Mission
The mission of the Department of Anthropology is to provide its graduate students with the methodological and theoretical foundations to conduct basic and applied research. We aim to produce professional, ethical, and productive graduates for employment in the academic and non-academic job markets. The graduate curriculum, fieldwork and internship opportunities, laboratories, and research centers provide an excellent foundation for student research, proposal writing experience, and numerous training and educational activities. We are committed to multiculturalism, the diversity of people and ideas, a spirit of inclusiveness, and a global perspective.

Faculty Interests
Faculty in the Department of Anthropology have active research programs in the United States and around the world. Research interests in cultural anthropology include anthropological theory, political economy, globalization, race and gender, Latino culture, linguistics, phonetics, sociolinguistics, and medical anthropology. Research interests in archaeology include hunter-gatherers, complex societies, iconography, ceramic and lithic analysis, Native American ethnohistory, paleoenvironment, geoarchaeology, experimental archaeology, and cultural resource management. Research interests in biological anthropology include modern human skeletal variation, bioarchaeology, paleopathology, primate behavioral ecology and conservation, and forensic anthropology.

Laboratories and Centers
The Department of Anthropology houses fully equipped laboratories and centers for training and research in cultural anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology. The Center for Archaeological Studies (CAS) provides student training in archaeological research in cultural resource management in Texas. The Archaeological Curation Facility (ACF) offers students curatorial training. The Center for the Arts and Symbolism in Ancient America (CASAA) is an academic center for students to study prehistoric works of ancient art in the Americas. The Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS) gives students hands-on experience with forensic casework, excavation and recovery methods, taphonomy and human decomposition, and laboratory analysis of human remains.

Financial Assistance
Scholarships and fellowships are available to qualified students on a competitive basis through The Graduate College. The Department of Anthropology also has graduate instructional and teaching assistantships for qualified candidates. Please contact the master's or doctoral program coordinators, Department of Anthropology, for more information about financial assistance and the degree programs.