

**ASOR COMMITTEE ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND POLICY Annual
Report for 2024**

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ASOR Project Affiliations:

Currently, 109 fieldwork projects and 29 publication projects are affiliated with ASOR through the CAP affiliation application process in the following 23 countries:

Armenia (1), Croatia (1), Cyprus (8), Denmark (1), Egypt (7), Ethiopia (1), Georgia (1), Iran (2), Iraq (15), Israel (27), Italy (1), Jordan (22), Lebanon (1), Libya (1), Montenegro (1), Morocco (1), North Macedonia (1), Oman (1), Spain (1), Sudan (2), Tunisia (1), Türkiye (12), West Bank (1; publication only)

Since last year we assessed 7 fieldwork affiliation applications, all of which were successful. While the geographic scope of ASOR is slowly expanding, certain regions remain better represented (Southern Levant, Iraq, Türkiye).

Project Grants:

The CAP Fellowship Committee assessed 27 and awarded 7 project grants that provide \$2500- \$5000 to support significant initiatives by beginning or established research projects, especially those for whom this support enables project start-up.

In the cases of both our student scholarships and project grants, ASOR support now extends from projects and students working in traditional ASOR countries to new projects and countries.

Suggestions: We noted that project grant applications are often for sub-projects within larger ASOR-affiliated projects (e.g. to include a new survey area or examine the palaeo-botanical evidence). Similarly, we noted that project specialists are applying either for project grants or for fieldwork scholarships. It may be better to have an amount allocated for such applications. Applications from specialists tend to score high due to their contribution to the project – something that is perhaps unfair to assess alongside other student applications. The applications also raise concerns regarding the responsibility of projects to fairly compensate the specialists they recruit.

Student Scholarships:

A major incentive for project affiliation is ASOR's growing program of project grants and student fieldwork scholarships. This year the CAP Fellowship administered the application review process that ultimately awarded 38 scholarships from a pool of about 100 applications, including a growing number of applicants with self-identified diverse personal backgrounds. These scholarships enable students at various academic levels varying from undergrads to pursue their first opportunity to do archaeological fieldwork, to project staff members engaged in field supervision or analytical responsibilities.

Shepard Urgent Action Grant:

Now in its third year of operation, the Shepard Urgent Action Grant program was supervised by CAP's Shepard Grant committee, which reviewed two urgent proposals for archaeological mitigation of significantly threatened archaeological resources in Georgia and in Iraq. We recommended both projects for immediate funding.

Impact of ongoing conflict on ongoing projects:

We are aware that projects run by US-based universities in Israel are postponed for the foreseeable future. Despite that, early in 2024 we have assessed scholarship and grant applications pertaining to Israel (e.g. Huqoq, Tel Lachish, Horvat Midras). The applicants identified in the submitted forms the risk of cancellation due to the fluctuating situation.