Funded Internship at Agriturismo Le Mole sul Farfa

Overview

The College of Arts and Sciences Internship Fund at the University of Vermont has collaborated with Professor of Classics, Mark Usher to fund one intern per year to participate in the Roman Villa Internship with Agriturismo Le Mole sul Farfa in Mompeo, Italy.

Internships are a vital piece of a liberal arts education and the College of Arts and Sciences is committed to providing their students with a diverse range of experiential learning opportunities. Students of all majors are encouraged to apply for this opportunity.

Internship Information:

About the organization:

Le Mole sul Farfa is a modern agriturismo (farm and farm stay/bed and breakfast) that features an attached ancient olive grove that preserves substantial remains of an ancient Roman villa currently being excavated. Le Mole makes estate olive oil and hosts guests throughout the year. The food served (vegetarian) is “farm-to-table,” authentic regional Italian cuisine prepared by the proprietors themselves.

Supervisors: Stefano Fassone and Elisabeth De Coster

www.lemolesulfarfa.com

Location & Dates:

Mompeo, Italy, in the Sabine Hills, about an hour and half train journey from Rome

Internship dates: May 17-May 31

Position Description:

This unique opportunity allows students to engage in research at an ancient olive grove and modern agriturismo that preserves substantial remains of an ancient Roman villa dating from the Republican era (2nd century BCE). The work involves archaeological excavation, agricultural tasks, including field botany and GPS mapping, and the harvesting and preparation of local food.

Interns can expect to 1) get experience in various field and lab techniques of archaeological science, 2) acquire agricultural skills related to olive farming (including propagation), and 3) engage in food preparation and acquire knowledge about the regional food system.

Qualifications:
This internship opportunity is open to rising juniors and seniors. Interns MUST be enrolled in credit through UVM.

Open to all majors, but students studying Classics, Anthropology, Environmental Studies, and Food Systems are preferred.

No previous experience necessary. Students must be eager to engage in archaeological and agricultural fieldwork and learn various field techniques. This internship involves physical work, outside, using hand tools (removing dirt and stones with trowels and shovels, trimming trees, etc.) and may involve learning some techniques related to lab testing, computer modeling, and mapping software.

Stipend:

This internship is unpaid, but there are several avenues through which you can get funding for this opportunity through UVM:

1. CAS Internship Funding is available via separate application process to students in the College of Arts & Sciences. See [http://go.uvm.edu/intern](http://go.uvm.edu/intern) for more information. Award maximum: $2,500

2. Prindle-Myrick-Kidder Summer Scholarships for Classics Undergraduates -- Two or three of these scholarships will be awarded each year to help defray expenses for students participating in both credit and non-credit-bearing activities in the summer in Classics-related programs. See the bottom of this page for more information: [https://www.uvm.edu/cas/classics/student-opportunities](https://www.uvm.edu/cas/classics/student-opportunities). Award maximum: $2,000


Costs:

Estimated: $1,500 room and board
$800-$1,000 for airfare

Application Process:

Please fill out the application form found on the CAS Internship Website. You will also be asked to send the following items to Sophia Trigg (strigg@uvm.edu) via email, before the deadline specified on the CAS Internship website.

1. Resume
2. Cover Letter

Once the deadline has passed, a committee comprised of UVM faculty and advisors will review the applications and select some applicants for interviews.

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