-Christophe SOURISSEAU (AMU, Director of the Institute of Mediterranean Archaeology ARKAIA)

**Scientific responsible(s):** Jean-Christophe SOURISSEAU (AMU-CCJ, ARKAIA) and Arnaud Schaumasse (Director of DRASSM)

**Scientific coordination:** Kalliopi Baika (AMU-CCJ) and Franca Cibecchini (DRASSM)

**Coordination assistant:** Etienne Courné (AMU-ARKAIA)

**Teaching team:** The teaching is mainly provided by members of the Centre Camille Jullian (AMU, CNRS, Ministry of Culture), the DRASSM (Ministry of Culture), and several CNRS laboratories (Teaching team - MoMArch (Equipe enseignante – MoMArch (hypotheses.org))). Over the years, international guest lecturers from French universities and abroad have given a significant number of lectures within the framework of specific maritime archaeology modules.

The Ipso Facto archaeological research and design office contributes, directed by Mourad El Amouri, contributes to the operational training of students.

**Students:** Each promotion consists of 8 students in *numerus clausus*. On average, four places are reserved for international students.

**Prerequisites**

- Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in archaeology, history, cultural heritage studies or equivalent.
- Previous experience in terrestrial archaeology excavation is highly desirable.
- Candidates must already hold a diving qualification (minimum CMAS Level 2 or equivalent).
- **Courses are taught either in French or in English.** Therefore, a sufficient level of knowledge of both languages is required to follow the courses. Language certificates (at least Level B2 on both languages) is a prerequisite.
Application calendar

**Non-EU Applicants** (except for countries where a French embassy is not existent – in this case they must follow the French-EU-applicants procedure, see below)

1st of October 2022  Opening of the applications process (Études en France (diplomatie.gouv.fr))
Deadline for submission of applications to the ECF (Etudes Campus France) to be determined by the embassy

15th of March 2023  Deadline for ECF interviews and SCAC advice (Service de Coopération et d’Action Culturelle)

30th of April 2023  Deadline for education committees of Institutions and decisions of Institutions. Start of the admission phase: Candidates are notified of the results.

7th of May 2023  Deadline for Embassies’ scholarships committees

15th of May 2023  Deadline for scholarships’ decisions and exemptions from the tuition fees from Universities

31st of May 2023  Deadline of candidates’ decisions (validation of their accepted choices)

**French and EU-Applicants**

1st of February 2023  Opening of the applications process (monmaster.gouv.fr)

22nd of March 2023  Opening of the application platform (monmaster.gouv.fr)

18th of April 2023  **Deadline for submission** of applications (at monmaster.gouv.fr)

16th of June 2023  End of institutional review of applications

23rd of June 2023  Start of the admission phase: decisions of Institutions. Candidates are notified of the results on the platform

21st of July 2023  Deadline of candidates’ decisions (validation of their accepted choices)

**Required documents** (to be uploaded on the application platform during the procedure) – Valid for CampusFrance and monmaster.gouv.fr platforms.

- A detailed CV (including previous archaeological field experiences)
- A copy of university diplomas and transcripts
- A copy of diving diplomas (minimum required level: CMAS level 2 or equivalent) and the associated MoMArch - Diving information document (MoMArch - Fiche de renseignements plongée - link) duly completed – available at MoMArch website in the Call for application page.
- Languages certificates. A sufficient level of knowledge of both languages is required to follow the courses. Language certificates (at least Level B2 the two languages) is a prerequisite.
- A letter of motivation, including your research interests.
- One (or two) letter(s) of recommendation (desirable)
- One or two examples of scientific written work (PDF format), such as:
  - A scientific paper
  - Licence or master dissertation
  - An academic dissertation, an internship report or any other scientific document (any language accepted)

**Tuition fees**

Tuition fees for a Master degree in France are as follows:

- For students from the European Community/EEA countries: 243 euros
- For students from extra-European countries: 3770 euros

However, a number of extra-European countries are excluded from tuition fees.

For exceptions and more information on the tuition fees of Aix-Marseille University, please visit the [official website of Aix-Marseille University](http://www.univ-amu.fr).

**Scholarships for international candidates**

Several scholarships can be considered for international applicants.

1. For different funding opportunities, please visit the Campus France website ([Bursaries for foreign students | Campus France](http://www.campusfrance.org)) or contact Prof. Jean-Christophe Sourisseau ([jean-christophe.sourisseau@univ-amu.fr](mailto:jean-christophe.sourisseau@univ-amu.fr) or [etienne.courne@univ-amu.fr](mailto:etienne.courne@univ-amu.fr)).

2. Scholarships for the MoMArch Master programme

   **2.1 TIGER EXCELLENCE MASTER’S SCHOLARSHIPS**

The [Master MoMArch](http://www.univ-amu.fr) (Master of Maritime and Coastal Archaeology) and the [ARKAIA Institute of Mediterranean Archaeology](http://www.arkaia.org) are pleased to offer two excellence scholarships through the TIGER project ([Transforming and Innovating in Graduate Education via Research](http://www.etnica.org)) funded by the French National Future Investment Plan for its Master program to international candidates applying for September 2023.

The TIGER excellence scholarship covers, for the two selected international students, their two academic years 2023-2025 of the MoMArch Master with up to 10 000 euros per year. It also provides housing in university residence (CROUS), and personalised assistance on accommodation logistics upon arrival in France.
For the Master, there is a *numerus clausus* of 8 students per year, 50% of the positions are reserved for international students. **The TIGER Excellence scholarships are intended for international students who have never been enrolled in a French institution.**

For the 2023-2025 promotion, the closing date for applications for the Master MoMArch (via [monmaster.gouv.fr](http://monmaster.gouv.fr) platform) is the **18th of April 2023**.

For further details of the Master programme (including eligibility and application information), please visit: [https://momarch.hypotheses.org/](https://momarch.hypotheses.org/)

For further details of the TIGER Excellence scholarships, please visit: [https://www.univ-amu.fr/fr/public/bourses-pmi-daix-marseille-universite](https://www.univ-amu.fr/fr/public/bourses-pmi-daix-marseille-universite)

### 2.2 Honor Frost Foundations Master Scholarship

For the 2023-2025 promotion, the MoMArch Master is renewing its partnership with the Honor Frost Foundation which promotes maritime archaeology in the Eastern Mediterranean. This scholarship allows students of **Lebanese or Syrian nationality** to benefit from a scholarship for the two years of training at MoMArch.

**The scholarship covers administration fees, a stipend for living expenses per month (for the two academic years), as well as for limited travel expenses.**

The HFF scholarship opportunity will be offered every year until two excellent candidates are approved by the scientific committee held jointly with the Honor Frost Foundation.

If you wish to apply for the HFF scholarship, besides the MoMArch application, please send directly to Honor Frost Foundation (email: [neelam.s@honorfrostfoundation.org](mailto:neelam.s@honorfrostfoundation.org))

1. A motivation letter
2. A detailed CV (can be the same you will upload for the MoMArch application)

For the 2023-2025 Master course, the closing date for applications is the **18th of April 2023. You must also apply for the Master course separately to the scholarship application.**

For further information: [Maritime Archaeology in the eastern Mediterranean (honorfrostfoundation.org)](https://honorfrostfoundation.org)
The Master of Maritime and Coastal Archaeology is a full-time 2-years programme (total of 120 ECTS). The teaching is spread over four semesters: two semesters of theoretical courses (winter semesters) and one semester of practical training including fieldwork (spring semester). The fourth semester is dedicated to the Masters dissertation and fieldwork.

### MASTER 1

#### SEMESTER 1: SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER

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#### SEMESTER 2: JANUARY-JUNE

**Training course and Field training**

- In the spring semester, the M1 practical training is organised in the framework of training courses as well as systematic underwater fieldwork operations organised exclusively for MoMArch students, in order to ensure an operational training of all students in the main methods of prospecting, excavation and post-excavation practices, as well as in new techniques and methodologies applied to maritime and coastal archaeology.
During semester 2: professional diving training in partnership with the National Institute of Professional Diving (INPP, Marseille). Objective: to obtain the hyperbaric aptitude certificates class 0B mention b - underwater archaeology.

Master 1 dissertation

The students will work on their Master 1 dissertation, that they will defend at the end of June.

Evaluation in June of the M1 master dissertation (in French or in English) presented to the scientific committee (in French or in English).

Deliberations of the committee and publication of the results in mid-July.

June-September: possibility of participating in other fieldwork operations and maritime or coastal excavations and surveys proposed to the students according to their scientific interests.
**MASTER 2**

**SEMESTER 3 : SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER**

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**SEMESTER 4: JANUARY-JUNE**

From mid-January to the end of June

- The 4th semester is dedicated to the Master 2 dissertation.
- Participation to an underwater archaeological excavation organised exclusively for MoMArch students.

**Evaluation in June** of the M2 Master dissertation (in French or in English) presented to the scientific committee (in French or in English).

**Deliberations of the committee and publication of the results in mid-July.**