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****Undergraduate Fieldwork Scholarship****

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, April 10th, 2026

The Los Angeles County Society of the AIA invites applications from *local students* for undergraduate scholarships of up to **\$2,500** for fieldwork in 2026. These scholarships are intended to assist *undergraduates* gain their first archaeological field experience to explore professional training and careers in an archaeology-related field, and to encourage student membership in the AIA ([only \\$36](#)). **Undergraduate students do not need to be AIA members in order to apply, but if you are awarded the scholarship, you must become a member of the AIA-LA to receive the funding.**

This award is to support participation in an archaeological field project in summer or fall of 2026, with preference given to those without prior field experience. Awards can be used to cover any eligible expenses including travel, accommodation or tuition costs directly related to fieldwork participation. The first part of the funds will be disbursed immediately upon receipt of the award, while the remaining \$200 will be provided after the student gives a brief presentation about their experience at the AIA-LA Society Fall Garden Party.

Students who receive or have received other awards, such as the AIA Archaeological Field Scholarship, from the Institute for Field Research, or from their home institution, are not eligible to receive this award. If there is any question about requirements or eligibility, please email us at the address below.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOUR APPLICATION AND EMAIL IT IN AS ONE COMBINED WORD DOC OR PDF FILE:

1. **Applicant information:** name, mailing and email addresses, phone number.
2. **Budget:** outline major expenses of your fieldwork participation, and list any other sources of support and amount. **Please make sure to include the total amount that you are requesting, as awards will provide funding up to \$2,500 largely depending on the cost of the airfare to your field project region.**
3. **Narrative (500 words max.):** Discuss the impact that participation in the field project will have on your development as an archaeology student. Please include information about (a) any courses you have taken or relevant experience (internships, travel, other fieldwork, etc.), (b) the general scope of the field project and your role in it, and (c) your plans for future study and work in archaeology and how the proposed field experience will assist those plans. Awards will be made to students who best demonstrate how the experience will make a substantial difference to them.
4. **Declaration of alternative sources of funding:** list any other sources of funding (grants, awards, fellowships, etc.) that you have already received or been awarded to support this field experience.
5. **Letter of support from excavation director:** Please have a letter from the director of your field project, confirming your plans and explaining your role in the project. This can either be included in your combined file or emailed directly to the address below.

Please email applications (cover letter with narrative, completed form) and letters of support to:
losangeles.archaeology@gmail.com