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 externship 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 history of anthropology, anthropological theory, applied anthropology, comparative ethnic studies, design, health, gender, globalization, identity, language, religion, science and technology studies, and social media. Research interests in archaeology include hunter-gatherers, complex societies, ceramic and lithic analysis, epigraphy, iconography, geoarchaeology, curation, international heritage, and cultural resource management. Research interests in biological anthropology include skeletal biology, bioarchaeology, forensic anthropology, paleopathology, dental anthropology, primate behavioral ecology, primate conservation, and quantitative methods.

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 innovative Anthropologies Lab (InnoAnth) provides opportunities for students and faculty to collaborate, learn and experiment with the innovative use of technologies and multimodal production in anthropological research. 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 Anthropology Laboratory for Archaeological Research (ALAR) provides research space and equipment for students working on archaeology 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 https://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/funding/scholarships.html. 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.