



Utah State University
Archaeology Field School (6/08/09 – 7/17/09)
APPLICATION FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIP
FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Application Deadline: March 15, 2009

INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS & SELECTION CRITERIA

The Anthropology Program at Utah State University seeks two highly motivated high school students to participate in our Native American Archaeology Internship Program. We aim to recruit students entering their junior or senior year in high school or their freshman year in college.

Interns will receive:

1. Experience conducting archaeological survey and excavation, and the ability to obtain high-paying summer jobs as archaeological technicians—jobs more plentiful now than ever.
2. 5 units of USU credit (for Anth 5300), tuition- and fee-free. The credits can be applied to a college degree at USU upon matriculation or transferred to another college or university.
3. Concurrent high school credit, arranged through high school guidance counselors.
4. A stipend of \$300 per session (\$900 total) for the internship. The stipend is intended to free up students from the need to work during field school.
5. Free camping and 3 meals/day for the duration of the internship (participants are on their own over the breaks ...but project staff will help with arrangements so no one goes hungry).
6. Transportation around the Colorado and Idaho project areas and from Colorado to Idaho between sessions 2 and 3. NOTE: We prefer that all students (including university-level participants) arrange transportation *to* field camp at the beginning of the internship and *home* at the end of the program. However, if this is impossible and you are selected for an internship, we will help make sure you have the transportation you need.
7. The opportunity to work alongside university students from across the country and with Ph.D.-level archaeology and geology professors, giving participants a huge advantage over less-experienced freshmen when it is time to start a college career.

Internships will be awarded on a competitive basis, with the following criteria considered:

1. Motivation.
2. Reasons for wanting an internship.
3. Interest in attending college after graduation.
4. Maturity: students will be away from home, working in an intense, but fun, environment.
5. Availability for all three ten-day field sessions (June 18-21 and July 2-7 are days off):
 - a. Session 1: June 8 – 17 (Gunnison Basin, southwestern Colorado)
 - b. Session 2: June 22 – July 1 (Gunnison Basin, southwestern Colorado)
 - c. Session 3: July 8 – 17 (Southeastern Idaho)
6. High academic achievement as measured through transcripts and reference(s).
7. Performance in a phone or in-person interview.
8. Affiliation with the Northwest Band of the Shoshone or the Northern Ute tribe.

For more details on the USU anthropology program in general, go to: <http://www.usu.edu/anthro/>.
Please click on “into the field” for lots more field school details.

Note: Applicants for the Native American high school internship program do NOT need to fill out the standard application form that university students must complete; just this one.

Also please note that the *high school internship program* encompasses three of the four total field sessions in summer 2008. The first, May 29 - June 7, falls during the school year for most high school students; hence its exclusion from the internship program.

And finally: The longer field program advertised at the USU web site and targeting traditional college students includes 2 10-day laboratory sessions on the USU campus (July 22 – 31 and August 4 - 13). Although these lab sessions, which earn participants 3 credits of Anth 5310, are *not* included in the high school internship program, if an intern would like to register for those sessions at their own expense (at a cost of about \$800), Dr. Pitblado will review requests to do so.

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (it is fine if you haven't worked before)

Please list most recent employment first

1. Employer: _____

Address: _____

(Number and Street Name)

_____, _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Telephone Number: (____) _____

Dates of Employment: _____ through _____

Title/Duties: _____

2. Employer: _____

Address: _____

(Number and Street Name)

_____, _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Telephone Number: (____) _____

Dates of Employment: _____ through _____

Title/Duties: _____

Please include the following attachments:

1. A one page cover letter explaining why you would like to awarded an internship and how it will advance your future goals.
2. High School transcript(s).
3. At least one reference letter from a teacher or counselor, with contact information.

Questions? Please contact Dr. Bonnie Pitblado (bonnie.pitblado@usu.edu) or 435-797-1496.

Please return completed applications to Dr. Pitblado by the March 15 deadline at this address:
Anthropology Program, Utah State University, 0730 Old Main Hill, Logan UT 84322-0730. You may also apply by e-mail, including your transcripts as a .pdf file.