RESEARCH WITH MOLA



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Would you like to work with an organisation with a reputation for ground-breaking research and productive, collaborative projects?

MOLA is looking for research partners to collaborate in its expanding research programme

What is MOLA?

We provide independent advice and professional services in archaeology and built heritage to support our clients to build for the future. We have been excavating, recording and analysing remains from sites across the UK for forty years and in 2011 became an independent charitable company.

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ORGANISATION (IRO)

As an IRO, accredited by the Research Councils UK, we can apply directly to Research Councils for funding. Please get in touch to discuss ideas for collaborative projects.

Why work with MOLA?

We are serious about research. We maintain strong links with the academic community and seek out robust projects which can stand alone or add value to our commercial work. MOLA is ideally placed to build relationships across sectors, developing partnerships with commercial, academic and community groups to produce truly innovative work with measureable impact. Our projects involve diverse aspects of material studies, earth, biological and environmental sciences; theoretical and contemporary studies. Our thematic research strategy provides a framework in which the results of commercial excavation, grant funded and synthetic research are prioritised.



Research and MOLA

We employ full-time specialists in field archaeology, documentary and historical research, artefact analysis, archaeobotany, human bioarchaeology, faunal analysis, environmental archaeology, buildings archaeology, geoarchaeology, geomatics, graphics and photography. We follow an integrated approach to research, drawing together scientific and artistic fields. Our **Research and Community** department delivers a dynamic range of research and public engagement programmes. Our commercial projects are designed with a strong set of research aims that optimise impact. MOLA has a strong record in research and the dissemination of the results of that research: in the last decade we published over 90 academic, peer reviewed and popular books and manuals.

MOLA widens access to heritage through research, participation and education

Our research projects...

Locating London's Past

Locating London's Past working with the Universities of Sheffield, and Hertfordshire and the Centre for Metropolitan History, this JISC-funded project geo-referenced 4.9 million lines of data drawn from the Old Bailey Online and MOLA's database. The result is a Geographical Interface System (GIS) utilising maps of 17th- and 18th-century London and Google Maps, enabling analysis with open-source visualization tools.





Digitised Diseases

Funded by JISC and in collaboration with the University of Bradford and the Royal College of Surgeons, this project bridges the gap between modern clinical medicine and archaeological assemblages to produce an online learning and reference resource through the mass digitisation of pathological type-specimens, using textured 3D laser scans, CT and radiographic images.

Living in Victorian London: material histories of everyday domestic life in the 19th-century metropolis

In collaboration with Queen Mary University London this innovative, AHRC funded project resulted in several peer reviewed publications. MOLA, Queen Mary and University of London are currently exploring expanding on this work via collaboration with YAT and the Department of Archaeology, University of York.

Surviving the famine? Irish migrants in London

By initiating discussions with the University of Bradford early on in the planning stages of the excavation of a Catholic cemetery in East London, MOLA was able to contribute to the design and supervision of a PhD project examining isotopic and documentary

evidence of diet and migration. In return, the results of this work formed part of the developer funded site monograph and added considerably to our interpretation of the buried population.

Thames Discovery Programme

Bringing archaeology to the wider public, The Thames Discovery Programme works with community groups and volunteers to undertake archaeological survey of the Thames foreshore, the longest open-air archaeological site in London. More than 300 volunteers have been trained to be members of the Foreshore Recording and Observation Group (FROG).



We want you to work with us on innovative research projects with genuine impact, so please get in touch.

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