

# UCSC ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP

Information for Students Looking for Archaeological Fieldwork Experience

- I. *Why is archaeological fieldwork experience important?*
  - A. Required for CRM employment
  - B. Required for graduate school
  - C. Learn by doing
  
- II. *What are the options?*
  - A. University/College Field Schools
  - B. Donor/Participant Programs (Earthwatch)
  - C. Volunteer/Internship Programs (SCA, PIT, Crow Canyon)
  - D. Informal Volunteer Opportunities (local archaeological/historical societies)
  
- III. *How do I find out about these opportunities?*
  - A. AFOB (see info below)
  - B. Brochures on 4<sup>th</sup> floor bulletin board
  - C. On the Web (see below)
  - D. Ask your peers, graduate students and TAs
  - E. Ask Arch faculty (Diane Gifford-Gonzalez, Judith Habict-Mauche, Cameron Monroe, Chelsea Blackmore)
  
- IV. *How do I pay for fieldwork experience?*
  - A. Check with Financial Aid (tuition for field schools may be covered)
  - B. Check with your College re: field study, travel, independent research grants
  - C. Check with Department (Ryan Travel Money Fund)
  - D. Ask field director about student discounts, grants or fellowships, or possible exchange of camp labor for tuition/fees
  - E. Credit or no credit?
  - F. Check with local charitable foundations about student grants and fellowships
  
- V. *What sorts of field conditions can I expect?*
  - A. Living conditions can vary greatly
  - B. Check on shots and other health concerns (see CDC Website below)
  - C. Be flexible and tolerant
  - D. Eat what is available (vegans and vegetarians may need to adjust diet to circumstances)
  - E. Follow orders; Be a team player
  - F. Keep drugs and alcohol in check
  - G. Respect local customs and codes of behavior



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### **The Archaeological Fieldwork Opportunities Bulletin (AFOB).**

For over 20 years, the Archaeological Institute of America has published the Archaeological Fieldwork Opportunities Bulletin, a resource for students, amateur archaeologists, and others seeking experience in archaeological excavation and survey. In 2003 AFOB Online was launched and in just a year grew to become one of the largest online listings of fieldwork opportunities in the world. Like its print predecessor, AFOB Online provides information beyond a simple list of excavation opportunities, including general and site-specific bibliographies, advice on preparing for participation in an excavation, and more. Online and in print, AFOB continues to be a critical resource for student and volunteer archaeologists.

<http://www.archaeological.org/fieldwork/afob>



A clearinghouse of archaeology jobs and fieldschools

<http://www.shovelbums.org/>

### **Jennifer Palmer's archaeologyfieldwork.com**

<http://www.archaeologyfieldwork.com>

ARCHAEOLOGY ON THE NET

<http://members.tripod.com/~archonnet/field.html>

### **K. Kris Hirst's Guide to Current Digs**

<http://archaeology.about.com/cs/currentdigs/index.htm>

**PASSPORT IN TIME**

A Volunteer Program of the USDA Forest Service

<http://www.passportintime.com/>



<http://www.thesca.org/>

**CROW CANYON**  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER

<http://www.Crowcanyon.org/>

[Archaeology Southwest - Exploring and protecting the places of our past](http://www.archaeologysouthwest.org/)

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## **Center for American Archeology**

Kampsville, IL

<http://www.caa-archeology.org/>

### **Earthwatch Institute:**

Earthwatch Institute is an international non-profit organization that brings science to life for people concerned about the Earth's future. Founded in 1971, Earthwatch supports scientific field research by offering volunteers the opportunity to join research teams around the world. This unique model is creating a systematic change in how the public views science and its role in environmental sustainability.

<http://www.earthwatch.org/expedition>

For health information on traveling overseas:



<http://www.cdc.gov/>