

DHIBAN EXCAVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

2013 FIELD SEASON INFORMATION PACKET

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the Dhiban Excavation and Development Project. The DEDP is a cooperative research project led by scholars from the University of Liverpool, the University of California, Berkeley, and Knox College. Our investigations, begun in 2004, continue with another season of field work in the summer of 2013. We will return to Dhiban, a small community in west-central Jordan, to investigate the region's history through archaeological excavation, intensive regional survey, ethnographic interviews, and archival research.

The DEDP investigates the environment, economy, history, and society of the Dhiban Plateau. Our earliest evidence for humans on the plateau appears during the Paleolithic Period and continues through the Bronze, Iron, Classical, and Islamic Periods. Today, the region hosts several small agricultural communities. Throughout time, the plateau's communities have faced the challenges of a semi-arid environment – limited rain, poor soils, frequent droughts and famine. But despite this challenge, communities have survived, and at times, even thrived, finding ways to farm, herd and participate in larger regional economies.

As part of our work, we bring around 20 archaeology students from different institutions to participate in the project. We train you in archaeological field methods by rotating you through various learning stations, including excavation, materials processing, flotation, topographic survey and geologic survey. You are taught to dig, record, and analyze archaeological and geological materials. In addition, we have occasional afternoon seminars on methods, theory and history, and weekend field trips to regional sites including Jerash, Petra, and the Dead Sea.

Students must be able and willing to carry out excavation duties similar to construction site activities (e.g., working with shovels, carrying dirt, walking up and down slopes; lifting heavy tools); therefore, they must be at least in average physical shape and have a tolerance for dirt. Students are required to sign a statement agreeing to refrain from discussing, displaying, or proselytizing their religious beliefs, limit their smoking and alcohol consumption to particular times and places, and dress modestly according to the gender rules of Jordanian culture. These and other project guidelines are described in detail in the Dhiban Project Handbook distributed to all students prior to their trip.

In this package, we have included the information and forms necessary for you to apply for the 2013 season at Dhiban. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions that you have regarding the site, our work, or your opportunity to become part of the project. Thanks again for your interest. We look forward to seeing you next summer in Jordan!

Katherine Adelsberger, PhD, Knox College
Danielle Steen Fatkin, PhD, Knox College
Bruce Routledge, PhD, University of Liverpool

CREDIT

The DEDP is not a credit-granting program for ACM students. Those interested in earning academic credit should apply via the Berkeley Summer Sessions, please contact Jessica Bauer at jmbauer@berkeley.edu or visit <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/berkeleyabroad/dhiban> for more information.

BASIC INFORMATION

FIELD SEASON DATES: 28 JUNE – 9 AUGUST, 2013 (PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE CURRENTLY **EXPECTED** BUT SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES DURING THE SPRING)

ESTIMATED COST: \$3900 PROGRAM FEE + AIRFARE AND FLIGHT INSURANCE

THE PROGRAM FEE COVERS ROOM, BOARD, INSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATED WITH RESEARCH AND ALL FIELD TRIPS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 MARCH 2013 (**COMPLETE** APPLICATION, INCLUDING PASSPORT SCAN AND PHOTOS, MUST BE **RECEIVED** BY THIS DATE)

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

1. Applicant Information Sheet (attached)
2. Essay (double-spaced, max 2 pages)
3. Letters of Recommendation (2) – to be returned separately by letter writers
4. Background Information for the Jordanian Department of Antiquities (attached)
5. A copy of the information page of your passport. Your passport should be valid for at least six months after the project's end date (end date is 9 August 2013).
6. A \$400 deposit, in the form of a check made out to Knox College. Those not admitted to the program will have their deposit refunded; for those who are admitted this deposit will be applied to the program fee and is non-refundable.

Please send all application materials to:

Dhiban Excavation and Development Project
Box 48, Knox College
Galesburg, IL 61401
USA
or email to dhibanproject@gmail.com

Once we receive your application we will contact you to arrange a **brief admissions interview**. These will take place over Skype in most cases. After completing the interview, you will be informed regarding the status of your application no later than **1 April 2013**.

Please direct questions regarding the application process and the field school to
Katie Adelsberger
Email: dhibanproject@gmail.com
Phone: +1-309-341-7274

OTHER NECESSARY MATERIALS

If accepted to the project, please be prepared to provide this additional information:

1. **Medical Clearance.** You will be asked to provide a doctor's statement that you are capable of participating in the physically difficult business of excavating in the hot, dry summer environment of Jordan by **15 May 2013**.
2. **Proof of Medical Insurance** will be due by **15 May 2013**
3. **Program Fee.** The remaining program fee will be due by **15 May 2013**.
4. **Visa.** US citizens are responsible for paying their visa fee when they arrive in Jordan (\$30). Non-US students should look into Jordanian visa procedures as soon as possible.

Dhiban Excavation and Development Project
2013 Field School
Student Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET

This application must be **received** by **15 March 2013** at the following address:

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Applicant Name: _____

Educational Institution: _____

GPA: _____ Expected Graduation Year: _____

Major(s): _____

Contact Information:

Email: _____

Mailing Address (school year):

Phone number (school year): _____

Mailing Address (summer):

Phone number (summer, if different than above): _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Tell Us About Yourself

Please list any courses you have taken that you consider to be relevant to your proposed participation in the DEDP field school (also please describe briefly if its relevance may not be immediately obvious).

Please list any previous excavation or other field experience.

Essay:

In a separate document, please write a short (maximum 2 pages, double-spaced) personal statement outlining your reasons for wanting to participate in the Dhiban field school. What interests you about archaeology? What specifically draws you to doing archaeology in Jordan, or on the Dhiban Project? Conditions at Dhiban can be difficult. Do you work well with others? Please share examples of how you have done this in the past.

Letters of recommendation:

Please have two people return the enclosed recommendation forms to the application address by **15 March 2013**. At least one recommendation should comment on your ability to work as part of a team in challenging circumstances.

Recommender 1

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Recommender 2

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

DHIBAN EXCAVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
2013 FIELD SCHOOL
REQUEST FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

[Candidate: Please detach and give this to your letter writer.]

Instructions to letter writers:

This candidate has requested that you write a letter of recommendation regarding his or her participation in the 2013 DEDP Field School. As appropriate, please address the following topics in your letter: the candidate's academic preparation, the candidate's ability to work as a team member, the candidate's ability to thrive in challenging (physical, emotional, cultural) conditions. For our record keeping, please write the candidate's full name on the top, right corner of your letter.

Please return your letter of recommendation to our application processor:

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Department of Antiquities of Jordan Security Form Details

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Step One: Personal photo

Send a digital copy of a passport photo OR take a high-resolution (> 150 dpi) photo of yourself with a digital camera—it should look like a passport photo with your head and shoulders in the image against a plain white background. Send the image (.jpg or .tiff) to dhibanproject@gmail.com.

Step Two: Security form information

Please type the following information and save it as a document with your last name only (e.g., 'smith.doc'). Fill out every category below. Email this information to dhibanproject@gmail.com (or mail to the address provided) by 15 March 2013.

Full Name

Last:

First:

Middle (or father's first name):

Full Date and Place of Birth (city and country):

Nationality at Birth:

Nationality at Present:

Passport No.:

Passport Date of Issue:

Passport Place of Issue:

Passport Expiration Date:

Occupation (note: "student" is fine):

Home address:

Previous Archaeological Work in Jordan? (if yes, list projects):

Archaeological Excavation in Other Countries? (If yes, list countries only):