

Independent Student Research Using the Johns Hopkins Archaeological Museum Collection

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Upper-level undergraduate and graduate students are invited to conduct independent research using objects in the collection with the approval of the museum's Associate Director. To request access to the collection, a project proposal must be submitted in the first month of the semester before the project is to start (e.g. project to start in Spring semester, must be proposed by the end of the previous September). Earlier submission is recommended.

Role of the Museum

The staff of the museum can provide access to objects, provenance information, and supervision during visits to the museum. Some non-destructive analyses such as XRF and RTI can be conducted by the student and museum staff with prior approval of the Associate Director. The museum staff provides access to the collection and technical assistance but does not supervise and advise student research projects. The student must secure approval from a faculty member who act as the primary supervisor and advisor of the project.

Please review the museum's website [LINK: http://www.splicedesigngroup.com/jhu_archmuse_5/] for policies and information regarding the scope of the collection.

Proposal

A well-thought-out project proposal must be submitted for approval by the Associate Director of the museum early in the first month of semester prior to the proposed start of the project.

The proposal must include:

- Description of the proposed research including why working directly with ancient objects is needed.
- Bibliography
- A timeline of project
- Approval from a faculty member from an appropriate department (e.g. Near Eastern Studies, Museum and Societies) who agrees to act as primary supervisor of the project
- Expectations of support from museum staff needed in the execution of the project. i.e. providing access to objects and provenance information, training in and supervision during object handling and/or technical analysis
- A list of museum supplies and equipment needed to complete the project
- Final product of the research: e.g. publication, exhibit drawer, website element, public presentation.

Email your proposal package to Sanchita Balachandran at Sanchita@jhu.edu.