

Departement Altertumswissenschaften



# Student Assistant (12h/week) Egyptology – SNF Ambizione Project (project leader: Dr. Marwan Kilani)

The four-years project "Like the conversation of a Delta man with a man from Elephantine! Exploring the interactions between dialectal realities, Levantine loanwords, and sociolinguistic dynamics in New Kingdom Egyptian " funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and hosted in the University of Basel offers **a position for a student assistant**.

## The project

The project aims at exploring the dialectal reality of New Kingdom Egypt, investigating how dialects can be identified in an ancient language, and how social and geopolitical developments correlate with the emergence or decline of specific linguistic features

### Your position

- Tasks will include, among others:
- help the project leader in collecting and organizing linguistic data (in transcription)
- the primary focus will be on collecting and organizing lexical material and related scholarship, but an active participation in the construction of the database and in the preliminary organization of the data can be envisioned, if this may be of interest for you.

#### Your profile

- interest in linguistics and historical social dynamics
- Knowledge of ancient Egyptian is not needed (the work is based on transcriptions) but would be an advantage
- Experience or familiarity with relational database (MySQL/PostgreSQL)
- Network analysis software (Gephi) may be useful, although it is not required.
- BA-Diplom

## We offer you

- Start date: August 1, 2022 12 h/week
- Duration of the contract: 1 year (possible extensions for one additional year)
- A vibrant and research-active department and will become familiar with basic approaches in the collection of linguistic data, gaining experience in academic tasks at the University of Basel.
- While the project focuses on ancient Egypt, the methodology is applicable to other periods and other socio-historical realities, and could thus result in valuable academic experience

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- The salary is paid according to the guidelines of the University of Basel and the Swiss National Science Foundation

# **Application / Contact**

If you are interested, please send your CV and cover letter (maximum one-page long) as one pdf-file **by March 31, 2022** to Dr. Marwan Kilani (marwan.kilani@unibas.ch)