

**Research Project or Internship Title:**

Anthropological Collections Internship (Off-Campus)

**Academic Discipline:**

Archaeology

Bioarchaeology

Sociocultural Anthropology

Museum Studies

History

Cultural Resource Management

**Project Description:**

This hands-on internship is ideal for students who are interested in working in museums or cultural resource management, and those who would like to gain experience with material culture collections (ethnographic, archaeological, bioarchaeological, and archival) and federal compliance for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Interns will learn museum collections practices relating to the documentation, cataloguing, and care of anthropological items by working with the anthropology collections curated at ASU.

Additionally, interns will participate in weekly reading discussions of critical topics related to the care of and Indigenous concerns with anthropological collections, and NAGPRA topics.

Most of the anthropological collections housed at ASU and cared for by the Center for Archaeology & Society Repository come from Arizona and New Mexico. SHESC is committed to the respectful and expedite return of ancestors and their belongings, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Interns, whether assigned to curation, NAGPRA, or archives, will contribute to social justice efforts centered at the Repository and learn necessary skills for careers in NAGPRA, museums, and cultural resource management.

**Student Duties:**

Student will be working closely with faculty, graduate, and advanced undergraduate supervisors in assisting with care, curation, and possible repatriation of Anthropology Collections. Please indicate your areas of interest on your application (you may choose more than one).

1) If students are interested in working with the **archaeological collections**, they will gain experience with a variety of ceramic, lithic, groundstone, and ornaments recovered from archaeological excavations. These projects have associated archives including field notes, laboratory analyses, photographs, maps, and reports. The students will help to create permanent records in the catalog database. To do this they will learn how to catalog, categorize and describe artifacts, label, and photograph artifacts and objects. Transitioning artifacts to archival packing and preparing appropriate curation spaces are part of the activities.

2) If students are interested in assisting with **NAGPRA repatriation**, they will gain experience with the documentation, proper care, and transfer of NAGPRA related collections. Students will assist with documenting and rehousing NAGPRA relevant objects. Students will familiarize themselves with the archaeological and cultural contexts by reading

archival documents, including archaeological field notes, reports, and publications. Due to the sensitive nature of repatriation, students will be assigned to tasks according to their comfort level and experience.

3) If students are interested in working with **archives**, they will gain experience with professional and research materials related to projects and collections. Students will learn the basic principles of sorting, inventorying, arranging, describing, preserving and re-housing archival materials.

**Required Qualifications or Pre-Requisites:**

There are **no pre-requisites** for this internship. This internship is ideal for students looking to gain experience with material culture collections in the field of anthropology. We are looking for students with the following personal qualities: punctuality, ability to commit to and keep a regular schedule, attention to detail in record keeping, a sense of curiosity and a desire to learn.

**Recommended Qualifications:**

Strong writing and research skills, experience using Excel spreadsheets and the ability to work in a team are highly recommended. If you have previous experience in a museum or a museum-like setting, with data entry, or record keeping, be sure to mention that in your application.

**Project/Internship Location:**

Internship activities and the weekly reading group are located in the Repository spaces of the Alameda Building.

***Center for Archaeology & Society Repository (Alameda Building)***

*734 W. Alameda, Suite 120, Tempe, AZ 85282*

*Free Parking available, city bus 62 on Hardy Dr. to west, Venus Orbit on Broadway/Roosevelt intersection.*

*Students should allow time in their schedules to get back and forth between CASR and campus for classes.*

**Hours Per Week and Days and Times Needed:**

You can receive academic credit for this internship. We offer a 1 credit (45 hours total) and a 2 credit (90 hours total) option. Acceptance of an applicant is also based on schedule coordination.

**Be sure to specify your days and hours of availability in your application.** [Requirements: M-F, 8 am – 4 pm, no evening hours, no weekend hours].

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