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Dear Excavation Director,

One of your American student volunteers is under consideration for the Cohen Family American Archaeology Abroad Fellowship offered through our organization. This fellowship program is designed to award a \$1500 stipend to help cover expenses associated with participation in an archaeological field project.

As a fellow, the student will be required to submit a weekly blog about his/her experiences working on an archaeological excavation abroad. Additionally, the student will be required to submit a final report after the field season detailing his/her experiences. Both the blog and the report will be posted on our website.

Of course, the academic activity which takes place on an excavation is the intellectual property of the director and staff of the excavation. We therefore require potential fellows to secure the permission of the director(s) to fulfill these fellowship requirements. Without your explicit permission, the student is ineligible for the fellowship. Your approval can be given by sending an email to me at mja198@gmail.com.

What is American Archaeology Abroad?

We are a non-profit organization formed to advance archaeological and historical knowledge about the past and to educate the public about the past and how it is studied. We pursue these goals through archaeological and historical research and excavation, sponsoring student scholarships, and including students and public volunteers in our lecture and research programs. Most members of the board of directors are PhDs working in Egypt, Greece, and Israel.

Why should I participate in this fellowship program?

The fellowship program is designed to identify and financially support future archaeologists who exhibit great potential. The blog and reports are intended to help the student maximize his/her excavation experience by reflecting on what academic work is underway in the field and why.

The program is also designed to help AAA forge new relationships with excavations such as yours. These new relationships serve all of our interests in promoting archaeology and education, advertising our respective excavations and organizations, and promoting interdisciplinary and cross-regional communication.

Benefits for your excavation project

Along with approving the requirements for this fellowship, you and your excavation will be partnering with our organization to encourage American student and public participation in archaeological excavation. Such visibility will expand your excavation's potential for volunteer and financial support from this constituency.

Additionally, if you choose, your excavation would be listed as an affiliated archaeological project on our website (whether one of your participants receives the fellowship or not). This listing, in addition to the fellowship recipient's blog, would gain exposure for your work in both the scholarly and public community. Finally, as an affiliate your project and its participants will be eligible for future excavation and volunteer funding opportunities and other programming developed by our organization.

How does this all work?

By agreeing to the terms of the fellowship program, you allow the recipient of the fellowship to publish a weekly blog and final report on our website about his/her experiences on your excavation. Before posting the text and images submitted by the student on the site, we will send a draft to you or your deputy for approval. You may veto any images or references to activities or discoveries that you wish. We will provide information about your excavation, including links to your website, at the top of the blog. You may also wish to link to the blog from your own website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. In the meantime, please check out our website to see what we are all about.

To indicate your approval of these terms so that your volunteer student may be considered for the fellowship or to discuss the terms further (they are negotiable), simply send me an email at mja198@gmail.com. If you have multiple students applying for this fellowship, you only need to send me one message - we assume that your approval will apply to any fellowship recipient.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew J. Adams

Director

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