Archaeology and Anthropology Undergraduate Summer Fieldwork Award

Application deadline: March 1 2024

Apply through PittFund$Me

This award is for undergraduates to attend a field school program in archaeology, bioarchaeology, or ethnography / cultural anthropology, or to engage in a summer field research project mentored by a faculty member or graduate student.

Award amount is $500 minimum, more depending on associated program costs, availability of funds, and student financial aid eligibility.

Awards for field school programs are contingent on acceptance to field school.

Awardees will be asked to provide a short paragraph and field photo at the end of their summer experience to be featured on websites of the Comparative Center for Archaeology and the Anthropology Department.

Eligibility:

- Minimum GPA: 3.0. (Exceptions may be made in special circumstances).
- Minimum length of field school or field project: 3 weeks.
- Students applying for an archaeology / bioarchaeology program must have taken at least one course in archaeology / bioarchaeology. Students applying for an ethnographic field school or cultural anthropology project must have taken Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and at least one additional Anthropology course.
- Preference given to Anthropology majors, and to students applying in sophomore or junior year.
- Preference given to funding first-time field experiences in the relevant subdiscipline.

Application materials include:

- Unofficial transcript.
- Personal statement about the summer field school or research project.
- Budget of anticipated costs and total amount requested.
- Statement of support from a faculty member.
  - For summer research projects that are not part of a field school experience, a separate letter of reference is required from the faculty or graduate student mentor who will be supervising the student.

Students are encouraged to seek additional sources of funding. At Pitt these include the Nationality Rooms scholarship, Honors College research fellowships, the Musante fellowship (for students pursuing the CLAS certificate), SURA research awards, etc. External sources include the Jane C. Waldbaum scholarship among others; see the list at the Institute for Field Research.