

# NALANDA-SRIWIJAYA CENTRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL 2013

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### BEFORE APPLYING TO THE FIELD SCHOOL

#### *General Questions*

##### **How much does the Field School cost?**

If you are accepted into the main cohort, the field school will pay for your room and meals in Cambodia as well as the room and some stated meals in Singapore (to be outlined in the booklet).

If you accept the offer, you will be expected to book and pay in advance for your flights into and out of Singapore (you must check into the Singapore Hotel by the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 2013, and check out of the Singapore Hotel by the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, 2013). The field school will give you a travel subsidy, and provide some meals. You will need to bring enough money to cover daily living expenses in Singapore and Cambodia (an approximate minimum amount is S\$30-50/day in Singapore, and US\$10-15/day in Cambodia; this does not include such additional expenditures as purchases of souvenirs, shopping, laundry, telephone calls, additional meals and beverages etc). You will also need to purchase travel insurance for the period in question. These conditions will be outlined in the offer letter.

##### **How much will students be getting as a travel subsidy?**

The field school will be providing a travel allowance up to the following amounts, which will be outlined in the offer letter:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Amount (Singapore Dollars)</b>
Southeast Asia	600
Rest of Asia	800
Rest of world	1000

Additionally, for those requiring visas, the field school shall be providing an allowance of up to S\$50. For those requiring travel insurance, an allowance of S\$100 shall also be provided.

##### **What will students learn?**

Students will learn systematic excavation and survey methods, which will depend on the conditions and needs encountered at the field site during the project. Students will hear lectures on Southeast Asian archaeology from experts in the field. Students will visit sites and museums in Singapore and Cambodia to learn about heritage management. A workshop on archaeological photography is also planned.

##### **Does the Field School award transferable credits?**

The students will not receive any academic credits for taking part in this field school. However, students will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the field school.

##### **What is the application process?**

Students will fill out and submit the applications, which must arrive in Singapore by Wednesday May 1, 2013. The field school will inform students regarding the result of their applications by May 7, and the student must acknowledge acceptance of the offer by May 14, 2013.

**Is Financial Aid available?**

Yes, as outlined above, the field school does provide financial assistance to all its students. The field school only accepts students who are citizens of East Asia Summit member countries. The 18 East Asian Summit member countries are the ten ASEAN countries; Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam; and Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, and Russia.

*Field School Applications*

**The call for application states that students who are studying Archaeology, History, and Art History are preferred. Will my application still be considered if my background is not from these fields?**

We strongly prefer candidates from those fields, as the field school is meant for those who anticipate pursuing careers in archaeology, but we will still welcome your application if you can provide strong evidence of interest and previous involvement with these subjects.

**I am not currently enrolled in a tertiary institution, as I have graduated. Can I still apply?**

If you have graduated from your university and are thinking of continuing your studies in the fields of Archaeology, History, and/or Art History, we would welcome your application.

**I have a lot of files to submit, can I just send them all as attachments?**

In order to process your applications in a timely manner, we would appreciate it if you could combine them and submit as a single PDF file.

**Can I just type my name as a signature?**

We will require your actual signature, and a digital copy is acceptable.

**BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIELD SCHOOL**

**Which airport do I book a ticket to?**

Please book your tickets to Changi Airport, Singapore. The field school will handle your flight details between Singapore and Cambodia.

**Do I need a visa to enter Singapore or Cambodia?**

Please check with your embassies if you require a tourist visa to enter these countries. For Cambodia visas can be purchased prior to arrival online for US\$35, on arrival at the airport for US\$20.

**When should I arrive in Singapore?**

You should arrive in Singapore by the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2013.

**Where will students stay in Singapore?**

To be announced (TBA).

**Where would students stay in Cambodia?**

TBA.

**What type of room will I be housed in?**

You will be housed on a twin-sharing basis (that is, you'll likely have one room-mate from the field school).

**Do I need to bring my laptop?**

If you have one, we suggest bringing it to do readings, catch up with family/friends, and work on your presentations.

**Is there free wi-fi available?**

We will endeavor to get hotels with wi-fi. At ISEAS, the field school can provide you a wi-fi password.

**What kind of documents do we need to prepare in order for us to get our travel stipends?**

Please prepare beforehand a copy of your passport and plane tickets (this would include bookings / receipts / boarding passes).

**My flight arrives in the early morning of the day that I am supposed to check-in. Is it possible to get the key to my room?**

Please check directly with the hotel for early check-in availability. Please be aware that if there are additional surcharges, you will need to pay for them yourself.

**Can I check-in early / check-out late from the hotel?**

Please check directly with the hotel for availability. Please be aware that if there are additional surcharges, you will need to pay them yourself.

**Can I get the reading list for the field school early?**

Once the reading list for the field school has been finalized, we will let you know through e-mail and/or the facebook group.

**Can I get pick-up service at the airport?**

Sadly, as everyone will be travelling at different times, we will not be able to pick you up at the airport. Many forms of transport are available, from taxis, public buses, and the MRT (the subway).

**TRAVEL ADVISORY****Do I need to have my own travel insurance?**

As a requirement of participating in the field school, you **MUST** purchase travel insurance. ISEAS or the field school will not be responsible for medical emergencies and expenses,

**AFTER THE FIELD SCHOOL****Is there a student feedback exercise where I can give suggestions?**

There will be a feedback form at the end of the field school where students can give feedback.

**Further questions?**

If your question was not answered here in this FAQ, please direct them to [nscafs@iseas.edu.sg](mailto:nscafs@iseas.edu.sg).