



ARKAIA



Bring together all those involved in archaeology on the Aix-Marseille site

Founded in 2020, the Institute for Mediterranean archaeology (ARKAIA) is a focal point for research and training skills in archaeology and archaeosciences at Aix Marseille Université. It examines the terrestrial and maritime Mediterranean spaces diachronically, from prehistory to recent times, bringing together the material and human capacities of the archaeology laboratories of the Mediterranean centre for social sciences and humanities (MMSH) and teams developing innovative approaches in bio- and geosciences (palaeoenvironments and palaeoclimates, geochemistry, dating, etc.), biological anthropology and engineering sciences and techniques (3D, acoustics, etc.). Today, the ARKAIA institute is the main contact for supporting and promoting the actions of its community internationally and in the socio-economic world.

Forming a community

**14 research
units**

4 faculties

**2 doctoral
schools**

**more than
350 staff**

**more than
145 students
(master's
and PhD)**

**Land and marine
heritage**

Material cultures

Paleoenvironment

**Bioarchaeology
and archaeometry**

Archaeothanatology

Diachrony



Bringing disciplines closer together

Humanities

Environment

Health and life sciences

Science and technology

Shared facilities

Incentive calls for projects

Chateau d'Hyères - photo credit: Lionel Roux - CNRS



Training through and for research

Archaeological digs in France and throughout the Mediterranean

Immersive internships granted in research teams

Practical training programmes in collaboration with the socio-economic world

Acting internationally

Multiple opportunities for student mobility

Strong academic partnerships on both sides of the Mediterranean

Coordination of a Unesco Unitwin network



Gyptis - photo credit: Loic Damelet - CNRS

Strengthening partnerships

- Universities, research centres and public institutions responsible for heritage in France and Mediterranean countries
- French schools abroad and network of research institutes of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Preventive archaeology operators
- Museums
- Associations and foundations

Videos



Watch the institute's animated film



The institute as seen by its members

Our executive office

The entire governance team: <https://url.univ-amu.fr/institut-arkaia-gouvernance>



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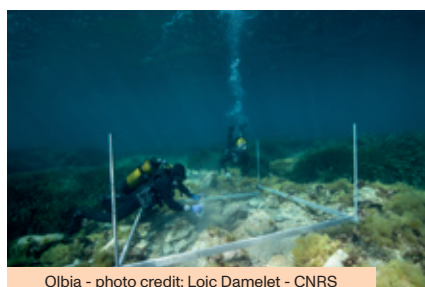
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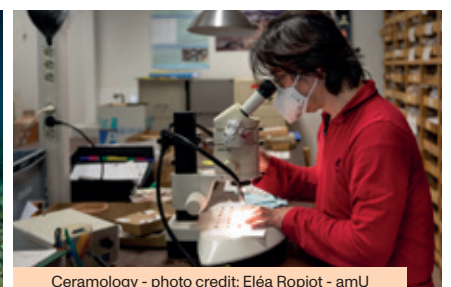
Thaenae (Tunisia) - photo credit: Marine Mazzei



Lithic - photo credit: Jean Fondacci



Olbia - photo credit: Loïc Damelet - CNRS



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Training at ARKAIA



*Training for, through and in research, with
continuity from master's to doctorate level*



Our training ecosystem

Epave de Paragan - photo credit: Lionel Roux - CNRS

**more than 100
master's students***

**around 45 PhD
students***

4 key masters

4 partner faculties

Mediterranean centre for social
sciences and humanities (MMSH)

Faculty of arts, letters, languages
and humanities (ALLSH)

Faculty of medical and paramedical
sciences (SMPM)

Pythéas Institute - Observatory for the
sciences of the Universe (OSU Pythéas)

**2 partner doctoral
schools**

Spaces, cultures,
societies (ED 355)

Environmental
sciences (ED 251)

**1 interdisciplinary
PhD programme**

Maritime and coastal
archaeology (MoMArch)

Classical archaeology of ancient,
medieval and modern worlds

Territories, people, societies: cultural
and naturalistic approaches

Forensic anthropology and
archaeoethnology

* These figures include students enrolled in master's
specialisations affiliated with the institute and PhD
students enrolled in our partner doctoral schools.

Explore our
full range of
training offers:





Anthropology - photo credit: Pascal Druelle - Inrap

Our key actions since 2020

Field schools and host sites in France and abroad

18 archaeological host sites

Seasonal schools with theoretical and practical sessions in the field

2 archaeological field schools

Immersion internships in a research environment lasting from 4 to 16 weeks

6 international seasonal schools

Proposing interdisciplinary theses & building a PhD programme

60 internships granted

2 interdisciplinary theses

Special support for foreign master's, PhD and postdoctoral students

55 international mobilities

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« Thanks to the institute's "Mediterranean sites mobility" scheme, I took part in three excavations at the site of the Greek colony of Megara Hyblaea, in Sicily, to establish the body of material studied and prepare my Master's thesis. It was an excellent opportunity to supplement the theory taught at university with practical experience. »



Fiona Cornet

Master's student in "Archaeology, sciences for archaeology" at Aix Marseille Université

Our international training initiatives

CIVIS alliance,
European civic university

1 Palaeolithic archaeology master's degree in international partnership with the Eberhard Karls Universität (Tübingen) and the Università degli studi di Roma - La Sapienza

Mediterranean training sites

in partnership with French schools abroad: France, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Malta, Tunisia...

Cooperation initiatives with Maghreb countries

Research at ARKAIA



*Bringing together the strengths in archaeology
of the Aix-Marseille site to consolidate
our international scientific position*



Our research ecosystem

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14 research units

Humanities

- Camille Jullian centre (CCJ)
- Institute for research on ancient architecture (IRAA)
- Laboratory for Mediterranean medieval and modern archaeology (LA3M)
- Ancient and medieval Mediterranean texts and documents (TDMAM)

Environment

- European research and teaching centre in environmental geosciences (CEREGE)
- Mediterranean institute of marine and terrestrial biodiversity and ecology (IMBE)
- Mediterranean laboratory for European and African prehistory (LAMPEA)

Health and life sciences

- Bio-cultural anthropology, law, ethics and health (ADES)

Science and technology

- Marseille interdisciplinary centre for nanoscience (CINaM)
- Institute for movement science - Étienne Jules Marey (ISM)
- Mechanics and acoustics laboratory (LMA)
- Computer science and systems laboratory (LIS)
- Laboratory for plasma lasers and photonic processes (LP3)
- Divided materials, interfaces, reactivity, electrochemistry (MADIREL)

more than 350 staff

Aix Marseille Université

National institute for preventive archaeological research

CNRS

Ministry of Culture



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Our key actions since 2020

Support for the structuring and funding of inter-laboratory research projects

Call for projects "Interdisciplinary action"

Call for projects "Initiation"

Support for international missions

Participation in scientific events

1 centre for shared digital resources and publishing comprising 3 working groups (digital publishing, research data and archives, 3D) with shared facilities

45 awardee projects

5 European projects incubated

18 scientific events organised or supported

15 editorial projects supported

Our main areas of research

- From environments to territories: cultures of the sea and anthropisation of the environment
- Human communities, population dynamics and demography
- Technical systems and material cultures
- Cultural phenomena in the Mediterranean: contacts, exchanges and transfers
- Innovation, exploration, technologies (crossdisciplinary theme)

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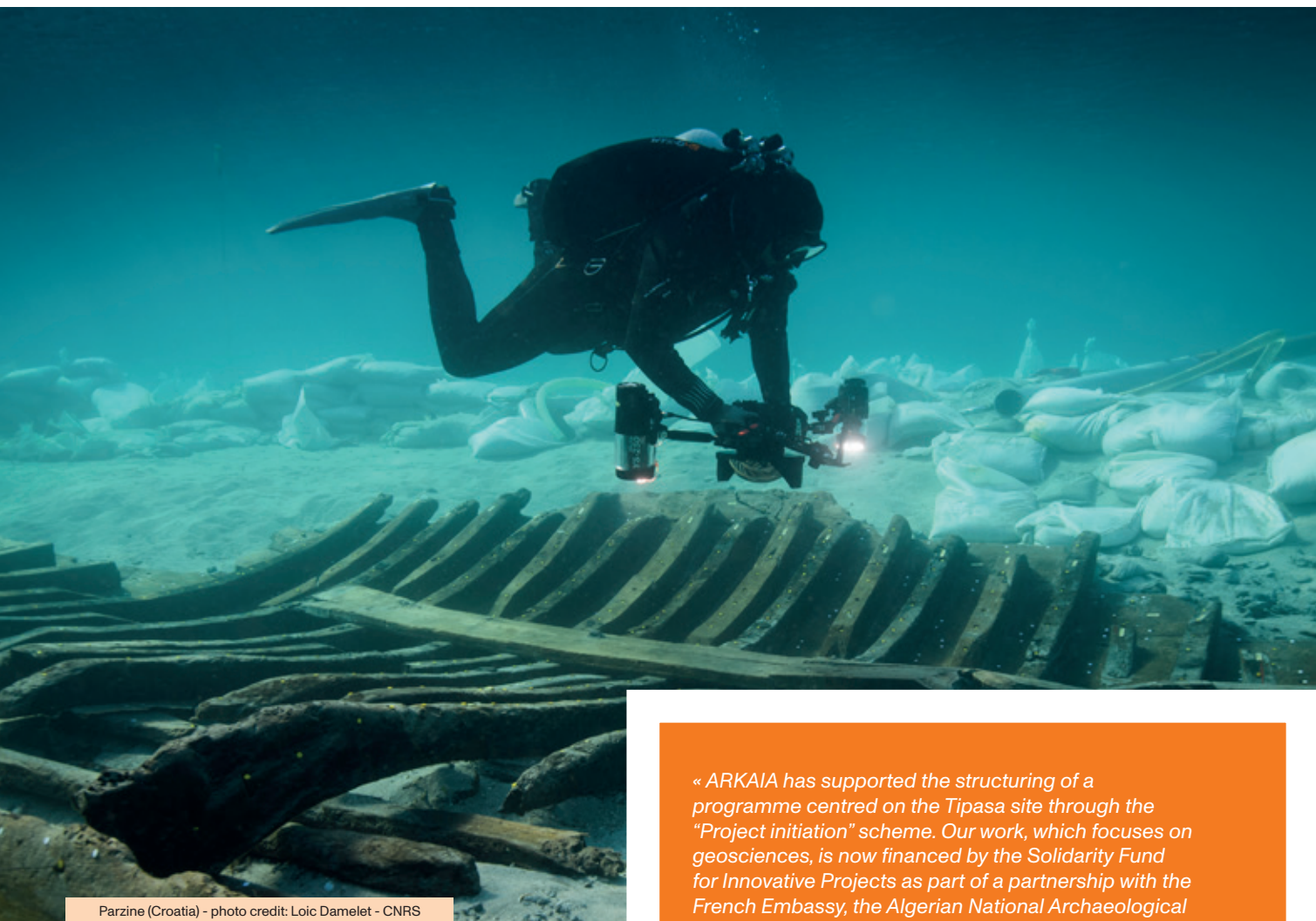
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Parzine (Croatia) - photo credit: Loic Damelet - CNRS

« ARKAIA has supported the structuring of a programme centred on the Tipasa site through the "Project initiation" scheme. Our work, which focuses on geosciences, is now financed by the Solidarity Fund for Innovative Projects as part of a partnership with the French Embassy, the Algerian National Archaeological Research Centre and the Tipaza University Centre. »



Touatia Amraouia
CNRS Research
Fellow - Camille
Jullian centre (CCJ)



Cosquer Cave - photo credit: Luc Vanrell - Ministère de la Culture

ARKAIA partnerships

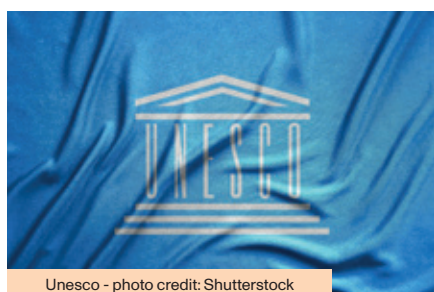


Strengthening and developing special links with academic and institutional players and the socio-economic and cultural world



Tipaza - photo credit: Shutterstock

Our key actions



Unesco - photo credit: Shutterstock



Drassm Alfred Merlin
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Unesco chair in maritime and coastal archaeology

Coordination of the Unesco Unitwin Underwater Archaeology Network

Coordination of the Master's degree in maritime and coastal archaeology with the French Ministry of Culture's Department of Subaquatic and Underwater Archaeological Research

Training/research partnership with the National institute for preventive archaeological research



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Pre-drive briefing
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Our key partners include

Internationally

- French schools abroad and network of research institutes of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco)
- French embassies abroad and cooperation and cultural action departments
- Honor Frost Foundation
- Universities and institutions responsible for managing the archaeological heritage on both shores of the Mediterranean

In France

- National centre for scientific research (CNRS)
- Ministry of Culture
- National institute for preventive archaeological research
- Campus AFD (French Development Agency)
- Fondation Archéologie & Patrimoine en Méditerranée (Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Foundation)

In the Aix-Marseille area

- Ipso Facto design office
- Association Arkaeos
- CoPaM association (Co-developing World Heritage in the Mediterranean)
- Local authority museums and archaeology departments

Thorame - photo credit: Lionel Roux - CNRS

« Originating in a partnership between the university and the French Ministry of Culture's Department of Underwater Archaeological Research, the Master's degree in Maritime and Coastal Archaeology prepares students for careers in research and the protection of submerged heritage. We train our students in real operations with the professionals who will become their potential recruiters in the future. »



Franca Cibecchini
Maritime archaeologist/
Ministry of Culture - Drassm



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The ARKAIA institute
brings together
teams on 8 university
and scientific sites



Main site:
Jas de Bouffan (MMSH)



Arbois technology park site



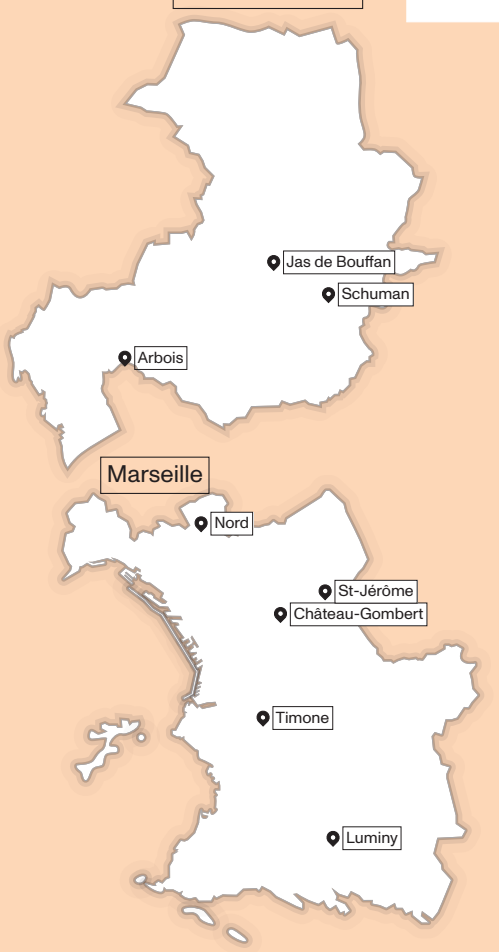
Nord site



Timone site



Aix-en-Provence



Schuman site



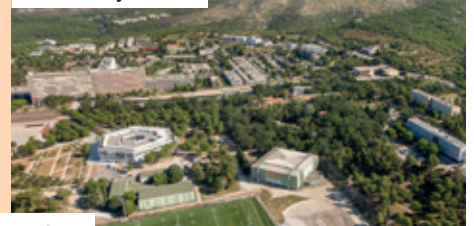
Saint-Jérôme site



Château-Gombert site



Luminy site



Les instituts d'établissement sont coordonnés par la fondation Amidex

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Les instituts d'établissement : facilitateurs pour renforcer le lien recherche-formation, l'interaction avec le monde socio-économique et culturel, l'interdisciplinarité et l'internationalisation autour d'une vingtaine de thématiques d'excellence. Et au cœur de leur rôle fédérateur : former une nouvelle génération d'académiques à répondre aux enjeux scientifiques et sociétaux de notre temps !

L'Initiative d'Excellence d'Aix-Marseille, un consortium entre Aix Marseille Université et 8 partenaires