



Internships 2023: Cultural Resource Management Internships

Field Archaeology Program
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The **‘Cultural Resource Management Internship’** programs is aimed primarily at IAFS alumni who want to expand on their archaeological skills (learnt from previous IAFS programs) but we will make occasional exceptions for the right individual, even if they are not an IAFS alum.

This internship will equip you with confidence and experience for conducting field work professionally after your studies.

A key element of our internships is that they are bespoke and designed, in so far as is practical, to meet your needs and career goals. As such you will be placed in an area of the school that best matches your interests, working and learning from our research and education staff in the field and laboratory for your on the job training.

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Winter Internship

6 weeks - €3,750

8 weeks - €5,000

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Application Deadline: December 2, 2022

Scholarship support is available to IAFS alumni only through our 'Alumni Scholarship Scheme'; please indicate your interest on application.'

Summer Internship

8 weeks - €5,000

9 weeks - €5,500

10 weeks - €6,000

12 weeks - €7000

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Application Deadline: April 21, 2023

Our internships provide a unique opportunity teaching participants how to excavate and critically assess an archaeological site within its landscape through a range of methods including archaeological excavation, bioarchaeology, archaeological survey, experimental archaeology, public archaeology, and post-excavation analysis.

The diversity of this course allows interns to complete a professional placement that best

suits their strengths and interests, be that in public archaeology, excavation or laboratory work.

Our internships are based from Birr, Co Offaly and Ferns in Co. Wexford, as well as from our main laboratory and headquarters.

Currently students interested in public archaeology will be placed predominantly in Birr, while those seeking skills in

bioarchaeology will be placed predominantly in Ferns. At both locations participants will work on a leading research excavation, while being mentored by senior site personnel. Interns learning will be also complimented by tours to several heritage sites, as well as a series of archaeological lectures/workshops. As both sites run sequentially you may be required to work at both sites dependant on your dates.



“Attending...Irish Archaeology Field School was one of the best things I’ve ever done. It was an amazing experience and I got the opportunity to learn about something I was interested in. The instructors were knowledgeable about their areas of history and went out of their way to help the students. I absolutely loved every minute of it and I’m so glad that I was able to participate in a field school that made me a better person, student, and future archaeologist”.

Gaile Juknevičius, University of Missouri – Kansas City



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Internship Objectives will be based on where you are placed, but may include:

- Understand different strands of archaeological enquiry and their application in an archaeological research context
- Understand how to communicate/present archaeology to a wider audience – including through interactive display, experimental archaeology etc.
- Have an understanding of the skills required for the conduct of an archaeological excavation
- Understand on site laboratory protocols, and how these contribute to artefact research, conservation and interpretation
- Have an understanding of the medieval history of both Ireland and Wexford
- Have a one of a kind cultural experience in Ireland
- Learn how to contribute to a live archaeological research project as a team member
- Understand the processes of bioarchaeology from an Irish context





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Timetable

Each internship is bespoke with no specific timetable, as interns (with staff) are required to respond to the needs of the project at any particular time. Interns will be committed to project activities each day from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, although this will occasionally vary and interns, as key project members, may be required to work outside these hours. Below is a non-exhaustive list of general duties all interns will be involved in both in the field and in the laboratory:

In the Field

- Answering site visitor questions about the project's research
- Excavating and recording archaeological features
- Maintaining provenience control for cultural materials
- Completion of site records, registers and other paper records
- Drawing measured plan and section drawings
- Contribute to the excavation and recording of human remains
- Using a total station and/or other survey instruments
- Photographing archaeological contexts
- Contributing to the public outreach of the project
- Helping with site logistics

In the Laboratory

- Answering visitors questions about the project laboratory protocols
- Processing archaeological artifacts and samples
- Maintaining provenience control for cultural materials and associated records
- Contribute to the processing of excavated human remains
- Clean and assess a variety of artifacts, including pottery, metal etc.
- Cataloguing archaeological collections on the site database to National Museum of Ireland standards
- Contribute to laboratory logistics
- Contribute to best practice curation of the site archive





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Prerequisites

Advanced undergraduate or graduate course work in archaeology, anthropology, museum studies, or related fields is required. Minimum of four weeks archaeological field experience or completion of a previous field-school (preferably with the IAFS) is required.

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Teaching and Learning Methods

Our internship programs are generally uncredited; however, we regularly work with academic institutions to ensure students can be credited directly by their home institution. We do also have other accreditation options, which we are happy to discuss. Assessment and evaluation of internship performance for credit is typically based on participation on site and completion of a field journal.

- Field School Participation: interns are required to participate in all field school activities, including research, archaeological survey, excavation and laboratory work
- Field Journal: interns are expected to complete a field school journal and present it for evaluation during their final week on site





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Why Study with IAFS?

We are Ireland's leading provider of accredited, site-based archaeological research and training.

The ethos of the school is to provide an opportunity for students and enthusiasts of archaeology and anthropology to experience at first hand the excitement of archaeological excavation in a teaching environment.

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Home Stay

Students will be housed in home stay accommodation in Co. Wexford. Our home stay offers students a unique experience to live with local families, and appreciate true home life in provincial Ireland. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily along with a packed lunch. At weekends students are encouraged to avail of their free time and explore Ireland.



“Overall, my experience(s) with the Irish Archaeology Field School greatly influenced the archaeologist, and person, I am today. I will forever be thankful for the experience, and would encourage anyone who is interested to get attend, or get involved in whatever way possible!”

Madeline Harris, University College Dublin - Ireland

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Course Instructors



Dr. Denis Shine current research interests lie in the sub-disciplines of medieval archaeology, landscape archaeology, community archaeology, Indigenous Australian archaeology and the historical emergence of identity. He has published extensively locally, nationally and internationally on these topics. Denis joined the Irish Archaeology Field School in 2014 and co-founded the Irish Heritage School in 2016. He is a co-founder and/or course instructor for each of their major research projects in Ferrycarrig, Ferns and Birr.



Dr. Annamaria (Anna) is a bioarchaeologist, physical anthropologist and field archaeologist. Since 2007 Anna has worked with both academic and commercial teams as field archaeologist and human osteoarchaeologist on sites spanning from the Neolithic to the post-medieval period in Italy, Morocco, Romania, Georgia, UK and the United Arab Emirates. She has trained and lectured in bioarchaeology, physical/forensic anthropology, and archaeological theory and practice at the University of Edinburgh and on archaeological



Dr. Stephen Mandal is the co-founder and CEO of the Irish Archaeology Field School (2005), the Irish Heritage School (2016), Cultural Tourism Ireland (2010), Dig it Kids (2011) and CRDS Ltd (1997). He co-founded two highly acclaimed community-based research and education projects along with presenting academic and public talks on the projects in Ireland and internationally, including to the Smithsonian Museum and the Archaeological Institute of America. In 2019, he was appointed to the Executive Board of the Discovery Programme, the Center for Irish Archaeological Research.



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