

ASOR's Mission Statement

Founded in 1900, ASOR is a non-profit organization dedicated to the archaeology of the Near East. ASOR's mission is to initiate, encourage and support research into, and public understanding of, the peoples and cultures of the Near East from the earliest times:

- By fostering original research, archaeological excavations, and explorations
- By encouraging scholarship in the basic languages, cultural histories and traditions of the Near Eastern world.
- By promoting the educational goals of Near Eastern studies disciplines and advocating high academic standards in teaching and interdisciplinary research.
- By maintaining an active program of timely dissemination of research results and conclusions.
- And by offering educational opportunities in Near Eastern history and archaeology to undergraduates and graduates in North American colleges and universities, and through outreach activities to the general public.

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