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ASM POLICY ON QUALIFICATIONS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT DIRECTORS

Arizona Board of Regents Policy Manual, Rules Implementing A.R.S. § 15-1631 and § 41-841 et seq., The Arizona Antiquities Act, Policy Number 8-202(C)(1)(e)

Review of a permit applications entails evaluation of “the professional qualifications of the project director.” The requirements are presented below and accompanied by ASM’s explanations and examples.

8-202(C)(1)(e)(1). A graduate degree in anthropology or archaeology, or equivalent training or experience.

“Equivalent training or experience” must total at least two years, and means at least eight months of supervised field work in survey, eight months of supervised field work in excavation, and eight months of supervised work in artifact identification and the analysis and synthesis of archaeological data.

8-202(C)(1)(e)(2). A demonstrated ability to plan and conduct research based on contemporary archaeological method and theory.

This requirement may be met by a dissertation or a thesis on a case-by-case basis; a chapter, report, or other publication that contains archaeological analysis; or four months, minimum, as a field supervisor at the level of crew chief or above.

8-202(C)(1)(e)(3). At least four months of supervised field experience in survey, four months in excavation, and at least four months experience in artifact identification and the analysis and synthesis of archaeological data.

Supervised field experience can be at the crew member, field technician, crew chief, or field supervisor level; this means that the prospective project director was not the project’s principal investigator. At least one half of the applicant's excavation experience must be in data recovery. On a case-by-case basis, field school experience will be considered as meeting a portion of this requirement.

Artifact identification means laboratory experience; this can be academic or private sector work. Analysis and synthesis of archaeological data means report preparation. Combined, artifact identification and analysis and synthesis of archaeological data must total four months.

8-202(C)(1)(e)(4). At least one year of full-time professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological remains.

“Professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological remains” means survey and excavation at the level of crew chief or above, and must include report preparation.