



Participation for Summer 2026 Season at Tell Timai, Egypt

Open to all with an archaeological education or experience background.



Location: Egypt

Dates: End of June – Beg of August 2026 – 5 WEEKS - TBC

Application Deadline: 14 September 2025

Program Type: Geophysical Survey/Lab Analysis/Excavation/Conservation

Project Affiliation with Nottingham Trent University, UK and University of Hawaii, USA

Project Director: Dr. Jay Silverstein, Nottingham Trent University

Project Co-Director Prof. Robert Littman, University of Hawaii

Description:

A call for archaeologists, participants, and a few supervisors interested in the Summer 2026 archaeological study of the site of Tell Timai in the Nile Delta region of Egypt.

The ruins of the Greco-Roman Egyptian city of Thmouis are found at Tell Timai in the Nile Delta of Egypt near the modern city of El Mansoura. Thmouis is first mentioned in Classical texts by Herodotus (*Histories of Herodotus* 2.166) based on his visit in the middle of the 5th century BC. By Ptolemaic times the city was flourishing, having assumed administration of the Mendesian nome from its sister city at nearby Mendes. Historical references to the city in Josephus (*Jewish Wars* 4.656), Pliny (*Natural History* 13.2.4), Ammianus Marcellinus (*Roman History* 22.16), and other sources attest to the importance of the city in the Classical world. The city earned its greatest fame as the source of Mendesian perfume prized throughout the Mediterranean. The city played an important role in the rise of early Christianity, serving as an episcopal see during the Late Roman Period (3rd - 4th centuries AD). The city appears to have been abandoned during the Arab Period in 831 AD following the suppression of a tax revolt. The coming season will be focused on the Rise of Christianity and Roman monumental architecture.

Web Site: <http://www.telltimai.org/>



Period(s) of occupation: ca. 450 BC - ca. 831 AD.

Minimum length of stay for participants: 2 weeks

Experience required: Archaeology/Egyptology courses/experience preferred but not required.

Fee: Participants pay their own costs (Dig Fee). Air transportation to Cairo is not covered by this fee. All in country costs are covered except incidentals and non-project hotel stays. A number of partial scholarships are available.

For the total cost, please contact us via email (See below).

Accommodation: The Dig House for the project is located in the adjacent town of Timai El Amdid and all basic amenities are available there. Rooms are generally shared by 2 to 3 people. Each floor of the Dig House has a bathroom with a heated shower. A cook and cleaning staff will be available to the team. There is a shared washing machine on site for laundry.

Application Process:

Please email Stacey Bagdi (TellTimai2022@gmail.com) to request an application form where you will find further details.

Academic credit: Academic credit is not offered directly for participation, but the directors will work with those enrolled in university courses to meet the requirements of that student's university for independent study.

For all application questions please contact:

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