

Department of Anthropology Student Research Award

Guidelines for Application AY 2025-2026

We are excited to announce a new funding opportunity for our anthropology majors and minors wishing to conduct or present their primary research in archaeology, cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology, and/or medical anthropology. These Student Research funds are the result of donations to the Department of Anthropology's Move-in-Miami campaign in addition to additional donations from Rob and Nancy Tolley.

The department offers two award opportunities each academic year: Fall

Deadline: December 1, 2025 to apply to conduct research or present research over Winter/Spring 2026.

Spring deadline: April 1, 2026 to apply to conduct research or present research over Summer/Fall 2026

1. Conditions. To apply for the award, the student should:
 - a) Be a Miami undergraduate studying anthropology, with first preference given to majors with some advanced coursework in anthropology.
 - b) Propose to conduct original research or present original research at a regional, national, or international academic or professional conference.
 - c) Submit a brief written report of results, findings, and/or conference outcomes within 6 months of the date of award, or before the student graduates, whichever comes first.
 - d) Provide an accounting (with receipts) of expenditure of award funds.
2. Application. To be considered, an applicant must submit a dossier consisting of the following:
 - a) **For proposed research**: Proposal of the research to be undertaken (750-1000 words), including a brief introduction, research question(s), methodology, project significance, and projected budget; **To present research**: Summary of research to be presented (400-500 words); and 400-500 word statement regarding expected outcomes of presenting research (i.e., what do you hope to learn, experience, or try, and how does this fit into your overall professional goals).
 - b) Transcript of courses taken and grades earned (unofficial transcripts will be accepted);
 - c) Résumé/curriculum vitae;
 - d) Letter of recommendation from a faculty member or equivalent (emailed directly to Erica Keener, keenere@MiamiOH.edu);
 - e) One-page cover letter indicating the applicant's reasons for applying for the award.

3. Deadlines. The completed application packet must be emailed to the Department of Anthropology Administrative Assistant, Erica Keener, keenere@MiamiOH.edu, by 4 PM on the indicated deadline: Fall deadline: December 1, 2025; Spring Deadline: April 1, 2026.
5. Committee. Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by the student scholarship committee, which currently consists of Kelsey Ellis (elliskm3@MiamiOH.edu), Jeb Card (cardjj@miamioh.edu), Neringa Klumbyte (klumbn@MiamiOH.edu), and Leighton Peterson (lpeterson@MiamiOH.edu). Recommendations will be submitted to the Chair of Anthropology (Cameron Hay-Rollins: hayrolmc@MiamiOH.edu) within two weeks of submission for final consideration. Each committee member is pleased to answer any questions about the award.
6. Award. You may request up to \$2,000, although awards typically range between \$200 and \$500, to help offset costs incurred while engaging in or presenting scholarly research, such as travel, lodging, food, and/or supplies. The committee cannot award you funds you do not adequately justify. As such, please make sure to justify your budget by listing all requested items, including a rationale for items essential to the project success, and please explain why you require any unusual or particularly costly items listed in your budget.