



## **SAF Awards Nomination Guidelines and Instructions**

Founded in 2013, Shanghai Archaeology Forum (SAF) is a global initiative that promotes the investigation, protection, and utilization of the world's archaeological resources and heritage. It is an international platform for illuminating archaeological research and its significance and relevance to today's world. The forum is fully committed to excellence through innovation and cooperation and to the sustainable development of human society.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Shanghai Archaeology Forum will be held in Shanghai, China, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2023. The SAF seeks nominations for outstanding achievements worldwide in archaeological investigation and research. The SAF Awards recognize individuals and organizations that have achieved distinction through innovative, creative, and rigorous works relating to our human past and have generated new knowledge relevant to the contemporary world and our common future. It aims to promote excellence and innovation in archaeological research, advance public awareness, and appreciation of archaeology, foster the protection and conservation of the world's archaeological resources and heritage, and encourage international collaboration and partnerships between scholars and others from different countries.

All corresponding members of the SAF Advisory Committee are kindly invited to nominate archaeological research conducted or published between 2019 and 2023 for consideration in the 5<sup>th</sup> SAF. The nominated works must be original and directly derived from legal and scientific archaeological excavations, surveys, or other kinds of rigorous research. The Selection Committee will review and adjudicate the nominations according to the highest international standards of excellence and impartiality. The principal investigators of the selected nominations will be honored and invited to present their research at the 5<sup>th</sup> Shanghai Archaeology Forum.

SAF reserves the right not to present awards if nominations are too few in number or judged to have provided insufficient evidence of high quality and originality. SAF may use summaries of the selected research for information and promotion in the SAF-organized events and activities, giving full credit to the individuals and organizations involved.

### **SAF AWARDS**

The SAF Awards consist of two categories: major archaeological field discoveries (Field Discovery Award) and major research findings (Research Award), which may be based on, although not primarily comprising, fieldwork; at most, ten awards are made for each category.

#### **(1) SAF Field Discovery Awards (Major Archaeological Field-Discoveries)**

The SAF Field Discovery Awards are presented for archaeological excavations or surveys that have yielded major discoveries significantly furthering or altering our knowledge of the human past, locally and globally. To be eligible for this award, the nominated work must have been conducted and/or completed between 2019 and 2023, and it must be a scientific archaeological excavation or survey legally authorized in the country where it was undertaken. The principal investigator responsible for the nominated work must



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hold an internationally recognized qualification for archaeological excavation or survey in the country where the nominated work was carried out.

Nominations for this category of awards will be adjudicated based on the quality and originality of archaeological fieldwork, the intellectual significance and the potential impact of the discoveries, and the professional ability of the principal investigator and the colleagues responsible for the nominated work.

**(2) SAF Research Award (Major Research Findings)**

The SAF Research Awards are presented for archaeological research based on rigorous studies on specific subjects and/or laboratory and scientific analyses. They may be comprehensive and multi-year research projects, theories, methods, technique breakthroughs, or groundbreaking synthesis works based on updated archaeological findings. To be eligible for this category of award, the nominated work must have been published between 2019 and 2023, the actual research being conducted and completed less than ten calendar years before publication. The principal investigator responsible for the nominated work hold internationally accepted ethics of modern archaeological practice and a relevant qualification, and any fieldwork on which the research is based must have been legally authorized in the country where it was undertaken.

Nominations for the SAF Research Awards will be judged based on the quality and originality of the research, innovativeness and effectiveness of methodology, timeliness, creativity, the lasting significance of the research, accuracy of the information, general contribution to the field of archaeology, locally and/or globally, as well as its significance and relevance to the contemporary world.

**NOMINATION TIMELINE**

30 September 2023 – Deadline to submit nominations

Immediately after receiving a nomination, the Office of Shanghai Archaeology Forum will contact the principal investigator of the nominated work to see if they are willing to have their research considered for the SAF Awards.

October 2023

Nominations are reviewed and adjudicated by the Selection Committee consisting of experts representing different regions worldwide.

The principal investigators of the archaeological works selected for the 5<sup>th</sup> Shanghai Archaeology Forum are notified of the results of the SAF Awards.

December 2023

The principal investigators of the archaeological works selected for the 5<sup>th</sup> Shanghai Archaeology Forum are honored in the meeting that will be held in Shanghai, China, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023.



### **How Many Nominations Can I Submit?**

You may submit up to three nominations for each category, but please use a separate form for each submission.

### **What Can I Nominate for the SAF Awards?**

There is no constraint on what you can or cannot nominate regarding the research subject and geographic region of interest. However, you are strongly encouraged to nominate archaeological works and findings in the field of your specialization and /or the geographic area you are most familiar with.

### **Must the Work I Nominate Be Related to the Primary Theme of 2023 SAF?**

No. You can nominate a work that may or may not be related to this year's theme "Archaeology of Climate Change and Social Sustainability."

### **How Do I Submit Nomination?**

You may choose one of the following methods to submit your nomination:

(1) Fill out the [Nomination Form for the 2023 SAF Awards](https://form.jotform.com/71979194385474) online (<https://form.jotform.com/71979194385474>). After filling out all required fields (marked with \*), click [submit].

(2) Fill out the attached pdf form "[02 - Nomination form of 2023 SAF Awards](http://shanghai-archaeology-forum.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/02-Nomination-Form-of-2023-SAF-Awards-1.pdf)" online (<http://shanghai-archaeology-forum.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/02-Nomination-Form-of-2023-SAF-Awards-1.pdf>). After filling out all required fields (marked with \*), simply click [submit] if you are online.

(3) Fill out the attached pdf form "[02 - Nomination form of 2023 SAF Awards](http://shanghai-archaeology-forum.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/02-Nomination-Form-of-2023-SAF-Awards-1.pdf)" online (<http://shanghai-archaeology-forum.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/02-Nomination-Form-of-2023-SAF-Awards-1.pdf>). After filling out all required fields (marked with \*), save the pdf file and email it to the following email address: [shanghai.archaeology.forum@outlook.com](mailto:shanghai.archaeology.forum@outlook.com)

### **What Language Should I Use?**

English and Chinese are the official languages of the SAF. You are strongly encouraged to use English to submit your nomination.

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