



## Application Form to Study the Thin Section Collection

### Accessing the collection for scientific study

The Laboratory for Microarchaeology maintains world-class collection of archaeological materials in microscopical thin sections. The Laboratory for Microarchaeology also recognises the importance of making its collection available for scientific examination and analysis by external researchers, a need that meet with scientific ethics.

### Applications to conduct scientific analysis of the Laboratory for Microarchaeology collection

The laboratory receives every year several requests to access collection for scientific research. All requests are subject to a review process following a formal application procedure. Decisions to permit access are based on the opinions by the curator(s) of the collection, the archaeologist(s) responsible for the excavation(s) in question if available, the original researcher who made and/or studied the thin sections if available, and members of the Department of Bible, Archaeology and Ancient Near East staff with expertise in the area.

Should it be necessary to prepare more samples using the facilities of the Laboratory for Microarchaeology for analysis, then this may be considered a "loan" by the Laboratory and subject to a formal loan agreement and other provisions usual to the loan of Laboratory samples. The decision on whether the transfer of the material constitutes a loan will be decided on a case by case basis.

All applications are assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- The scholarly merit of the applicant
- The feasibility of project and the appropriateness of the proposed study to answer the questions posed
- Previous work undertaken on this or similar material
- Experience of the research team in working with laboratory material
- Anticipated outputs of the research (publications, etc.)
- Copyright of previous researchers on the studied materials

Where two or more requests for substantially the same work are received applicants may be asked to collaborate. Collaboration with Laboratory for Microarchaeology scientists may also be suggested, particularly where the Laboratory has a research interest in the area, where the material is as yet unpublished or where the suggested analytical equipment/techniques (or more suitable non-destructive techniques) are available in the Laboratory's facilities.

### Conditions

Applicants should be aware that if permission for scientific work is granted, the following conditions will apply:

- All analytical data and results must be made available, in confidence and prior to publication, to the Laboratory for Microarchaeology
- All residual samples remain the property of the Laboratory for Microarchaeology (all mounted and residual samples shall be returned to the Laboratory for Microarchaeology within one year unless otherwise agreed)



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- Samples may only be used for the purpose(s) outlined in the application (any other purpose must be the subject of a further application)
- Electronic copies of any publications arising from the work must be provided
- Any agreed costs of sampling by the Laboratory for Microarchaeology staff will be paid by the applicant

### How to apply

Applications for scientific study should be submitted using the attached form. The form should be submitted electronically to the laboratory staff:

[microarchaeology@gmail.com](mailto:microarchaeology@gmail.com)

or:

[ygoren@bgu.ac.il](mailto:ygoren@bgu.ac.il)



## APPLICATION TO STUDY THE THIN SECTION COLLECTION

1. Name of project

2. Name of applicant

Address of institution to which applicant belongs

Position held in institution

Telephone no.

Email

3. Name and address of any organisation sponsoring application

4. Name of analyst (if different)

Telephone no.

Email

Name and address of Institution where analysis will be carried out (if different)

5. Details of object(s) to be sampled or accessed

6. Reasons for request:



7. Project description (additional pages may be added).

8. Are any other laboratories being approached for samples or access? If so give the name of each contact.

9. Give references to any relevant papers already published.

10. Indicate when and where the results of this study will be published.



hereby undertake to:

- a. Make available to the Laboratory for Microarchaeology, in confidence and prior to publication, all the analytical data and results of the analyses/examination undertaken.
- b. Allow the laboratory to make this data publicly available five years after it is received, whether or not it has been published elsewhere.
- c. Provide relevant hard copy reports and publications, or the file for any electronic publication.
- d. Pay any agreed costs of sampling by Laboratory for Microarchaeology staff or costs associated with tuition fees if such payment is requested.
- e. where samples have been provided, return to the Laboratory for Microarchaeology all mounted and residual samples within one year (longer periods must be agreed in writing).
- f. Comply with all relevant Laboratory for Microarchaeology Health and Safety policies and guidance on object handling

Signature<sup>‡</sup>

Date

For temporary/contract staff or students, the form must also be signed by the supervisor or Head of the department/institution undertaking to ensure that the applicant fulfils his/her agreed obligations.

Supervisor/Head of department

Signature<sup>‡</sup>

Date

Name

Position

<sup>‡</sup> An electronic signature should be used