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Name of institution:

Department of History, Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, Trnava University in Trnava
Department of Classical Archaeology, Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, Trnava University in Trnava

Area of research:

Historical sciences

Context and mission:

The Department of Classical Archaeology at the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts in Trnava is the only institution in Slovakia offering education and scientific research in the field of Classical archaeology at all three levels of university studies – bachelor, master and doctoral. The mission of the department is to develop knowledge about the cultures and societies of the ancient world, especially ancient Greece, Rome and Roman provinces, with an emphasis on an interdisciplinary approach and the transfer of knowledge to the wider social and scientific context. In addition, it also focuses on:

Environmental – studying the interactions between ancient cultures and their natural environment to identify sustainability strategies and their possible applications today.

Underwater archaeological research – This specialisation covers both theoretical training and practical research in Slovakia and abroad. Teaching in this area makes the department a unique workplace in Central Europe.

Promoting digital technologies in archaeology – teaching and applying modern methods such as 3D photogrammetry, GIS systems and digital humanities that increase research efficiency and the protection of cultural heritage.

The department carries out archaeological research at important sites, such as the Roman military camp in Iža (UNESCO site) or the manor house in Rusovce – a national monument, and actively cooperates with domestic and foreign partners, thus contributing to the development of knowledge and its application in practice.

Since the beginning of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts in Trnava, the Department of History has been a part of it. Teaching of history today takes place in all three levels of study - bachelor's (Bc.), master's (Mgr.) and doctoral (PhD.). Students can thus continue to study in a coherent system until they obtain a PhD. degree. The mission of the department is to educate future historians and teach them to orientate themselves in the acquisition of basic craft skills that no historian can do without. During their studies, students will attend not only lectures focused on Slovak and general history, but also specialized seminars and exercises, developing historical thinking and critical approach to sources. The special mission of the Department of History is to focus on historical sources – it teaches students to learn special language skills that are essential for the successful mastery of historical sources and literature. More specifically, the Department of History focuses on:

Spring editions, focused on critical publishing of sources to Slovak history

Edition of the Monument of Vatican Slovaciae - critical editions of Slavic sources from the Vatican Apostolic Archive

Research on economic and social history

Digital humanities – the use of digital technologies in history

Conducting systematic archive research in archive institutions and scientific libraries in Vatican, Rome, Esztergom and Budapest – research on archive sources

In 2008, the department of History became a specialized division of the Institute for Research of Sources on Slovak History, which was established as a scientific research institution aimed at developing the department's unique research potential in the study of Slovak historical sources of both domestic and foreign origin.

Strategy:

In the upcoming five-year period (2025–2029), we place a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary research, innovative methodologies, the development of digital tools, and internationalization. The goal is to strengthen research in specialized areas of archaeology and cultural heritage preservation. A key aspect will also be the integration of research activities with practical applications and the engagement of the public in the protection and interpretation of cultural heritage. To achieve these objectives, we plan to efficiently allocate activities among individual staff members, involve students in research and practical training, and secure external funding through national grants (VEGA, KEGA, APVV) and European Union-funded projects (e.g., Horizon 2020, Erasmus+ KA220-HED), which will support both research and educational activities.

Research and scientific objectives: Support for interdisciplinary projects, e.g. in the field of landscape ecology and environmental changes (in cooperation with the Technical University in Zvolen, Polytechnic University of Tomar, University of Opole, etc.). An important part of the department's research is underwater archaeology, especially in the area of fast-flowing waters, where the department continues to develop innovative methodologies aimed at the protection and documentation of underwater cultural heritage. These methodologies will be applied at both domestic and international locations, enhancing global collaboration and knowledge sharing. The department also plans to carry out research activities at UNESCO World Heritage sites such as the Roman military camp in Iza or in Rusovce (Ancient Gerulata). In the field of digital technologies, the department plans to implement and develop 3D photogrammetry and GIS systems for more accurate mapping of archaeological sites and analysis of historical landscapes. Scientific activities will be supported through intensive cooperation with domestic institutions such as the Institute of Archaeology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and foreign partners (Czech Republic, Turkey, Croatia, Italy, etc.).

Education: The Department continuously modernises study subjects with a focus on environmental approaches, digital humanities and practical skills. An important part of the educational process is the active participation of students in research projects and archaeological research. The Department effectively uses contracts within the Erasmus+ programme, supporting not only the sending of students and educators abroad, but also the arrival of foreign educators and students at the university. The university's membership in the KreativEU consortium, which is dedicated to the protection of cultural heritage, strengthens international cooperation and the attractiveness of the department for foreign students and educators.

Social impact: The department focuses on public involvement in the protection of cultural heritage through educational and popularization activities that raise awareness of the importance of monument protection, especially in the Trnava region. It plans to inform the public about the archaeological research carried out and to cooperate with regional and national partners, such as the Western Slovakia Museum, the Monuments Board, the Archeopark – Cífer Pác (the department is an expert guarantor of activities and has cooperated in the construction of the park), regional tourism organisations, etc., on activities promoting the popularisation of historical heritage and the development of tourism. Implementation includes workshops, popularization lectures, expert consultations, etc.

The Department of History plans to continue its scientific-research, publishing and social activities in the next evaluation period, with a significant effort to improve its international cooperation and deepen its connection with social practice. These activities can be implemented primarily with the support of grant schemes, such as already allocated and solved

national projects (the Department of History is currently dealing with VEGA, KEGA and APVV projects), as well as with an attempt to apply for the allocation of other, mainly international grant schemes. The strategy focuses on three main areas: research, education and social impact. The priority in the field of projects is mainly the research of Slavic women in the Vatican Apostolic Archives, which the Department of History has been dealing with continuously since 2005. A special strategic category is publishing activities, while in addition to publishing outputs in database and peer-reviewed periodicals, the publication of monographs and university textbooks is also required, which also have a significant social impact.

Furthermore, the strategy aims to create a wider team of researchers to cover all the important chronological periods of our history (simplified medieval, modern and recent history). In education, the department will continue to update existing teaching subjects providing fundamental knowledge in the field of history, enriched with new methodological approaches and new topics. A challenge that can be strategically focused on is linking teaching with practice, which has already begun to be realized through the subject Memory institutions in the work of historian I. and II. Within the social impact, the planned strategy will connect and deepen cooperation with memory institutions, especially in the territory of the Trnava self-governing region, which is related to the organization of planned scientific or popularization events, the possibility of internships or traineeships for students and doctoral students, and finally common publication outputs intended for the professional and lay public.

Cooperation and contribution to research, economy and society:

The Department of Classical Archaeology at the Faculty of Arts, Trnava University, actively strives to integrate scientific research, education, and practice to achieve interdisciplinary and international impact. Through close collaboration with domestic and international institutions, it contributes to archaeological site research, cultural heritage preservation, and tourism development. These partnerships result not only in joint research projects but also in the organization of professional events, exhibitions, and summer schools, which bridge theory with practice and engage students in research activities.

National and international institutions with a focus on cultural heritage

A key partner of the department is the Archaeological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAV), with which it carries out several joint projects. One of them is the Archaeological Summer School at the Roman military camp in Iža, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Long-term collaboration with the SNM – Archaeological Museum focuses primarily on research in Roman provincial archaeology, with department experts regularly contributing to exhibition activities and academic publications. As part of its partnership with the West Slovak Museum in Trnava, the department co-organized the international conference Connecting People, Sharing Knowledge, dedicated to interdisciplinary research in cultural heritage. Another significant collaboration takes place with the Danube Museum in Komárno, a key partner in the implementation of the Archaeological Summer School in Iža. In the field of international research, the department actively participates in underwater archaeology projects in cooperation with the Hrvatski restauratorski zavod in Croatia. This research focuses on the late antique port at Mljet, where students and experts work together to document and analyze underwater sites.

National and International Academic Institutions

The Department of Classical Archaeology fosters partnerships with prominent academic institutions across Europe, contributing to the exchange of knowledge and joint research initiatives. Collaboration with the Technical University in Zvolen focuses on interdisciplinary research in landscape ecology and environmental changes. The department's partnership with the Archaeological Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Brno involves comparative research on archaeological finds in Central Europe and their relationship to the ancient world. Cooperation with Università degli Studi di Firenze in Italy enables knowledge exchange in classical archaeology, particularly in field research across the Mediterranean. The department also works closely with Universität Wien in Austria on projects exploring Roman provinces and their cultural influences. Another significant collaboration takes place with Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, focusing on the archaeology of the Danubian

provinces and the sharing of field research insights.

Other stakeholders

The department is actively engaged in underwater archaeology research in collaboration with Zavod za podvodno arheologijo in Slovenia and DEGUWA in Germany, where experts and students participate in methodological training and research expeditions. The partnership with Voda pre klímu – environmentálne technológie, o. z. enables an interdisciplinary connection between archaeology and environmental issues, particularly in the study of historical water management systems. In the field of archaeology popularization, the department collaborates with the civic association PRO ARCHAEOLOGIA CLASSICA (PAC), which supports education in ancient culture and its heritage.

Within the Department of History at the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts there is a research cooperation and there are scientific partnerships with several scientific research and memory institutions. Cooperation is ongoing with several museums and archives in Slovakia. The result of this cooperation is, for example, professional and scientific publications or exhibitions on the organization of which the Department of History also participates. *Matúš Čák Trenčiansky 1321 – 2021 was published in cooperation with the Trenčín Museum in Trenčín. Trenčín, 2022.* The result of cooperation with the Society of St. Vojtech was the publication of the collection *Fidei et scientiae...semper fideles: Proceedings on the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Association of Saint Vojtech. Trnava, 2021.*

In cooperation with the Záhorské Museum in Skalica, a scientific colloquium entitled '*Zbozies gehu przislussenstwym*' was held in April 2024. *Urbariums and property inventories as historical sources.*

The Department of History, together with the Masaryk Museum in Hodonin, organised a scientific conference in November 2023 entitled '*Hospodářské a sociální dějiny early novověk*'.

The result of cooperation with the Slavistic Institute of Ján Stanislav SAS in Bratislava was the publication *Et quod transeat sine alia lectione. Holy See and the Kingdom of Hungary in medieval communication (with special regard to the territory of Slovakia).* Trnava, 2021.

Active cooperation is also taking place with the Slovak Historical Institute in Rome, which is instrumental in carrying out archival research of the department's staff, especially in the Vatican and Roman archives.

Cooperation with the Institute of Nation's Memory in Bratislava is manifested in the co-organization of various discussion events. The Institute's scientists also participate in various thematic lectures for students. The Institute also allows students to complete professional experience.

Staff:

The staffing of the department consists of a team of experts with extensive experience in the field of Classical archaeology. Prof. PhDr. Vladimír Varsík, CSc. is responsible for the quality of the study programme, the head of the department is doc.Mgr. Lucia Nováková, PhD. and the secretary is Mgr. Tomáš Kolon, PhD. Internal employees also include Prof. PhDr. Eduard Droberjar, PhD., doc. Dr. phil. Erik Hrnčiarik and doc. Mgr. Miroslava Daňová, PhD. The department emphasizes stable staffing and systematic support of professional growth of employees and PhD students. Employees specialize in various areas of archaeology, including the archaeology of ancient Greece and Rome, underwater archaeology, digital technologies, environmental archaeology, and Roman-Provincial archaeology. An important part of the department's activities is the active involvement of PhD students and senior students in research projects, ensuring the continuity of research and the preparation of the next generation of professionals. Support to staff and PhD students includes access to cutting-edge technologies such as GIS systems, 3D photogrammetry and underwater archaeology equipment. The Department regularly organizes professional trainings and workshops focused on the latest methodologies in archaeology and interdisciplinary approaches, for example within the Forum Tyrnaviense event. It also promotes the participation of researchers in international conferences and

research assignments, contributing to their career development and improving the quality of research. The department systematically supports doctoral studies and offers the opportunity to participate in significant research projects funded by VEGA, KEGA or Erasmus+ grants. Doctoral students are led to separate research, with individual consultations with experts from the department and partner institutions. This support is complemented by the possibility of participation in interdisciplinary projects and cooperation with foreign universities, thereby increasing their professional potential. The practical provision of archaeological research at the department is in charge of doc. Erik Hrnčiarik, Dr. Tomáš Kolon and doc. Miroslava Daňová, whose professional guidance ensures the quality of the implemented projects.

Teaching at the Department of History is provided by high-quality teachers with great pedagogical and scientific-research potential. Members of the Department of History in terms of their scientific and research activities regularly publish the results of their research in the form of monographs, collections, scientific or popularization studies and articles at home and abroad. The person responsible for the quality of the study programme is Prof. PhDr. Vladimír Rábik, PhD. Other persons responsible for the study programme are Prof. PhDr. Zuzana Lopatková, PhD., Prof. Mgr. Miloš Marek, PhD., Doc. Mgr. Peter Labanc, PhD. and Doc. Mgr. Pavol Jakubčín, PhD. The head of the Department of History is Prof. PhDr. Zuzana Lopatková, PhD., the secretary of doc. Mgr. Peter Jakubčín, PhD. Other internal creative staff of the department include professors: Prof. PhDr. Marta Dobrotková, PhD., Associate Professors: Doc. Mgr. Monika Tihányiová, PhD., Doc. Mgr. Michal Franko, PhD., and assistants: Mgr. Radoslava Ristovská, PhD., and Mgr. Mária Letzová, PhD. The Department has always taken care of the high-quality staffing of the department and the related regular upskilling of its employees. In-house PhD students are also an important part of the Department of History, who are involved in the pedagogical and research process, as well as in the organizational running of the Department. The department supports the participation of employees in international and domestic conferences, trainings, but above all scientific and research stays at home and abroad. The department also systematically supports doctoral studies and offers the opportunity to participate in significant research projects funded by VEGA, KEGA or Erasmus+ grants.

In addition to academic staff, both departments cooperate with support and non-academic staff at both the faculty and central levels, ensuring the administrative, technical, and financial conditions necessary for the smooth functioning of the creative environment. At the faculty level, this includes employees of the Study Office, the Economics and Human Resources Office, the First Contact Center, the Office for Science, Research, and Editorial Activities, as well as the Office for Information Systems. At the central level, they collaborate with the Office for External Relations and Mobility, which supports international activities and exchange programs. When submitting grant applications, both departments consider using the services of external consultants and explore the possibilities of financing them through relevant grant schemes.

Doctoral studies:

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ANDERÁKOVÁ, Simona. Indulgences under the Anjou and Sigismund governments Luxembourg on the territory of Slovakia. Trnava University in Trnava. Trainer: Vladimír The doll. 2020.

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Belize, Adam. The population and state power in Slovakia in relation to the German Army from 1939 to 1945. Trnava University in Trnava. Trainer: Marta Dobrotková. 2023.

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It's a flight, Mary. Wives of Hungarian palatines in the first half of the 17th century (Alžbeta Caborová, Anna Ružena Listiusová and Kristína Ňáriová). Trnava University in Trnava.

Trainer: Zuzana Lopatková. 2024.

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MACK, Alena. Social and demographic conditions of Pezinok in the 18th century.

Trnava University in Trnava. Trainer: Zuzana Lopatková. 2022.

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PETŘÍČEK, Michal. Currency of the first Czechoslovak Republic from 1918 to 1938.

Trnavská

University of Trnava. Trainer: Marta Dobrotková. 2021.

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Revenue, infrastructure and equipment:

1. Describe what resources and equipment your institution has available to support research and enable or contribute to its societal impact.

The Faculty of Philosophy and Arts of Trnava University in Trnava has materially secured classrooms (tables, data projectors) for the needs of the Department of History and the Department of Classical Archaeology and for the provision of their study program with canvases, wifi, etc.) on the fifth floor in the university building (Hornopotočná street no. 23) on the fifth floor. The university has a good hardware and software infrastructure enabling the expansion of access points to the Internet and university information systems. In the corridors of university buildings, in computer classrooms and in the study room of the University Library, there are a total of 75 SunRay terminals, which are exclusively used by university students for self-study and free access to the Internet. This condition is complemented by technical equipment in faculty classrooms. All computers are connected to the Internet via a faculty computer network. Standard network services (e-mail, www) are available 24 hours a day for students, educators and other staff.

Resources for financing the activities of the Department of Classical Archaeology were obtained through grant support (VEGA, KEGA, APVV) and business activities of the Department, especially in the framework of rescue archaeological research. These funds were used for the basic material security needed for archaeological research and education. The funds were financed by:

- An archaeological laboratory that includes basic equipment for processing and documenting archaeological finds, including measuring tools, photographic accessories and special artifact storage.
- Software and probe for total focus in the GIS system, allowing precise geodetic measurements and site documentation.
- Two computers and software for 3D photogrammetry, namely Agisoft Metashape, which is used to create three-dimensional models of finds and sites.
- Part of the diving equipment needed for underwater research, including a dry Avatar suit, two diving bottles with automatics, a buoyancy compensator, writing aids, weights, wet work gauges, a GoPro camera and its protective case for underwater use.
- Regular acquisition of foreign professional publications that are essential for up-to-date and quality education and research.

The manual library of the Department of History of Faculty of Philosophy and Arts in Trnava contains more than 4000 volumes of publications. Its collection is continuously supplemented by domestic and foreign literature obtained in exchange for its own publication production with partner sites abroad and cooperation with scientific institutions. Part of the teaching

infrastructure of the Department of History is also a computer classroom with workstations adapted for teaching the subjects of Digital Humanities in Historical Sciences and Archaeology I. and II., where also the teaching of work with geographic information systems takes place.

2. Indicate the amount of received funding for science and research provided as a subsidy from the state budget in the reporting period 1.1.2020-31.12.2024. (*EUR*)
1 092 331€
3. Indicate the amount of funding received for science and research in a competitive manner (grants) in the reporting period 1.1.2020-31.12.2024 from the national budget or from European Union sources. (*EUR*)
497 214€
4. Indicate the amount of non-State and public funding received in the reporting period 1.1.2020-31.12.2024. (*EUR*)
150 632€