

AIA-NYS Scholars Program / Archaeological Field Scholarship

for Students at New York Colleges and Universities, 2019 - 2020

#### *Introduction*

This is a new outreach initiative intended to promote local young scholars in their study of archaeology,

both by encouraging their engagement in activities of the Archaeological Institute-New York Society, and by supporting their participation in fieldwork projects. Designed specifically for the benefit of college students in New York City, the program will be wholly administered and overseen by the local AIA society.

#### *AIA-NYS Scholars Program*

This program aims to foster participation in the activities of the AIA-New York Society by local college students, with a focus on undergraduates and first-year graduate students who have a serious, ongoing interest in pursuing archaeological studies and field research.

• **Eligibility** • Open to matriculated students at an accredited college or university within the five boroughs of

New York City (but need not be residents of New York City): sophomore, junior, senior undergrad-

uate students and first-year graduate students are eligible for consideration.

• Open to students from all academic disciplines, but those majoring in archaeology or related fields

are especially encouraged to apply.

• **Application Process *(online only)*** • Faculty members from colleges and universities in the Five Boroughs may nominate up to two stu-

dents apiece, with a brief letter of recommendation to the New York Society (email address below).

• Nominated students will provide a **short personal statement** (200 words or less) outlining their

interests, experience, and academic and career goals; plus an **official electronic transcript** from

their institution’s Registrar’s Office. (email address below).

• The application deadline is **30 September 2019**. The decision of the Scholarship Committee of the NYS will be announced by this year’s NYS Annual meeting on **7 October 2019**.

• **Activities & Benefits**

U**p to a** maximum of ***six*** (6) students will be named annually as “AIA-NYS Scholars,” who will:

• Attend at least *two* (2) regular meetings of the AIA-New York Society (and will be introduced as this

year’s “AIA-NYS Scholars”), and be invited to have dinner with the speaker.

• Be invited to submit a short, illustrated report of any fieldwork experience they may have had , for publication in the spring issue AIA-NYS *Newsletter* (paper copies sent to members, then posted on our website). Having had fieldwork experience is not a requirement for consideration.

• Receive a one-year student membership to the Archaeological Institute of America, with a subscrip-

tion to the *American Journal of Archaeology,* if desired*.*

• If attending the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, will receive partial financial support; A student registration fee and a ticket for the Opening Night Reception.

• Be eligible to apply for the annual AIA-NYS Archaeological Field Scholarship.

#### *AIA-NYS Archaeological Fieldwork Scholarship*

This scholarship provides *one* annual grant of $1500, awarded to one of the year’s AIA-NYS Scholars, to help

cover expenses for participation in a project of archaeological field work or a field school.

• **Eligibility** • Applications accepted from the annual group of AIA-NYS Scholars.

• Must be for an archaeological field project or field school, with a minimum stay of three weeks. There

are no restrictions geographically or by time/cultural period for the proposed fieldwork activity.

• **Application Process *(online only)*** Applicants will complete an application form that includes the following: *[Application form not yet available.]*

• Information about the project or field school; relevant links and websites.

• A brief essay (300 words or less) summarizing the significance of the project and its relevance

to the student’s current program of study, as well as to their academic and future career goals.

• A budget statement, outlining anticipated expenses for participation in the project, along with

other sources of funding, applied for or received.

• Names and contact information for two academic recommenders: professors or advisors familiar

with the student’s work, who can write on their behalf.

• The application deadline is **15 March 2020**. If a scholarship is awarded, the decision of the Scholarship Committee of the NYS will be announced by **20 April 2020** and also at the final Spring 2020 meeting/lecture of the New York Society.

• **Documentation; Follow-up Reports** The recipient of the annual AIA-NYS Scholarship will be responsible for the following:

• To provide a letter from the archaeological field project or field school, confirming acceptance

into the program.

• To present a brief (ca. 5-10 minute) PowerPoint fieldwork report at the first Fall 2020 meeting

of the New York Society.

• To submit a short, illustrated report of their fieldwork experience, for publication in the fall

issue of the AIA-NYS *Newsletter*.

***For further information:***

* Questions about the terms of the Scholars Program and/or the Fieldwork Scholarship please contact Prof. Joanne Spurza [jmspurza@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:jmspurza@hunter.cuny.edu). Or Jeffrey Lamia [jlamia@nyc.rr.com](mailto:jlamia@nyc.rr.com). Please indicate in the title that the communication is “About the NYS Scholars Program.”

* For submission of materials please click on: [scholarships@aia-nysociety.org](mailto:scholarships@aia-nysociety.org)
* x. NYS Scholars Program: Brief faculty recommendation, student’s short personal statement and official electronic transcript

x For the Fieldwork Scholarship: Application form etc. will be posted in the future on the NY Society’s website [www.aia-nysociety.org](http://www.aia-nysociety.org)