

Research Assistant in the Ng'ipalajem Project (Fixed term)

Department/Location	Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge
Reference:	JC28713
Closing date:	30 th November 2021
Salary:	£27,116 - £31,406 per annum
Fixed-term:	24 months (extendable)
Application:	https://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/32033/

Applications are invited for a 24-month Research Assistant position on the NG'IPALAJEM project, funded by the ERC. The project aims at collecting new palaeontological, archaeological and geological data in the field and in museums to tackle questions about human evolution in Africa in the last million years and is led by Prof. Marta Mirazón Lahr. Further information about the project and its collaborative partners can be found at: <https://www.palaeotrails.org/current-projects/ngipalajem/>.

The successful candidate will join the NG'IPALAJEM team, assisting the PI in the running of the project, the implementation of the project's research and communication strategy, and participate in data collection and writing of research articles. Applicants should have a degree in archaeology, palaeontology, biology or a related field, excellent organisation skills, attention to detail, ability to work on their own initiative and as part of a team, excellent interpersonal skills, familiarity with field science in human evolution, computer skills (spreadsheets and databases), excellent written and oral communication skills, and be prepared to spend periods of time in Kenya.

Key essential skills include (1) a BA/BSc degree, (2) research and/or project management experience, (3) excellent command of written and spoken English and computer skills, (4) excellent organization and communication skills, (5) ability to synthesise and systematise data, and (6) timeliness. Familiarity with aspects of Pleistocene African prehistory/palaeontology, knowledge of other languages (particularly of Swahili), experience with relational databases, website design, 3D morphometrics, field excavations, and a valid driver's licence are desirable.

The position advertised is initially for 24 months, with the possibility to renew the contract for the duration of the project. The successful applicant will be based at the Leverhulme Centre for Human Evolutionary Studies, Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge, and be prepared to spend time in Kenya assisting in the collection of data or during the project's fieldwork.

Starting date: negotiable, as early as 1st January 2022, and no later than 30th April 2022. Interviews of selected candidates will be online in December 2021.

Click the 'Apply' button below to register an account with our recruitment system, and apply online. Applications should include a cover letter, a CV, and the name and email of two referees. Please quote reference JC28713 on your application and in any correspondence about this position. The selection process will involve two stages and two interviews (see further particulars).

All enquiries should be addressed to: Prof. Marta Mirazón Lahr, mbml1@cam.ac.uk

We particularly welcome applications from women and/or candidates from a BME background for this vacancy as they are currently under-represented at this level in our department. The University of Cambridge actively supports equality, diversity and inclusion, and encourages applications from all sections of society. The University of Cambridge has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.