

MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology): Priority Research Areas.

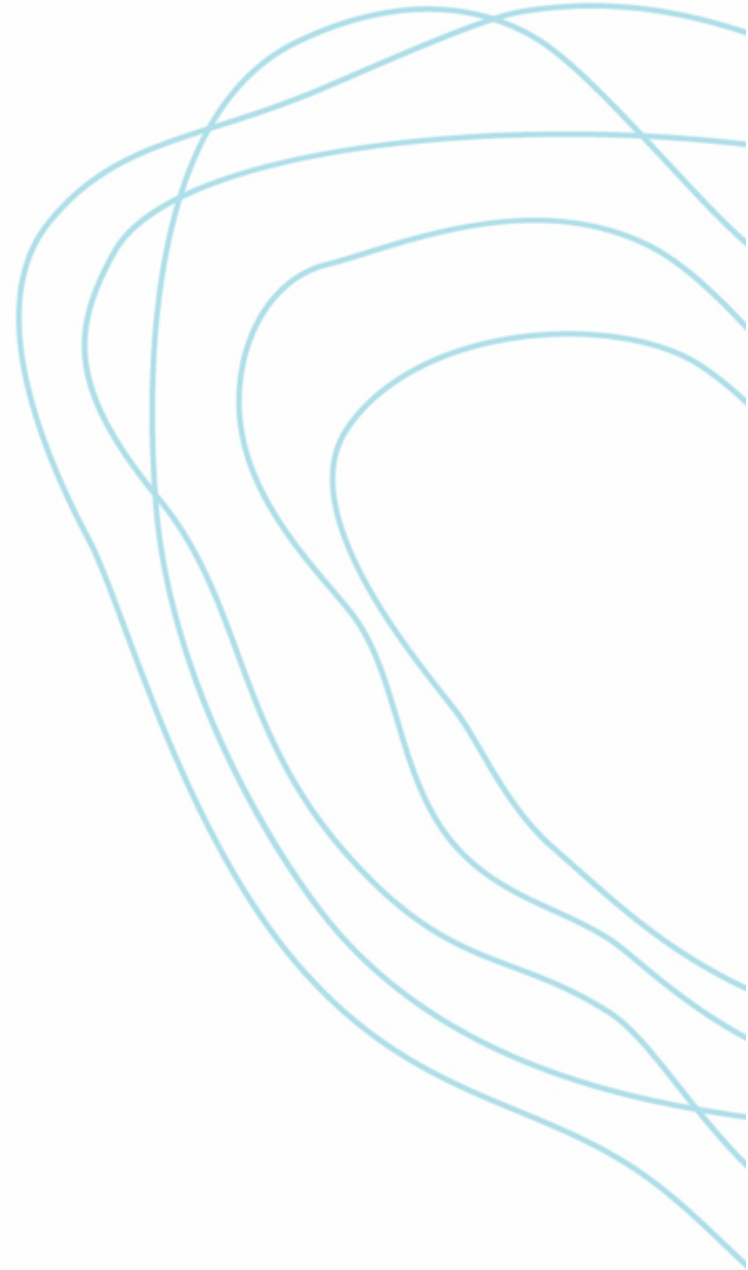
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About MOLA.

From our early beginnings in the 1970s, as a team of archaeologists at the Museum of London, we have grown to become one of the UK's leading archaeology and built heritage practices. Today, we have over 400 archaeological professionals and specialists working across the country, based in London, Northampton and Stansted.

After being a department of the Museum of London (now the London Museum) for many years, we became an independent educational charity in 2011, and MOLA was granted Independent Research Organisation (IRO) status in 2014.

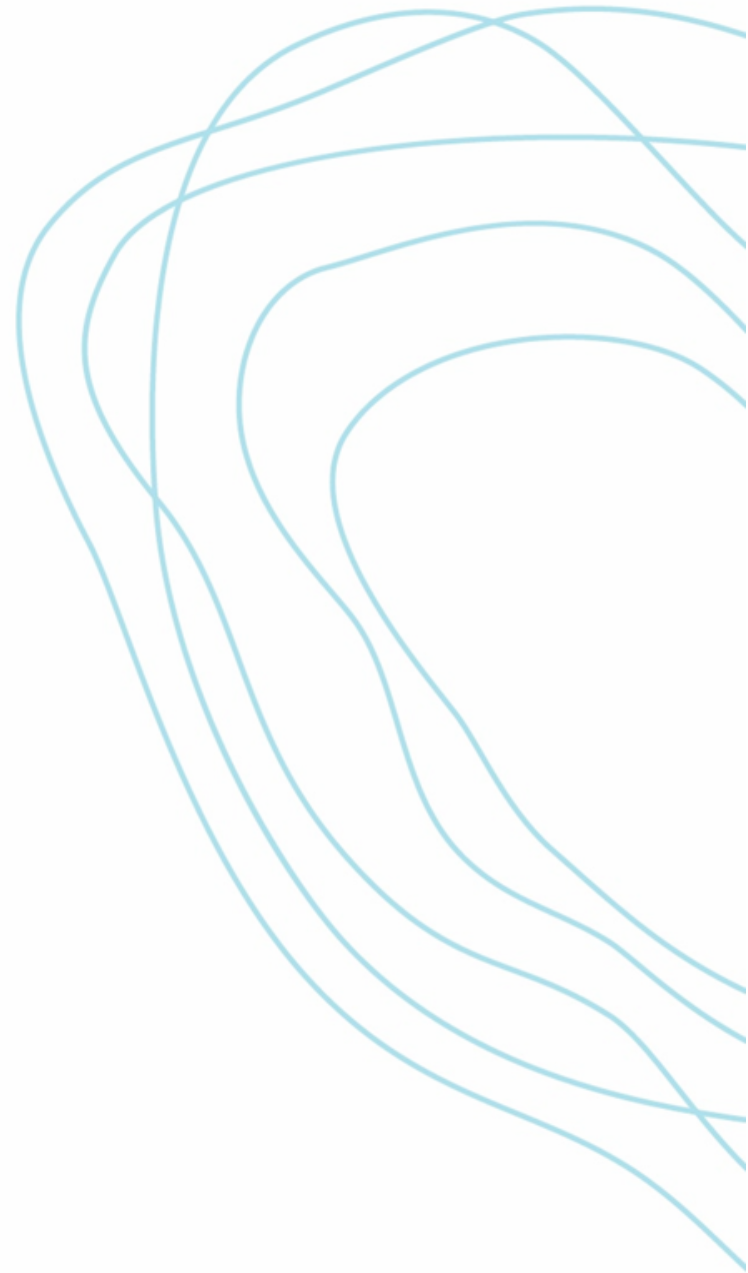


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Four strategic areas of research interest provide a framework for individual project proposals in this call:

1. Thinking beyond the site: data and synthesis:

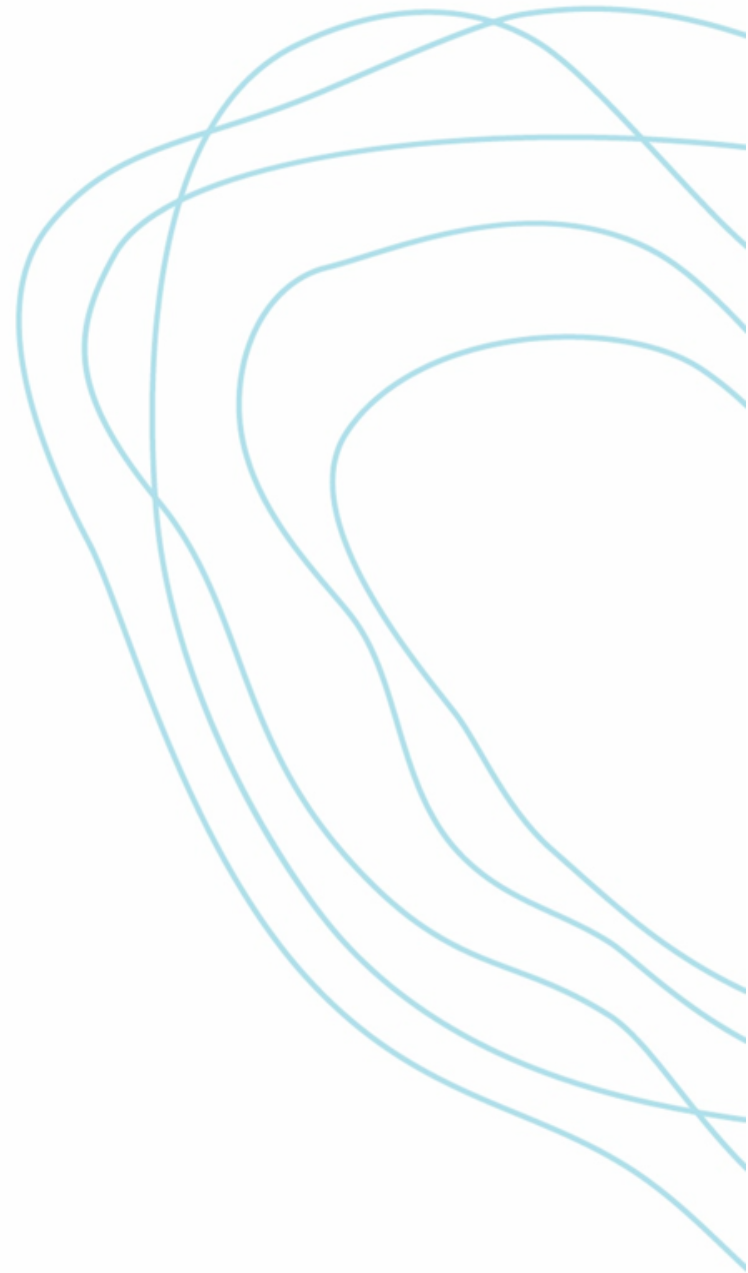
- Taking advantage of the data generated by MOLA's complex projects, with wide temporal and geographical reach;
- The scale of different kinds of data available for study;
- Our exceptional body of staff with relevant expertise.



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2. Sustainability, ecology, and the environment:

- Intersections of environmental archaeology;
- Modelling and mapping of ecological and environmental change, land use, geoarchaeology;
- Contemporary concerns for climate action and sustainability.



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3. New futures for archaeology:

- Applying a creative and speculative lens to archaeology as a field of research, practice and interpretation;
- Archaeology's contribution to the Anthropocene, to wellbeing, to what a de-colonised development-led archaeology might entail;
- Alternative approaches to storytelling, to citizen leadership in research and public engagement;
- Innovations with visual and sensorial practices, helping conceive radically different futures for the discipline.



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4. Digital, data and archives for collective benefit, and immersive and interactive production:

- Priming data and their infrastructures (FAIR: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable);
- Utilising primed data to experiment with outputs that support social, emotive, reflective, climate accountable, sustainable outcomes that draw on the affordances of the digital.



Research at MOLA.

Applicants should consider how they can contribute to our wider research culture, e.g. participating in our Research Groups (themes: Thinking Beyond the Site: data and synthesis; Sustainability, Ecology, and the Environment; and New Futures for Archaeology) and our AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Partnership students, shaping the future direction of research at MOLA.

A successful fellow will consider how their research can generate impact beyond MOLA and archaeology more widely. They will have the opportunity to apply for funding to work with colleagues and external partners to further develop their research impact through our AHRC Impact Accelerator Account, enabling archaeology to deliver greater benefits for society.

MOLA's research is rooted in practice, and we are interested in applicants who can combine academic research with a practitioner background, and place value on candidates' experience in archaeological/heritage practice and community engagement, as well as academic qualifications.



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