

**Call for applicants for participation in
The Kimmel Center
“Archaeological science field school”**

An “Archaeological science field school” is offered by the Kimmel Center for Archaeological Science, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel. The purpose of the course is to expose students to interdisciplinary research that involves archaeology and the natural sciences, in the field. The students will experience interactive work that combines excavation and analysis of materials using an on-site laboratory. The course will emphasize the inter-connection between laboratory analyses and the archaeological context, and will include fieldwork, laboratory work, and lectures.

Course organizers and their fields of expertise:

Dr. Elisabetta Boaretto: radiocarbon dating, material analysis

Dr. Ruth Shahack-Gross: geoarchaeology, micromorphology

Prof. Steve Weiner: mineralogical analyses, phytoliths, site formation processes

The course is organized in collaboration with Prof. Aren M. Maeir (Bar Ilan University), director of the Tell es-Safi/Gath excavations. Registered students will participate in the excavation of the site Tell es-Safi/Gath, identified with the Biblical city Gath of the Philistines.

The course will take place between July 1st and 6th, 2012. Accommodation and food will be supplied by the excavation organizers at Kibbutz Revadim. The cost is \$500 per week (\$400 room and board + \$100 participation fee). Applicants with little or no archaeological experience are encouraged to participate in one or two weeks of excavations and research at Tell es-Safi/Gath following the field school.

Applications are limited for students from third year undergraduates through Masters and doctoral students. The best qualified 10 applicants will be selected. Applications should include one paragraph explaining why you are interested in participating in this course, CV, list of grades and two names of referees, and sent no later than March 1st 2012 to:

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