# **Call for application for the** **UNESCO Foundation Training in Trinidad and Tobago for the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage in the Caribbean**

**Technical Information**

**When**: 11-30 June 2023

**Where**: Tobago, Rockley Bay

**What:** A three-week residential course, focussing on the practical side of underwater archaeology and cultural heritage management in the Caribbean and Latin American Region. A Dutch underwater wreck-site will be the subject of the research.

The training will consist of underwater cultural heritage management, significance assessment, museology aspects, public engagement and underwater research. The students will follow theoretical classes, complete written assignments, participate in practical dive work, attend cultural and heritage excursions and be part of a role-play exercise in heritage management.

**Who**: students in archaeology or already qualified, working in archaeology or heritage management.

**Field-school directors:**  Prof. Dr. M.R. Manders & Dr. C.J. Underwood

**Prior knowledge / experiences / professional and personal skills needed:**

• The course language will be English; therefore, the student should be proficient in conversation and writing. An online interview may be part of the language assessment.

• The student should have a dive medical.

• The student should have a travel insurance (provided).

• The student should have a minimum of 30 scuba dives of which at least half are below 10 metres.

• The student should possess, as a minimum, their own basic scuba diving equipment: dive mask, fins, diving suit and if possible, a stab-jacket (buoyancy compensator) and diving regulator. To enable the course organisers to identify additional diving equipment that will be provided by our partner dive-school in Tobago, the student should list their available equipment in their application.

• The student should identify any special dilatory requirements.

* The student should provide evidence of being fit to dive or sign a statement to that effect.
* Applicants must include a personal statement describing why they would like to participate in this course.

**What the organisers provide:**

• Dive insurance

• Dive materials (cylinders, weights and if needed stab-jacks and regulator)

• Food and lodging

• Travel from your home to the venue on Tobago

• Course materials

• Centrally organised course activities

• Course programme

Students should be motivated to come to the course. Our aim is to build capacity in the region and within this course building a platform of cooperation between people from the same area is also an aim. We especially encourage students from the Dutch islands in the Caribbean, Suriname, but also those that have followed the online UNESCO training course on the UNESCO Training Manual for the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2021.

In total there are 20 places available