



Dun Ailinne Archaeological Field School- Summer 2019

Dates: June 17-July 12, 2019

Cost: \$3000-4000 (+airfare)

Application Deadline: March 22, 2019 For an application form contact Susan Johnston (sjohnsto@gwu.edu)

Field Directors: Dr. Susan Johnston (GWU), Dr. Pam Crabtree (NYU)

The site of Dun Ailinne is located on top of Knockaulin hill a short distance from the town of Kilcullen, Co. Kildare, Ireland. Evidence from earlier excavations (1968-1975) has shown that it was the focus of activity as early as the Neolithic, but its main importance was during the Iron Age, ca 600 BCE to 400 CE. During this period, a series of wooden structures was built, used for ceremony and ritual probably associated with religious and political interests. The excavations this summer will focus on two features associated with these structures—two circular ritual enclosures, one of which we know dates to the Iron Age. We began excavating these features in 2018 and we plan to continue into the center to see what is there in order to identify their specific functions.

This four-week field season is designed to offer students the opportunity to participate in all aspects of an archaeological excavation. This includes experience with surveying using a total station, excavation of buried features, and processing and preliminary analysis of the recovered data (artifacts, bone remains, radiocarbon samples, etc.). Students will be trained in these skills by professional archaeologists from George Washington University and New York University, in partnership with the Blackfriary Archaeological Field School. Students will also participate in group field trips to surrounding areas.

While academic credit is not included, it can be obtained. For more information please contact Dr. Susan Johnston.



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