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THE NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY FOUNDATION

Invites applications for the

Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 40th Anniversary Grant-in-Aid for 2027

A research award of up to A\$5,000 to support research into the archaeology of Egypt, Cyprus or Western Asia.

This unique Grant-in-Aid is offered to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation.

Highlights

Value	Eligibility	Open date	Closing date
Up to A\$5,000	- Applicants must be an Honours student, a student undertaking a Higher Degree or a post-doctoral Early Career researcher. Applicants must be part of an Australian or New Zealand University as a student, researcher, tutor, research assistant or affiliate or have held such a position within the last ten years. - The applicant is seeking funding support for specific research into the archaeology of Egypt, Cyprus or Western Asia in 2027. - The applicant can demonstrate that their project requires research funding support for fieldwork, travel, and/or laboratory analyses and/or publication.	1/9/2026	30/10/2026

Background

The *Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 40th Anniversary Grant-in-Aid* is to assist an eligible candidate to pursue research in the archaeology of Egypt, Cyprus or Western Asia in 2027.

Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 40th Anniversary

This unique grant is offered to honour the 40th anniversary of NEAF, forming part of celebrations recognizing the success of the Foundation over its forty-year history.

Benefits of this Award

The *Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 40th Anniversary Grant-in-Aid* will have a maximum value of up to A\$5,000. The exact value of the grant will be outlined in the recipient's Award Offer Letter.

Terms and conditions

1. Background

- a. The Grant-in-Aid is to assist eligible candidates to pursue research in the archaeology of Egypt, Cyprus or Western Asia in 2027.

2. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must be an Honours student, a student undertaking a Higher Degree or a post-doctoral Early Career researcher. Applicants must be part of an Australian or New Zealand University as a student, researcher, tutor, research assistant or affiliate or have held such a position within the last ten years. If the applicant is a student, they must be enrolled at their university in 2027.
- b. Applicants must be undertaking research in the archaeology of Egypt, Cyprus or Western Asia in 2027.
- c. Applicants must be applying for funding for a specific research project.
- d. Applicants must be applying for funding for expenses and support which can be planned for prior to spending.

3. Selection criteria

- a. The *Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 40th Anniversary Grant-in-Aid* will be awarded based on:
 - I. Academic merit
 - II. Letter of Application
 - III. Curriculum vitae
 - IV. Detailed budget
 - V. Reference from one academic referee (for enrolled students, the reference must be from their academic supervisor).
- b. Preference will be given to applicants experiencing financial disadvantage.
- c. The award will be determined by the Director of the Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation, or their nominated delegate(s).

4. Value

- a. The *Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 40th Anniversary Grant-in-Aid* will have a maximum value of \$5,000. The exact value of the award will be outlined in the recipient's Award Offer Letter.
- b. The award value will be paid in early 2027 as a lump sum payment on receipt of the Acceptance Form.
- c. The award can be deferred and/or suspended for up to one year with prior written approval from the Director of the Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation.
- d. The award will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
- e. No other amount is payable.

5. Reporting

- a. Recipients of the *Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 40th Anniversary Grant-in-Aid* are required to provide a written report to NEAF on the progress of their project within 12 months of accepting the Award.
- b. Reporting on the *Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 40th Anniversary Grant-in-Aid* (including recipient names, affiliation, and a summary of their work made possible through the Award) will be shared publicly via NEAF and The University of Sydney, as applicable.

6. Termination

- a. The award will be terminated if the recipient:
 - I. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their award application, or
 - II. does not undertake the travel for which the funds have been approved within the required time frame.
- b. Once the award has been terminated, it will not be reinstated unless due to University error.
- c. Where a recipient is found guilty of serious misconduct or the award is terminated under any instance in the Termination Clause of these terms and conditions, the University reserves the right to request that any Scholarship funds paid to the award recipient be reimbursed.

7. Grant Guidelines

Please visit the NEAF website/grants for specific requirements for the grant

<https://neaf.sydney.edu.au/grants-and-scholarships/>

How to Apply

Applications for the *Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation 40th Anniversary Grant-in-Aid* should be emailed to the NEAF email address below by the closing date of **Friday 30th October 2026** and must include the following:

- Letter of Application
- Detailed budget and itinerary, including travel plans where appropriate. Include an itemized budget justification.
- Current resume (maximum 2 pages)
- One reference provided in support of the applicant's submission (note: for PhD candidates, one of these must be from the applicant's PhD supervisor)

Contacts:

Email address for applications: neaf@archaeology@sydney.edu.au

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