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CSC-Tübingen PhD Scholarship Program

2025/2026 application round: prospective PhD positions at the University of Tübingen

Faculty:	Humanities
Institute / Section / Subject:	Classical Archaeology/Cultural Contacts with the East
Supervising Professor(s):	Prof. Dr. Richard Posamentir. An additional advisor from the department of Chinese Studies at Tuebingen University will be involved, as well as Prof. Dr. J. Fornaiser from Halle University, a specialist in Black Sea Archaeology and the Eurasian Steppe.
About the Supervisor(s):	<p>Research Interests of R. Posamentir: Archaeology of the Black Sea, Greek Funerary Art, Roman Asia Minor.</p> <p>Background: PhD on Classical Attic Grave Art (Bochum Univ. 2000), Senior Researcher in the field of Black Sea Archaeology (DFG, 2001-2003), Senior Researcher at DAI Istanbul with Research projects in Crimea and South Russia (2003-2008), Jr.professor in Classical Archaeology (Focus: Cultural Contacts in the Ancient World) at Tuebingen Univ. (2008-2014), Full Professor in Classical Archaeology at Tuebingen University since 2014 (https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/faculties/faculty-of-humanities/departments/ancient-studies-and-art-history/institute-of-classical-archaeology/staff/richard-posamentir/)</p>
Specification/Project title:	Cultural Contacts between the Late Classic/Hellenistic world and the Eurasian steppe from an archaeological perspective
Topic Description:	The project should examine the cultural interactions between the later Classical/Hellenistic Greek world (4th–1st centuries BCE) and the nomadic societies of the Eurasian Steppe, with a focus on three interconnected contact zones: the Northern Black Sea and Pontic–Caspian Steppe, the Central Asian region from the Caspian–Aral basin to Bactria, and the Mongolian Steppe. Drawing upon archaeological evidence, classical literary sources, the project seeks to provide a comparative synthesis that moves beyond regional isolation in current scholarship.
Intended Degree:	Dr.phil.

Type of the PhD Study: Full time

Required Degrees and Qualifications: MA in Archaeology of the ancient world; expertise of the mentioned regions

Language Requirements: Chinese, Russian, English

Notes: A potential candidate from China is expected to apply