

Off the Beaten Track

CALL FOR STAFF APPLICATIONS

The preparations for next summer have started, and so we are calling on you to join a staff team in June, July or August 2023. This year we are broadening the range of 'profiles' we are looking for in our teams, which is why the call looks a bit different. So do read on, maybe there is a position here that just matches your ambitions and summer plans.

General good-to-knows for all positions: Please keep in mind that all our positions are on a voluntary basis. During the sessions, our program provides housing, food, drinks, good company and the gratitude of a forever network. This also means everyone is paying for their own transport to and from the Gozo base camp in Malta (Do check: your own university may provide research/travel funds).

For all staff positions, it is expected that you come to our base camp at least 2 days before the start of the program to help with practical preparations, and that you stay at least one full day after the program for debriefing and cleanup. Session dates can be found on our website. Depending on availability (time between consecutive sessions is limited), you are welcome to linger a few days longer before or after a session for a holiday or research.



1. Junior Staff

Directed at:

All alumni, but primarily the ones that haven't been in a staff position before.

What is expected?

You are staying in 42, also known as 'the pantry apartment'. This is the heart of our program, where the foundation for basically everything else is built. Together with one colleague, you will turn this space into a bridge-building community hub for the session. We encourage you to collaboratively mold this into what you think it needs to be. An afternoon coffee-bar, an experimental breakfast club, a newspaper library, ... You can count on the rest of the team (and some available budget) to help you realize this.

Like everyone else on the team, you will do your fair share of daily 'housekeeping chores' (shopping, cooking, cleaning, prepping Barruf, ...) Although you won't be doing any formal mentor meetings, you will be included in our mentor debriefings. We count on you to be the less formal (and for some definitely less intimidating) support to all participants' projects.



2. Returning Staff

Directed at:

All alumni that have participated as staff member in one of our sessions before

What is expected?

Like everyone else in the team, you will do your fair share of daily 'housekeeping chores' (shopping, cooking, cleaning, prepping Barruf, ...). You will also be doing mentor meetings (always in duo with another team

member), and you will be included in preparations for the session during the months leading up to the session. To what extent you can help in preparations during the year, will be discussed after you have been placed in a session. We will need some help in the outreach for our program (social media, using your own academic network, ...), but we can also discuss setting up a specific project for you. It is safe to say that preparation-wise, we will count on you for a couple of hours a week to collaborate with us on this.

Carrying out a full research project of your own while taking up your staff role is not a good idea. In our experience this brings too much pressure to the table to enjoy either, often leading to frustrations for you and the rest of the team. However, research and fieldwork opportunities will come up, and we do encourage you to have your notebook ready for smaller research activities or to prepare another research stay.

3. Session Director

Directed at:

Experienced staff members.

What is expected?

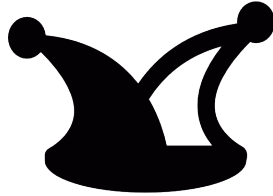
You basically hold the keys to the program, supported by one of the senior directors. You will be involved in staff selection, manage the session's household budget, coordinate and support your team, and make final decisions about the daily agenda.



4. Wildcard

Directed at:

Primarily at staff members who want to stay for two sessions in order to do their own (research) project. But anyone who thinks they can fill this 'non-carved-out space' is welcome to apply.



What is expected?

Be around regularly and contribute to others' projects or experiences in the way you can. Whether it is by including others in your fieldwork project, by organizing an activity for the group (even a leisure activity), by or by sharing your fieldwork experiences on Barruf,... If you find an meaningful way to contribute to our session, the program can be a hub, a source of inspiration and a base camp for your work. Just formulate a proposal to make your stay with us a win-win for yourself and our participants, and we'll talk.

5. Base Camp Manager

(from mid-August '23 until June '24)

Directed at:

All alumni with a personal goal that matches the mission of Expeditions. For example: doing fieldwork, volunteering for an organization, preparing a PhD trajectory or doing an internship at Expeditions for the summer school preparations. And of course you can count on the support of our whole team. You will have one apartment with two bedrooms available for yourself, and are allowed to include a partner in this endeavor. Rent, electricity, water and internet bills are covered by Expeditions.



What is expected, apart from fulfilling your own goals?

- Stay in our base camp in Xlendi throughout the year and take care of the premises.
- Welcome our base camp guests and be available for issues they might have.
- Organize the calendar with our cleaning professional and coordinate repairs (or do them yourself if you can).
- Maintain the surroundings of the base camp (some minor gardening and cleanup when necessary).
- Help promoting us on social media by making regular relevant posts on our existence in Malta/Gozo.

Kindly apply through this online form, before December 10, 2022.

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<https://anthropologyfieldschool.org/facultysection/staffapplication/index.php>