

MEMBERSHIP

The Oriental Institute seeks through its membership program to give the public the opportunity of closer contact with its field enterprises, its scholars, and its Museum. The member group has grown steadily during recent years, particularly in the Greater Chicago area. To members the Institute offers a series of advantages:

1. *Newsletters coming in from the field at frequent intervals describing not only recent findings but also the work and life of staff members in remote and interesting parts of the Near East.*
2. *Illustrated lectures by staff members and visiting scholars reporting on the newest archeological discoveries in the Near East.*
3. *Incidental publications of a semipopular nature mailed free of charge as they appear, or provided at discount rate.*

Many members, while traveling abroad, enjoy the opportunity of visiting or staying as guests at Institute field headquarters, of seeing the work of the expeditions in process, and of having the monuments of ancient civilization explained to them by experts.



Bronze winged goddess. About 2000 B.C.

*Hittite mold for casting lead figurines.
2000–1300 B.C.*



Memberships are administered on a year-by-year basis, coinciding with the fiscal year of the University (which begins on July 1), and may be registered in the name of husband and wife without extra charge. Membership contributions are arranged as follows:

Annual Member	\$ 10.00 a year
Sustaining Member	\$ 50.00 a year
Associate Member	\$100.00 a year

Funds made available to the Institute by members, whether in payment of dues or as gifts, are held in a special Membership Income Account by the University and are used for the benefit of the Institute, its enterprises, and its Museum. Members and membership funds have during recent years added substantially to the holdings of the Museum by the purchase of rare and important works of art and have helped to finance field expeditions and other enterprises abroad.

As a part of the University of Chicago, and one that is supported in part by general University income, the Oriental Institute stands to benefit from all contributions made to the welfare of the University. Those having a special interest in the work of the Institute, however, are invited to discuss with the University's representatives gift opportunities within the Institute that will strengthen its specific work as well as help the University as a whole.