



## FIELD SCHOOLS WITH CURRENT RPA CERTIFICATION

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### **Announcing the 2012 RPA Field School Scholarships!**

The Register of Professional Archaeologists announces its Field School Scholarships, to be awarded annually to students from four RPA-certified field schools. One scholarship in the amount of \$1000 will be awarded by each of RPA's sponsoring institutions (AAA, AIA, SAA, SHA) to a director of an RPA-certified field school, who will then award the scholarships to a deserving student or students. Selection criteria include timely submission, geographical focus, and field school duration. *All currently certified field schools are automatically eligible for the scholarships.* Field schools must be certified by March 23, 2012 to be considered in the 2012 pool. Scholarships will be announced at the 2012 SAA Award Ceremony.

### **What is RPA Field School Certification?**

RPA Certification means that your field school has met a set of professional standards covering five areas (click [here](#) for a full discussion of these criteria):

- **Purpose.** The field school must have both an explicit research design and an explicit curriculum design that integrates research with student education.
- **Personnel.** The Director or Principal Investigator of the field school must be RPA-certified.
- **Operational Procedure.** The field school must include formal instruction on field techniques including excavation, survey, and laboratory work.
- **Field Procedure.** The field school must include proper data recovery and recording techniques.
- **Sponsor.** The sponsoring institution must provide appropriate resources for laboratory work, curation, and publication/distribution of the research results.

### **Why Certify Your Field School?**

Field schools are the training ground for the next generation of archaeologists and an important public face of archaeology. They should display our discipline's highest standards of research and site stewardship. Both students and prospective employers can be confident that a certified field school meets established professional standards. Benefits of certification include: national recognition of your field school's high standards of student training and site recording; advertisement of your field school on RPA and RPA-affiliated web sites; and eligibility for RPA student field school scholarships.