



Application for the 2006 University of Notre Dame **FELLOWSHIP IN BIO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

Each applicant must provide, along with this completed application form:

- 2 letters of recommendation including the signed Letter of Recommendation forms;
- an official transcript with current GPA;
- proof of current health insurance; and,
- a Xeroxed copy of your current student ID.

Please answer all questions completely; failure to do so will cause your application to be returned without review. This will be a highly competitive process, please give yourself (and your professors) plenty of time to complete the requested forms. *Please type or write legibly.*

All materials must be received at the address below by **March 15, 2006**. It will be the responsibility of the applicant to see that the letters and transcripts arrive on time.

Mail applications to: **Dr. Susan Guise Sheridan**
611 Flanner Hall
Department of Anthropology
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN 46556
Fax: (574) 631-5760

If you have any questions in the preparation of this application, please feel free to email **Jaime Ullinger** at ullinger.1@osu.edu or check the web site for the project:

<http://www.nd.edu/~stephens/fieldschoolintro.html>

Ten Fellows will be selected from the pool of applicants. They will have one week to officially accept the offer. Two alternates will also be chosen, should a finalist not respond by the stated deadline.

Timeline for the decision process follows:

Application receipt date:	March 15, 2006
Finalist acceptance deadline:	April 15, 2006
Housing/transportation forms due:	April 25, 2006

If any of these dates overlap with a period when you will be away from your campus (such as Spring Break), it is your responsibility to make arrangements for someone to forward the materials to you. The deadlines will not be extended; if you are a finalist and we do not receive your acceptance by April 15th, we will offer the fellowship to one of the alternates.

As per the guidelines of the National Science Foundation, these fellowships are available to US citizens only. Fellowships are available to undergraduates enrolled as a full-time student at an American university thru at least August 2006. This program is open to all college students at any level from first year through senior year.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Email address (valid thru April 30, 2006): _____

Phone # (valid thru April 30, 2006): _____

Permanent Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: ____ SSN #: _____

Major? _____ Current GPA: _____ Graduate Date? _____

Remember to request a copy of your transcript from your university early, to be mailed to the above address.

Although only current undergraduates are eligible, this course is offered for undergraduate or graduate credit in 3 departments. Please circle the categories:

Level: Undergraduate Graduate Department: Anthropology Theology Medieval Studies

Please provide the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of two people to be contacted in case of an emergency:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Are there any medical or psychological conditions which might impact your participation in this field school? Please explain fully on the back of this page.

Name of your medical insurance company: _____

Policy number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Agent's Name: _____

Agent's phone #: _____

Name of your primary healthcare provider: _____

Doctor's address: _____

Doctor's phone number and email (if known): _____

RESEARCH/COURSEWORK EXPERIENCE:

Please provide the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email address of the 2 people you have asked to write letters of recommendation. Take time to discuss the nature of this program and your interest in it with your referees. One of these individuals should be your academic advisor. Please use the form at the end of this application for each of your references.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Do you have any prior laboratory research experience? YES NO

If so, where? _____

Your director's name and address: _____

When? _____ What was your position? _____

Do you have any special skills for this type of research? (ie - computer, artistic, linguistic)?

What anthropology courses have you taken as an undergraduate?

What science courses have you taken as an undergraduate?

What other courses have you taken as an undergraduate that you think are pertinent to this course?

QUESTION #1:

You will be working and living with a small group of people in an intense research setting for six weeks. After the 4th week, you find yourself tired of the constant ‘togetherness’. You begin to notice your roommate’s breathing is too loud, your lab partner chews with her mouth open, the daily walk to the lab feels like an “Outward Bound” adventure, your professors don’t seem to have the words “personal life” in their vocabulary 😊 Given the above, how would you handle the following scenarios: (limit your answers to the space provided below)

Your lab partner isn’t pulling his/her weight on your project. How would you handle the situation?

How will you create your “own space” to maintain your sanity, without effecting the class design or camaraderie built in the course?

QUESTION #2:

You have been given a large collection of bones from a Byzantine monastery in Jerusalem. Before you begin your life-long analysis of the collection, you decide it's best to write up a research design to help keep you on track, form the basis for your successful grant-writing endeavors, and provide a memento for posterity that will someday sell on eBay for a small fortune 😊 List 4 questions you'll study with this collection, and describe how you'll go about addressing your inquiries.
(limit your answer to the space provided below)

QUESTION #3:

We have a wealth of possible places to visit/people to see/things to do related to the course. You are therefore given a choice of two activities:

Activity 1: a three-day trip to a monastery. While there, you will be able to see a functioning monastery similar in style to the setting of our Byzantine collection. You will attend the prayer cycle, talk to monks, tour the grounds for a better understanding of the symbolic nature of asceticism, and listen to a lecture about Byzantine monastic life. The drive is long, but it will provide “bonding time” and give you a chance to discuss what to expect/what has transpired.

Activity 2: three days at the Indiana University School of Medicine to tour the anatomy and microbiology labs. You will be provided time work with various high tech instruments, talk to physical anthropologists working in a medical school research setting, and gain a better understanding of bone biology and biomechanics. This will be useful for your understanding of the microscopic aspects of osteological response to disease stress.

Which do you see as providing greater benefit to your understanding of the biocultural model. Please limit your answer to the space below.

QUESTION #4:

Please write a personal statement, comparable to that you would compose for application to graduate or professional school. We will use this statement to help select awardees. This statement will be returned to you towards the end of the course, to perfect with the help of a graduate school advisor in the professional development module of the course.

This statement should help us get to know you by going beyond the numbers and facts included in other sections of your application. Some past applicants have presented their special talents, unique interests, socio-economic or cultural backgrounds (including languages other than English spoken at home), and dozens of other personal qualities. Whether your essay is autobiographical or imaginative, it should reflect who you are in both form and content. (limit your answer to the space provided below)

All of the answers in this application are truthful and accurate. I understand that any misrepresentation can lead to my disqualification from this program:

Signature

Date

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

Instructions for applicants: Fill in the lines in the shaded area below, including your name, and the name/address of the reviewer. Be sure to circle an answer to the privacy question (box), and sign and date this form before giving it to your professor.

Name of Applicant: _____
Name of Referee: _____ Rank: _____
Referee's Department: _____
Referee's Address: _____

Pursuant to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act signed into law on 12/31/74, I the Undersigned
DO.../DO NOT....., waive my right of access to inspect and review this appraisal Form.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Please attach a letter of recommendation addressing the following issues:

- 1) In what capacity and for how long have you known this student? How would you rank this student in comparison to his/her peers at your institution?
- 2) What evidence can you provide about this student's ability to work with others? Would you select this student to participate in an intensive (6 weeks/8 hour per day) summer program if you were the director?
- 3) Has this student shown evidence of independent critical thinking?
- 4) Has this student demonstrated a breadth of perspective in his/her work? This program will stress a highly interdisciplinary approach to scientific inquiry.
- 5) Has this student demonstrated an interest in pursuing graduate or professional school following graduation from your institution?

Please mail this form attached to your letter to:

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If you have any questions, please contact the program co-director Jaime Ullinger (ullinger.1@osu.edu). We appreciate your candid evaluation of this student, your responses will be held in strict confidence. This 6-credit summer program is sponsored by the University of Notre Dame and the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates. Student travel, housing, food, books, field trip fees, etc. will be covered. *We anticipate a significant number of applicants and therefore request you submit your letter by the posted deadline (March 15, 2006) to ensure adequate review of this applicant.*

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