The University of Connecticut and Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center will offer a field school in Contact Period Archaeology focused on two 17th Century villages. The Calluna Hill site is a Pequot village burned by the English on May 26, 1637 during the Pequot War. The Monhantic Fort site is a Mashantucket Pequot fortified village constructed and occupied during King Philip’s War (1675-1676). Both sites have remained undisturbed since they were abandoned and provide a unique opportunity to examine changes in Pequot domestic architecture and space, foodways, and material culture.

The 2016 UCONN field school will be based at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center with fieldwork taking place at Mystic (Groton), Connecticut and the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation in Ledyard, Connecticut. The 6-week, 6-credit field school will include training in standard archaeological field survey and excavation, artifact conservation, cataloguing, identification and analysis of 17th Century material culture, archaeobotany, radiography (X-ray), and analysis of primary sources. The field school provides a unique opportunity for students to work on a nationally significant collaborative research project alongside tribal members, archaeologists and historians. In addition to the fieldwork, students will participate in training workshops in laboratory and research methods, attend guest lectures, complete assigned readings and maintain a daily field journal.

Fees: Summer Session courses are paid on a per-credit basis at a rate of $439 per credit hour. If you choose the full six-week program, your cost will be $2,634. In addition, there is a $75 lab fee, payable on the first day of class.

Application and Registration: All students must fill out an application in order to be considered for the field school and receive a permission number so they can register. Contact Dr. Kevin McBride (kevin.mcbride@uconn.edu) via e-mail for an application and more information on the field school. For information on the registration process, go to www.summersession.uconn.edu.

Housing: University housing and meal plans are available as well as some other options. Contact Res Life at 860-486-2926 for a summer housing application or go to the website to learn more: http://www.reslife.uconn.edu/