

HIRSCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2017 FOR UNDERGRADUATE TRAVEL TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Cornell Institute for Archaeology and Material Studies
Cornell University, 261 McGraw Hall

Deadline for Applications: Friday, March 17, 2017

For this summer, the Cornell Institute of Archaeology and Material Studies (CIAMS) will offer grants to a limited number of students who will be participating in properly supervised archaeological field projects. Please read the guidelines thoroughly. Students should feel free to consult with the CIAMS Awards Committee Chair (Katie Jarriel, kmj72@cornell.edu) about applying for a Hirsch Scholarship.

Guidelines and Eligibility

All Cornell undergraduate students are eligible: archaeology majors and minors are given preference, but anyone with a proven interest in archaeology will also be considered (graduate students should use the separate graduate application form).

Students may apply for up to two years of funding for field school experience:

Unless they have already completed an archaeological field school, for consideration for this funding students should engage in a high-quality excavation or other field project that will provide a good introduction to the realities of archaeological research. We prefer a project that provides a comprehensive exposure to techniques and methods. Ideally this would include excavation and survey, though excavation only is acceptable. Survey only is acceptable with special documentation of instruction compensating for lack of excavation experience, which is essential to provide a perspective on survey. The project should run for a minimum of four weeks. Typically the training would be from an accredited field school, but equivalent experience on a non-field school project is acceptable with material documenting the training aspects of the project.

For a possible second year of funding, or if a suitable field school has already been completed, students may elect to gain complementary training in another program or project of high educational value. Examples might include projects in another area, or employing a different approach. A second experience should not simply consist of another season on a project. An exception for archaeology majors and minors would be specialized or research-oriented continuation on a project, aimed at developing new skills or expertise.

Funding Amounts

CIAMS offers two levels of undergraduate funding:

1. An amount up to \$1800 to go towards travel expenses
2. Extended funding: An amount that includes travel expenses, as well as additional fees such as tuition, program fees, food, and lodging. Applicants may request the full amount of all fees related to the archaeological project, but the total amount awarded will be at the discretion of the CIAMS Awards Committee.

Students requesting the amount described by (1) above should complete Section A of the application form only. Students requesting the amount described by (2) above must also complete Section B.

Selection Criteria

The Hirsch committee prioritizes applications which strongly demonstrate how the proposed field experience will contribute to the applicant's development as a young scholar in archaeology. Applicants should clearly explain how the field project fits in with their educational trajectory and how hands-on archaeological training will benefit their future goals.

Submitting Your Application

Email your application and required documents to Katie Jarriel (kmj72@cornell.edu) by **5 pm on Friday, March 17, 2017**. Decisions will be available by early April.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

Section A

- Completed application form
- Formal project description (if a non-Cornell project)
- Record of grades through Fall 2016
- Faculty letter of support form

Section B (extended funding)

Everything from Section A, plus:

- Writing sample
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***** IMPORTANT *****

The Cornell University Accounting Office Requires Receipts for Expenditures.

Receipts accounting for all Hirsch expenditures **MUST** be filed with CIAMS upon completion of fieldwork and your return to Cornell University. **If you fail to provide correct receipts, you will be held financially responsible for repaying all award amounts to the university.**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN

If I receive financial support from the Cornell Institute of Archaeology and Material Studies (CIAMS), **I agree to submit a full account of the funds spent before October 1, 2017. I also agree to provide the CIAMS Awards Committee Chair with a brief written report** (Ca. 1-2 paragraphs; at least 200 words) and 1-2 images of myself in the field for posting in the CIAMS website. (See ciams.cornell.edu/ciams/funding for summaries from previous years' recipients.)

I understand that in accepting a Hirsch award I will be representing Cornell University and will conduct myself accordingly, using the funds only for their intended purpose.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____ Student ID No.: _____

E-mail address: _____

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SECTION A
To be completed by all applicants.

»A.1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Student ID No.: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Present Address: _____ Permanent Address: _____

College, Level of Study, and Major Field(s): _____

List present courses (Spring '17) with names and department/number:

Are you an Archaeology major or minor? Major Minor Neither

Previous archaeological field work, if any: _____

If you have received any Hirsch funds in the past, please list:

Project: _____ Amount of Award: _____ Year: _____

Name and e-mail of the CIAMS faculty member providing a letter of support for this application:

»A.2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND DEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOMES

*Please list below the sponsoring institution, location and dates of project, supervisors' names, and number of course credits you will receive, if any. **How will participating in this field project to your development as a young archaeological scholar? What skills will you acquire, and how will these contribute to your educational goals? Why is this the best program for your academic development?***

»A.3. FORMAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

If your project is a non-Cornell project, please submit with your application a formal description of your intended program (e.g. guidelines issued by the project or advertising material).

»A.4. TRANSPORTATION BUDGET (Students applying for extended funding should skip this section)

List below your anticipated travel expenses, breaking them into categories such as airfare, ground transit, etc. Please list any additional sources and amounts of funding (other than from CIAMS) that you have received or to which you have applied or intend to apply. Be clear about the amount you are requesting from Hirsch funds.

»A.5. TRANSCRIPT

Please submit a complete record of your grades through Fall 2016 along with your application. This may be an unofficial transcript.

»A.6. FACULTY LETTER OF SUPPORT

A CIAMS faculty member should complete the Letter of Support form on your behalf. The form is available for download at ciams.cornell.edu/ciams/funding.

SECTION B

To be completed by applicants applying for extended funding.

»B.1. WRITING SAMPLE

Please submit with your application a term paper or other formal writing assignment you have completed for an archaeology course that you have taken at Cornell. Indicate in the document which course and term the paper was for and the professors of the class.

»B.2. BUDGET

List below your anticipated expenses, breaking them into categories such as airfare, ground transit, housing, tuition, etc. If you are requesting tuition, be sure to indicate which institution will be awarding course credit. Please list any additional sources and amounts of funding (other than from CIAMS) that you have received or to which you have applied or intend to apply. Be clear about the amount you are requesting from Hirsch funds.