

**DOCTORAL TRAINING WORKSHOP
ANCIENT ARCHITECTURE AND ARCHAEOLOGY:
FROM SURVEY TO RECONSTRUCTION
2026**

**ANCIENT STONE BUILDING.
QUARRYING AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES
IN SOUTHERN GAUL**

Dates:	20 th -27 th september 2026 (arrival and departure dates)
Application deadline:	15 th may 2026
Location:	France, Bouches-du-Rhône (accommodation in Miramas and Arles)
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Links :	Télécharger l'appel (FR) Download the call for participation (EN)

The course

The École française d'Athènes, the École française de Rome and, at the University of Aix-Marseille, the Institut de recherche sur l'architecture antique are offering a course on ancient architecture in the Greek and Roman cultural spheres around the Mediterranean.

The aim of this programme, which is primarily open to doctoral students, is twofold: to provide an introduction architectural methods applied to archaeology (from surveying to reconstruction); and, depending on the location of the programme and the organisers, to impart more theoretical knowledge on ancient architecture (materials, construction techniques, forms and functions, decoration, etc.).

The course is intended to take place annually and to be organised in Greece, Italy and the Romanised territories of the West.



Sarragan quarry - Les Baux-de-Provence

Partner organisations:

- École française d'Athènes
- École française de Rome
- Institut de recherche sur l'architecture antique (Université d'Aix-Marseille)
- Institut d'Archéologie Méditerranéenne (Université d'Aix-Marseille)
- Lycée professionnel Les Alpilles, Miramas



Stone-carving workshop – Lycée professionnel Les Alpilles, Miramas

Program :

In 2026, the course will focus on ancient **stone construction in Gallia Narbonensis**. It will provide a specific overview of the techniques used for quarrying, shaping and working with stone.

The course will be structured around three main areas:

- Acquisition of techniques: stone-cutting workshop; introductory workshop on architectural surveying and photogrammetry; computer-aided design.
- Lectures on stone construction: geology; stereotomy (cutting and assembling stone); stone setting and installation; the uses of stone in southern Gaul.
- Guided tours and practical work on site: ancient and modern quarries (Baux-de-Provence; Saint-Rémy-de-Provence); built-up areas (Saint-Blaise; Arles).

Course structure:

The six-day course (Monday 21st to Saturday 26th inclusive) will be divided into three parts: 3 days (technical training and lectures) at the Lycée professionnel Les Alpilles in Miramas (with students studying for the Bac Professionnel and CAP Métiers de la pierre); 1 day of guided tours of quarries (ancient and contemporary); 2 days of visits to ancient sites, with practical work.

Participants are required to attend all workshops, lectures and excursions. The course and discussions will be conducted in French; at least a passive knowledge of French is required. The course, lunches, travel during the course and participants' accommodation (in single rooms) will be covered. Dinners and transport are, in principle, the responsibility of the participants, who are invited to seek support from their affiliated institution(s).

Target audience and application pack:

This training workshop is primarily open to PhD students whose research focuses on the archaeology of the Greek and Roman Mediterranean, and whose topic involves an interest in architecture. Applications from postdoctoral researchers, as well as Master's students, may also be considered, subject to availability. The application pack must include all the following documents, to be attached directly to the online form on the « plateforme missions » by 15 May 2026 (12:00, Athens time) in PDF format:

- A letter of recommendation from the research supervisor
- A personal statement (maximum 2 pages)
- A curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages)
- A presentation of the current research project (maximum 1 page)

Instructions for using the « plateforme missions » (in french).

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column carving on a lathe – Sarragan quarry – Les Baux de Provence