

Guidelines and form for your application for AHST 310/AHPG 811 “Archaeological Fieldwork” in Egypt

These are guidelines and general information for students at Macquarie University interested in participating in archaeological fieldwork in Egypt. Before enrolling in the course an application will have to be submitted to the Dept. of Ancient History. Ideally, the applicant should have fulfilled the prerequisites for this unit (AHST100, AHST260, AHST261, AHST362 or AHPG860, AHPG870 and AHPG866) prior to application. The selection criteria are primarily based on academic performance but other, relevant skills or factors may be taken into consideration as well. During the selection process the competitive candidates will be short-listed and interviewed by a selection panel.

Organization of the course

All successful applicants have to attend one of the projects listed below for a minimum of 6 weeks. The projects take place during the Australian summer, usually between late November and mid February. A successful applicant can either:

1. enrol in 2nd semester and write a research essay before they go to Egypt. The student will then be awarded an “I” until the successful completion of the field work in the following summer;
2. first take part in the field work and then enrol in the unit and complete a research essay in the following 1st semester.

Projects

Currently, there are four archaeological projects in Egypt where students have the opportunity to participate; however, the number of positions is very restricted and varies from project to project and from year to year.

Helwan is a cemetery site near Cairo where Early Dynastic (c. 3200-2750 B.C.) graves are being excavated. The project is directed by Dr E. Christiana Köhler.

At **Saqqara**, which is near Cairo, and at Meir, near Asyut in Upper Egypt Old Kingdom tombs (c. 2700-2300 B.C.) are investigated under the direction of Prof. Naguib Kanawati.

In **Thebes** and **Saqqara** A/Prof. Boyo Ockinga works on New Kingdom tombs.

Before you apply for participation in one of these projects you should consider the following questions:

- Do you have the prerequisites for the unit?
- Can you commit yourself to such a long time overseas?
- Do you have the funds to cover a minimum of 6 weeks of accommodation and an airfare to Egypt? (the costs vary from project to project, but it would cost you between A\$ 3500 and A\$4000. Students can, however, apply for a travelling scholarship from the Macquarie University International Office: http://www.international.mq.edu.au/abroad/application_forms.html).
- Are you fit and healthy enough to live in simple conditions and to work hard 6 days a week for 6 weeks?

If you can answer all these questions with yes, then you can start writing an application

Application:

The application **must** include:

- Completed application form
- Resume
- Academic record
- Covering letter outlining the reasons why you wish to attend and the outcomes you expect from your participation

The application **may** also include:

- References
- Indication as to whether you have any skills that may assist your application (work experience in a museum, technical drawing, photography etc.)

Please submit your application, marked "Archaeological Fieldwork", to:

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Applications must be submitted before **30th of April**