

University of Reading Excavations at Amheida (Egypt) Field School

The University of Reading Excavations at Amheida, located in Egypt's Western Desert, welcomes student applications for one month of excavation training from approximately March 23-April 23, 2013.

Amheida (ancient Trimithis) is the largest archaeological site in Egypt's Dakhleh Oasis. This city contains a diverse array of structures, including: tombs, a mud-brick pyramid, a temple mound, a bath complex, industrial installations and numerous Romano-Egyptian houses. At Amheida, you will experience remarkably well-preserved archaeology in an exhilarating and challenging desert environment.

The University of Reading Excavations focus on one sector of the site in order to capture a holistic view of a single Romano-Egyptian neighborhood. This neighborhood is characterized by mixed spatial usage and includes houses, a ceramics production area, and a large open courtyard.

Placement Description

- You will hold a position in the fieldwork team involved in the excavation and analysis of a sector of a Romano-Egyptian city located in the Dakhleh Oasis, Egypt.
- Your fieldwork activities will include the excavation of a third-fourth century neighborhood, archaeological and architectural planning, and environmental sampling.
- You will gain experience in the processing of finds (ceramics, small finds) and data processing.
- You will have opportunities to gain additional skills in digital data management (e.g. plan digitization).

Skills gained

- Excavation strategies, techniques and recording
- Handling and analyzing artifacts
- Drafting site plans
- Skills gained will be readily transferable to archaeological excavations worldwide
- Professional Development and Employability Skills to add to an Employment CV
- Future employment references from international scholars

Facilities

- Food and luxury accommodation at a purpose-built excavation house.
- Laundry services provided.
- In-house internet capacity with wireless.

Payment

- Applicants cover their own travel to Cairo and GBP 375/week (includes housing, transportation within Egypt, and all meals in the excavation house).

Further Information

- Previous archaeological experience preferred.
- Website: <http://www.amheida.org/index.php?content=reading>
- The University of Reading Excavations at Amheida are part of the Amheida project, which is sponsored by New York University (NYU) in collaboration with Columbia University. NYU also offers a January-March semester in Egypt program, which is described on the project web site (www.amheida.org).

Application

- Please apply by CV and cover letter (no more than 1 side of A4) stating your reasons for applying.
- Due Date: Applications are due by 5:00 pm (BST) on Thursday 31st May 2012. Applicants will be notified on a rolling basis or within one week after the application deadline.
- Please send applications directly to Dr. Anna Boozer by email or by post:

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