



Anthropology Scholarship Opportunity

The Brook Scholarship for Field Experiences will provide scholarships of up to **\$2500** to support field experiences for UTRGV students with demonstrated financial need who would benefit from a field training experience for their future career or educational goals. The following priorities will be considered when reviewing applications:

Student Characteristics

Beyond demonstrated financial need,

- 1) Preference will be given to students with a declared Archaeology Concentration major or an Archaeology minor, followed by those with any other declared Anthropology major or minor, with lowest priority given to non-Anthropology students. Students enrolled in the Anthropology MAIS will be considered depending on the intended research focus of their degree.
- 2) Priority will be given to students without previous field training.

Field Experience Characteristics

The field experience must include training in the methods of the discipline and cannot simply be an Anthropology course taught in an off-campus or international location. Archaeological field schools are given priority as these are generally a qualifying experience necessary for work in the Cultural Resource Management sector or for competitive applications to graduate programs. Participation in the following programs will be given preference for funding, in descending order:

- 1) The UTRGV Archaeological Field School in Ecuador
- 2) A UTRGV-led archaeology program elsewhere in South America
- 3) A UTRGV-led archaeology program anywhere else
- 4) A UTRGV-led anthropology program with any other training specialization

Application

Student applications must include:

- 1) evidence of financial need; please include a FAFSA Student Aid Report in the application packet; be sure to apply for FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/>) by no later than February 18th, 2022.
- 2) proof of acceptance to a field experience program (or proof of application to a program, if acceptance is still pending) and documentation of the cost of the field experience;
- 3) a letter of interest that includes the amount requested and outlines the student's goals and interests in pursuing the field training opportunity and the importance of this experience for their future career and education goals. If the student is requesting an amount that differs from the cost of the program (either more or less), the student should address the reasons for this in their letter.

Complete application materials may be emailed as attachments (not links) together to: Servando.hinojosa@utrgv.edu and be received by **March 11, 2022, by 5:00 p.m.** (Recommended method) A confirmation email will be sent to applicant.

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Complete application materials may be brought or mailed to:

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Department of Anthropology – ATTN: Brook Scholarship Application
1201 W University Drive
ELABN 344
Edinburg, TX 78539

To ensure that mailed application materials are received by **March 11, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**, we recommend that applicants mail their application packets at least seven days prior to this date. Only application packets that have been physically received by the above date and time will be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Students will be notified of funding decisions by approximately **April 4, 2022**.

The award will be given as a credit to the student's UTRGV account. Students will forfeit their scholarship if they do not participate in the field experience or are dismissed from the field program due to violation of program code of conduct; this may require repayment to the university if the funds have already been spent.