



How to apply for a 2011 Maya Spring Break Travel Award, and a Supplemental Travel Award

The Maya Spring Break Travel Award is provided by Brian Calhoun, a 1998 graduate of Pitt-

Bradford, who enjoyed the Mesoamerican Archaeology course while a student. He now lives and works in Philadelphia, but regularly visits the Maya area, owning a home in Cozumel, Mexico. The travel award will pay the Maya Exploration Center fee of \$1300, which covers the cost of breakfasts and lunches, lodging and most transportation while in Mexico. It does not cover airfare or the cost of dinners.

To apply for this travel award, email (or snail mail) a letter to Professor Champlin (igc@pitt.edu) in which you demonstrate

- 1) superior academic achievement. Have the Registrar send in your GPA.**
- 2) financial need. Show that you are already a UPB work-study student, or that you are on financial aid, etc.**
- 3) interests beyond academics, especially in volunteer projects, and student clubs and leadership experiences.**
- 4) how this study of archaeological sites, modern cultures and different environments will enhance your academic program.**

The travel award is competitive. Professor Champlin will read the application letters and pass along the top contenders to Brian. If you win this award, you will have a chance to personally thank your benefactor, because Brian is an active participant on all the Spring Break trips, since they began in 2004. You can find more information about Brian, and about all the prior winners on the Archaeology Minor website at http://www.upb.pitt.edu/rightFeature.aspx?menu_id=26&id=6193

SPECIAL FOR 2011--- Thanks to the generosity of professors Kong Ho and Dr. Martie Geiger-Ho, there are 2 “Supplemental Travel Awards” of \$500 each that can be used towards the purchase of a plane ticket. Please indicate in your application letter if you wish to also be considered for one of these Supplemental Travel Awards.

The deadline for application is January 30, 2011.