

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER (ARC)**

### **About the Center:**

The Archaeological Research Center was established in November 19, 2021, in order to create an optimal combination of teaching and research by improving the quality of the archeology program at NUM, support the teaching and training, expanding the scope of research, and expanding foreign relations, and developing NUM as the main center of the field of cultural heritage study and archaeology.

Establishing the Archaeological Research Center at NUM in 2021 was a pivotal move towards enhancing the university's archeology program. By integrating teaching and research, the center aimed to elevate the academic standards while fostering innovation in archeological methodologies. Furthermore, it sought to support teaching and training initiatives, enabling students to gain practical experience and theoretical knowledge in the field. Expanding the scope of research was a crucial aspect, allowing the center to delve into various aspects of cultural heritage study and archaeology. Additionally, fostering foreign relations facilitated collaborations with international institutions, promoting knowledge exchange and enhancing the global standing of NUM as a premier center for archeological studies both nationally and internationally. Through these endeavors, the Archaeological Research Center playing a vital role in positioning NUM as a hub for cultural heritage studies and archaeology, paving the way for further advancements and discoveries in the field.

### **The objectives of the Archaeological Research Center:**

- Facilitating academic initiatives to support archaeological training at Mongolian State University.
- Striving to establish itself as a preeminent national academic institution driving the advancement and expansion of archaeological science across disciplines such as geoarchaeology, paleo-genetics, material science, and restoration/conservation.
- Cultivating collaborations with both domestic and international organizations engaged in archaeological and related scientific endeavors to execute projects and initiatives.
- Maximizing utilization of diverse sources of research funding and engaging in proactive independent research endeavors.
- Providing aid in enhancing, augmenting, and establishing new research material repositories and resources for the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology at the NUM. This includes offering scientific research support and methodological guidance to cultivate the skills of young scholars and future generations in the field of archaeology.

### **Human resource:**

More than 10 professors and associate professors of the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology of the NUM are engaged in the work of the ARC as well as number of post graduate students actively involved in different projects.

### **Laboratory and basic equipment:**

- Training Laboratory of Archaeology,
- Training Laboratory of Bio-anthropology,
- Training laboratory for Digital archaeology

### **Research areas:**

Main research area of the Archaeological Research Center is the field investigations and laboratory research of key problems of the Mongolian ancient history through archaeology methods and theories.

The primary research focuses on:

- Bronze and Iron Age archaeology with special focuses on the emergence of animal husbandry, horse culture;
- Complexity and state building of nomads from protohistoric periods to Middle Ages;
- Material culture of Mongolian ancient and middle age populations;
- Urbanism and settled culture of Inner Asian nomads;
- Rock art and stone monuments of Mongolia.

### **Domestic cooperation:**

Vast spectrum of cooperation pole is established domestically for co-working in the field of cultural heritage study and academic research exchanges with several sectors of both public and private organizations and institutions. These includes national and provincial museums, research institutes and NGO's.

Every year ARC implementing 20-40 rescue archaeology projects at the request of mining and construction companies.

### **International cooperation:**

The Archaeological Research Center collaborates with more than 10 foreign universities and academic institutions from 8 countries through joint research projects, exchanging scientific information, organizing conferences and seminars, training personnel in specific specialties.

University level exchange Agreements and Direct Cooperation:

- UMR7209/USM303 Natural History Museum, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France
- Yale University, USA,
- Research Center of Silk Road Archaeology, North West University, China,
- School of Tourism and Ethnology, Inner Mongolia University, China,
- Leibniz-Zentrum für Archäologie, Germany,
- Bonn University, Germany,
- German Archaeology Institute, Germany
- School of Archaeology, Oxford University, Great Britain,
- CRAFT Archaeological Research Center of Turin, Italy,
- Institute of Deserts and Steppes, France,
- Hebrew University, Israel,
- Margulan Institute of Archaeology, Kazakhstan

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