



**Center for American Archeology
Women in Archeology Internship Program
June 1- August 8, 2008**

Postmark Deadline for Applications: February 25, 2008

Position Announcement

The Center for American Archeology (CAA), Kampsville, Illinois, is offering three internship positions for the summer of 2008 (June 1-August 8) for women undergraduate and graduate students with experience in archeology (field & lab) and related fields. Individuals interested in informal education, museum education, public programming, and other related fields are also welcome to apply. Because these positions are made possible by the Monticello College Foundation, a former women's college, the internships are open only to women. The goal of the internship program is to develop and/or enhance each intern's professional skills in research project planning, implementation, and teaching. This is not merely a job, but an opportunity to grow professionally and personally. Teaching students of all ages in a living & learning environment is a major component of the program. WIA Internships are high-energy, intensive, demanding, and **fun**—you'll be challenged, but you'll be rewarded with skills that will serve you well throughout your future educational and career paths!

Interns will work collaboratively with CAA staff, and have a diverse array of responsibilities during the summer, including (but not limited to) opening the site for the season, conducting field excavation, laboratory processing & management, and logistical operations, including transporting students to and from the airport and train station. WIA Interns will act as key supervisory and teaching personnel for the CAA's summer excavation field school programs, including (but not limited to) our High School Field School sessions, Museum Tech Academy, Adult Field School, Family Dig It Weekends, and Archeology Day.

Successful candidates for the internship should be friendly, even-tempered, socially mature, able to take direction, and should possess a very strong work ethic, initiative & motivation, excellent interpersonal and written communication skills, and the ability to live and work with colleagues and students in a positive, collegial learning environment. Interns will teach and chaperone our middle school and high school students during their residential field school programs. If you are not interested in public outreach and education in archeology, unable or unwilling to interact with young people, and/or are a high-maintenance person who requires a lot of "down time/me time" (you know who you are), please do not apply for an internship.

Excavations will take place at TBGOK (*The Buried Gardens of Kampsville*), a really cool Middle Woodland/Hopewell village site (ca. 50 BC – AD 250). Over the past four seasons, TBGOK has yielded a large number of features indicative of longer-term village settlement as well as exotic trade goods (obsidian, copper, mica, Hopewell pottery). Our research goal will be to elucidate the nature and extent of these cultural deposits, and to analyze the site's placement and role within the context of the lower Illinois River valley region's archeological record.

The internship program and field excavation project will be directed by Mary Pirkl, Director of Education at the Center for American Archeology. You are welcome to contact her at marypirkl@caa-archeology.org with questions.

Compensation: Internships provide a stipend of \$2,000 for 10 weeks and room and board (plan includes breakfast, lunch, & dinner Monday through Friday; weekends meals are on your own). Interns are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from our area, as well as personal spending money.

Who May Apply: Women currently enrolled in graduate school or those who will begin their graduate education during the 2008-2009 academic year are eligible. Women who have recently matriculated from an undergraduate institution, who are in the process of applying to graduate school, and international applicants are also welcome to apply. Advanced undergraduates (juniors & seniors) will also be considered. Applicants should be at least 21 years old and have a valid driver's license; those who will turn 21 during the summer are not disqualified from applying.

Application Process: The selection process will consider statement of interest, recommendations from instructors, resume/CV, and personal statement. The following materials should be submitted to the Center for American Archeology for consideration postmarked no later than **February 25, 2008**:

1. Brief resume or curriculum vita;
2. Statement of interest in which you describe yourself, why you would like to participate in the program, your career goals, what benefit this program will be to you, how your participation will enhance our program; and
3. One letter of recommendation from an instructor who can comment on your interests and abilities.

If you have previous experience working with young people (camp counselor, teacher's aide, volunteering, etc.), please describe it in detail in your statement of interest. Please note that previous teaching experience or experience interacting with children & adults of all ages is not required, but is considered a plus to your application.

Each applicant should mail all materials directly to the CAA. Referees should enclose their letters in sealed envelopes and return it to the applicant to be mailed with her application packet.

Application packets postmarked after **February 25, 2008** will not be considered. Interns selected for the program should expect to be notified within two weeks after the application deadline, and will be asked to make their decisions within a week. **Please remember to include complete contact information with your application (address, email, phone) where you may be reached during the academic year and/or at home.**

Please send application packets to:

Women in Archeology Internship Program
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