

HOW DO YOU FIND OUT ABOUT FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITIES?

Talk to your professors!! Talk to graduate students! Talk to fellow students who have done fieldwork!

- Ask classmates and graduate students where they've done work - they can give you lots of information about the whole experience!
- Let your professors know what you're interested in - they may have a field project that you can join or they can connect you with colleagues whose projects might fit your interests.
- Check out the information on the JIAAW website's Fieldwork Opportunities page.
- The AIA website has some great resources - check out the Archaeological Fieldwork Opportunities Bulletin (AFOB) and their extensive Fieldwork List.
- Check with your hometown university's or college's archaeology or anthropology department.
- Look for opportunities with local, state, and federal museums and historical preservation offices.



RESOURCES FOR

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK



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WHERE CAN YOU FIND FUNDING?

Not all fieldwork projects cost a lot of money, but you may still need to find funding to cover things like international airfare.

Brown provides many of funding opportunities - from general internship or travel grants to program grants focused on particular topics or regions. The following are good places to start:

- Fellowships@Brown
- Office of Global Engagement's Grant Opportunities page
- BrownConnect SPRINT (Summer Projects for Research, Internships and Teaching) Awards, including UTRAs (Undergraduate Teaching and Research Awards) and LINK internships
- Research at Brown (RAB) Grants
- Middle East Studies Research Travel Award
- Judaic Studies Student Research Grants
- Royce Fellowship Program
- Program in Early Cultures

Some funding options outside of Brown include:

- The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Jane C. Waldbaum Archaeological Field School Scholarship
- Etruscan Foundation Fieldwork Fellowship
- American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) Fellowships
- American Center of Research (ACOR) Named Fellowships

Find more information on projects and funding at www.brown.edu/go/dig

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN CHOOSING YOUR FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Am I looking for a field school or a volunteer experience?

Field schools can be useful if you're new to archaeology since they provide formal instruction on archaeological methods and concepts. They are often more structured and may include a set curriculum, lectures, formalized excursions, or exams. Volunteer opportunities will have varying experience requirements, but many will expect you to have some basic knowledge of archaeological field methods to build on.

How do I choose an interesting project?

Archaeological projects take place in numerous countries, and in regions and on sites belonging to different time periods and cultures - do you have specific regional or cultural interests that may help you narrow your search? Projects also teach certain specific skills or host certain specialists - are you hoping to learn more about specific areas of interest (bioarchaeology, ethnography, archival analysis)? Be sure to ask your professors for advice and suggestions.

How much does participation cost?

Look closely at program descriptions and/or ask project directors to see what is covered - look for things like travel, accommodation, food, visa fees, equipment (do you need to bring your own tools?). There are many projects that don't charge fees - don't feel like you need to spend a lot of money to have a fun and useful fieldwork experience!



What are the living conditions like?

This can vary significantly between projects - do you want to find a project where you'll be housed in a hotel/apartment in a city? Are you okay living in a tent? What will the weather conditions be like? What kind of food will be available? If you have dietary restrictions, will the program be able to accommodate them or will you need to provide some or all of your own food? If you have health or safety concerns, will medical care or support systems be easily accessible?

What is the reputation of the program?

Do a search for program reviews, check their website or Facebook page. Look at the background of the project instructors and/or staff. Ask Brown professors if they know about the program. If other students have participated in the program before, ask them about their experience!

Do I need to earn credit? Will Brown accept the credits from the project I'm considering?

Generally, to receive a full credit for fieldwork, students must participate daily in a project sponsored by a college or university for a minimum of four weeks. Upon their return to Brown, students must complete the Transfer Credit Approval form, and meet with the Director of Undergraduate Studies for Archaeology and the Ancient World to discuss whether it would be appropriate to assign credit for an equivalent course at Brown.