

**NEAR EAST RESEARCH ASSISTANT
ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME POSITION**

The University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (Penn Museum) is searching for a Near East Research Assistant to assist in the digitizing and publishing of the primary documentation for Sir Leonard Woolley's excavations at the site of Ur in present-day Iraq.

Based at the Penn Museum and reporting to the Near East Project Manager, the Research Assistant will undertake a number of tasks related to the planning phase of the Ur Project as funded by the Leon Levy Foundation.

Duties will include:

- 1) Working with the Keeper of the Near East Collections, the Babylonian Section, and the Registrar's Office to survey, correct, and enhance data related to the objects from Ur in the Museum's KE EMu collections management database.
- 2) Working with the Keeper of the Near East Collections and the Conservation Department to conduct a conservation assessment of the objects from Ur in the Penn Museum.
- 3) Working with the Penn Museum Archives to audit excavation documentation and compare what is in the Penn Museum Archives with those records found in the British Museum's Department of the Middle East and Central Archives.
- 4) Working with the Near East Project Manager to determine what excavations records may exist in the National Museum of Iraq in Baghdad and whether they duplicate or supplement records located in the British Museum in London and/or the Penn Museum in Philadelphia.

The successful candidate will have a BA or MA in Near East Archaeology or a closely related discipline. The position will run for one calendar year from the date of hire and pays a salary of \$30,000 plus benefits. The deadline to apply is **October 1, 2011**. All applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three references to the Chair of the Search Committee:

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