

Forensic Anthropology and Clandestine Grave Recovery Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Application for Undergraduate and Graduate Trainee Position

Thank you for your interest in our trainee position. Please read the entire application carefully before submitting. Direct any questions to Dr. Alice Gooding at afazloll@kennesaw.edu.

Description

Forensic Anthropology and Clandestine Grave Recovery is a course offered twice a year to crime scene investigators across the state of Georgia. Undergraduate and graduate students from any recognized university may apply to attend the course as a trainee.

The course is run by Dr. Alice Gooding, a forensic anthropologist for the state of Georgia at large. Students who attend the course and do well may be invited back in an assistant position role with Dr. Gooding during subsequent courses. The offering of an assistant position is never guaranteed.

The course is divided into two sections- two classroom days, followed by two field days. The classroom days cover the basic components of forensic anthropology and archaeological techniques. The two field days are designed to teach attendees about the systematic process of excavating and recovery of a clandestine grave. These days are labor intensive.

Attending the course is free of charge. However, all accepted trainees are required to pay for their hotel, transportation, and food costs while staying in Forsyth, Georgia.

This course is approximately 32 hours. If trainees would like to use these hours towards an internship or senior research course at their university, arrangements must be made with the home university prior to attending the course.

Please keep in mind- this course is designed for professional law enforcement officers and civilian investigators across the state. Trainees are expected to dress appropriately and act in a professional manner at all times. Failure to meet these standards may be cause for dismissal at any point during the course at the discretion of the instructor.

Application

Trainee applicants should complete the attached application and send it to Dr. Gooding (afazloll@kennesaw.edu). Application due dates are as follows: Fall course- September 1; Spring course- Feb 1.

A strong applicant will have:

- Taken multiple courses in physical anthropology
- Taken a field methods course in archaeology
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Be highly recommended by their reference(s)

Students who do not meet these criteria may still apply, but are encouraged to wait until a later application cycle when they have had more experience.

Trainee applications require the following:

1. A copy of your transcript (can be unofficial).
2. At least one recommendation letter from a physical anthropology or archaeology faculty member with which you have worked closely. Please give recommenders one month's notice to write your reference. Recommendation letters should cover the following items:
 - Length of time and context for knowing the applicant
 - Applicant's knowledge of physical anthropology and/or archaeology
 - Applicant's ability to work in a group setting
 - Any other comments that would be helpful in determining your suitability for field work
3. The completed application (see following page).

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Name _____

College/University _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Status

Major _____

Faculty Recommender's Name _____

(A letter of recommendation must be submitted by your academic advisor or a faculty member familiar with your classroom performance by email to Dr. Alice Gooding at afazloll@kennesaw.edu. Please see page 2 for the requirements of the recommendation letter.)

Do you have a vehicle or other transportation?

Do you have health insurance?

Initial next to each statement below to indicate that you understand the parameters of the position:

_____ Trainees are responsible for securing and paying for their own hotel and food during the course (5 days, 4 nights).

_____ Trainees may be dismissed at any point during the course due to inappropriate behavior at the discretion of the instructor.

By signing this form, I agree that all information indicated above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send this completed form and a copy of your transcript (can be unofficial) to Dr. Gooding at afazloll@kennesaw.edu by the due date listed on page 2.