The Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education (SCMRE) and the Smithsonian Office of Fellowships announce a one-year advanced training opportunity in archaeological conservation beginning in the fall 2004. At the postgraduate level, a fellow will receive a stipend of $22,000 with an additional travel/research allowance of $2,000. At the graduate level, an intern will receive funding supplemental to the university’s stipend and a $2,000 travel/research allowance. Health insurance is available at either level.

This training is a component of the Archaeological Conservation Program, which seeks to foster the integration of conservation and archaeological research through collaborative materials-based studies, collections care training, and fieldwork participation. To cultivate the successful candidate’s skills in the preservation and study of archaeological materials, at least one technical study/research project related to Smithsonian collections will be carried out utilizing SCMRE’s analytical resources. Participation in one field-based archaeological project is anticipated, including development of a workshop for an archaeological audience.

Applicant Qualifications
For the postgraduate fellowship, the applicant must be a recent graduate of a recognized conservation training program or have equivalent training and experience. For the graduate internship, the applicant must be entering the internship year in a graduate conservation training program or the equivalent. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to the conservation of archaeological materials, including fieldwork participation, and have research experience, writing ability, and English language skills (written and spoken). The award will be made without regard to age, sex, race, or nationality of the applicant.

Application Procedure
The prospective candidate must first contact Harriet F. (Rae) Beaubien, manager of the Archaeological Conservation Program, at beaubienh@scmre.si.edu or (301) 238-3700 ext. 154. If candidacy is determined to be suitable, the following materials must be submitted:

• A cover letter presenting candidate’s intent in applying for the fellowship, research interests and workshop topic suggestions
• A curriculum vitae including basic biographical information, current and permanent addresses, telephone number, and e-mail address
• Transcripts of both undergraduate and graduate courses of academic study; the evaluation system should be explained if it differs from that in the U.S. (may be omitted by graduate interns)
• At least two examples of pertinent publications, lectures, or other written material
• Two letters of recommendation from conservation professionals familiar with the candidate’s work and one letter of personal reference (names of references will suffice for graduate interns)

The application deadline is March 31, 2004. The application package should be sent to:
Francine Lewis
Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education
Museum Support Center
4210 Silver Hill Road
Suitland Maryland 20746-2863 USA

Finalists may be invited for an interview and asked to submit a portfolio of completed projects. All applicants will be notified by May 15, 2004 of the selection committee’s decision.