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**3-year fully funded PhD position in Archaeology
Archaeological Networks on the Middle Niger**

Application deadline: 20 April 2019

We are looking for a PhD candidate to join an exciting, new, and experimental project in the archaeology of West Africa. Our team, composed of archaeologists and linguists, will be attempting to reconstruct contact and exchange along the Niger River (500 – 1500 AD) using archaeological finds and loan words. This project offers the opportunity for a three-year fully funded PhD in Archaeology.

The candidate will create and evaluate a database of published finds from Mali, Niger, Benin and Nigeria, and then create a social network model of contact between the sites of the period in question. This will be the first application of Social Network Analysis to archaeology in West Africa. We are looking for an individual who is eager to experiment with and learn new digital techniques. The position is thus mainly suited to an archaeologist with an interest in data science, but we will also consider applicants from a data science background, provided they can show a strong interest and previous involvement in archaeology.

The candidate will need at least basic French language skills.

For further enquiries and details on the application process, please contact
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