

Department of Anthropology Internship opportunities

For general information about internships and the ANTH 495 internship class, please see [this document](#). All internships require an [ANTH 495 Learning Plan form](#) to be completed, signed, and on file.

On-Campus Internships

These internships are on the SDSU campus and are faculty-led. Please apply directly with the listed faculty member(s).

SDSU Collections Management

Collections revitalization

CMP is SDSU's on-campus curation facility for archaeological and ethnographic collections including an archaeology lab and storage for the over 1000 collections featuring several hundred thousand artifacts.

Students interning at CMP will get experience directly working with artifacts through the curation of archaeological collections including artifact identification and executing proper curatorial methods. Interns will also assist CMP staff with cataloging, report writing, and research.

An internship with CMP is recommended to students interested in gaining experience with artifacts and the curatorial process.

For more information, visit the Collections Management website:
<https://anthropology.sdsu.edu/collections-management>

Internship Contact: Jaime Lennox, Director jlennox@sdsu.edu

(Note: This Internship is available during the Academic Year only)

South Coast Information Center

GIS and Database Management, Record Searches

The SCIC is one of nine offices of the California Historical Resources Information System established by the California Office of Historic Preservation to maintain an inventory of the state's historical and cultural resources. The SCIC is the primary repository for archaeological site records and reports for San Diego and Imperial counties. This information is utilized by archaeologists and other cultural resource professionals to meet the requirements of state and federal law, as well as all levels of academic research.

Students interning at the SCIC will aid staff in maintaining and managing the archive, including: processing newly recorded archaeological sites and reports; working with GIS, specifically maintaining SCIC's geodatabase; gaining familiarity with California and federal law regarding cultural resource preservation namely CEQA and Section 106; and interacting with members of the local archaeological professional and academic communities.

An internship with the SCIC is highly recommended to students interested in pursuing a career in Cultural Resource Management or other local archaeological organizations and institutions.

For more information, visit the SCIC website: <https://scic.sdsu.edu/>

Internship Contact: Jaime Lennox, Coordinator jaime@scic.org

(Note: This Internship is available during the Academic Year only)

Digital Archaeology Internships in Dr. Ullah's Computational Archaeology Lab

Do you love archaeology and technology?

Join Professor Ullah's digital archaeology team!

Learn 360° photography, virtual tours & virtual museum displays, 3D modeling, and more!

Earn course credit (ANTH 495) - No coding experience needed!

Projects include:

- Italy & La Mesa virtual tours using 360° photos
- Historic document & photo scanning for preservation
- 3D modeling with photogrammetry software

Benefits:

- Build your digital skillset for future careers
- Gain hands-on experience in digital archaeology
- Earn Methods credit in your anthropology major

Requirements:

- Completed or enrolled in ANTH 302 (Principles of Archaeology)
- Basic computer and photography skills

Apply Now!

Contact: Dr. Isaac Ullah (iullah@sdsu.edu)

Deadline: Rolling admissions until Spring semester starts. **Limited spots available (2-4 interns)**

Off-Campus Internships

These internships take place off-campus. Some are faculty-led, but others are led by an internship site supervisor. Please contact the listed main contact-person to apply. Note that off-campus internships also need the [SDSU Release of Liability form](#) to be signed and on file before you begin.

Shumla Archaeological Research & Education Center (Texas)

Please see [here](#) for a description of the internships and for the funding and housing that may be provided. This could make for an amazing summer research experience as well!

For more information, please contact Dr. Amanda Kearney (ajkearney@sdsu.edu), who would also act as the faculty supervisor for this internship.

La Mesa History Center – Internships in Historic Preservation and Archival Research

Interns will have the opportunity to do one or more of the following tasks:

- Learn the basics of the historic preservation and cultural resources management industries.
- Learn to identify historic house styles and forms.
- Conduct street-level survey to identify potentially eligible historic buildings in the City of La Mesa.
- Conduct archival and historical research to assess the historic integrity of identified buildings.
- Have the opportunity to work with professional historic preservationists, archivists, and city government officials.
- Conduct and/or analyze photographic or 3D scanning surveys of historic buildings

Your work will directly benefit historic preservation in the City of La Mesa by identifying houses and buildings that need to be protected under the City's historic preservation ordinance! Work will take place partially on your own time (remote or potentially doing street surveys in La Mesa), and partially on Saturdays at the LMHS archives at the McKinney House in La Mesa. The internship site supervisor will be James Newland of the LMHS and California State Parks Service. James is a public historian with many years of experience. The faculty mentor is Dr. Isaac Ullah: iullah@sdsu.edu

Please contact Dr. Ullah for more information and to apply.

Social Justice Internships

The Center for Latin American Studies has numerous internship opportunities that focus on social justice in the San Diego and Tijuana region. These internships can be taken for credit through the Department of Anthropology (ANTH 495) or through Latin American Studies. If you are interested in working with youth (16-24yrs), on issues of immigration, or on micro-enterprise then an internship with ACCESS, Inc. might be for you!

If your interests lay in media as a form of communication then you might enjoy working with the Culture Media Archive.

Those that are interested in working in education or with youth in K-8 should investigate our internship program with EJE academies.

And if food justice, community policing, peace studies, voting rights, housing or any similar issues are in your area of interest then an internship with MidCity CAN would work for you.

As our travel options open up, we will return to our many internship opportunities in Tijuana and with the ACLU.

Check out the details on our website: <https://latam.sdsu.edu/internships>

Independent Off-Campus Internships (direct applications necessary)

These internships occur off campus with partner institutions that regularly, but not always, accept SDSU anthropology interns. You need to inquire and/or apply directly to these institutions to see if there are any upcoming opportunities. Summer and Fall internships may be available, but you need to arrange the timing independently with the internship provider.

[San Diego Archaeology Center](#)

Collections, Research, Public Outreach

[San Diego Museum of Us](#)

Collections and Public Outreach

[San Diego Natural History Museum \("The Nat"\)](#)

Collections and Public Outreach

[San Diego Zoo](#)

Primate care and research

California State Parks - Southern Service Center

Public History, Historic Preservation

James D. Newland, Supervising Historian: jnewland@parks.ca.gov

Manager, Resources and Interpretive Services

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[San Diego History Center](#)

Collections/Archives and Public History

PAST OPPORTUNITIES CURRENTLY ON HIATUS

Alliance for African Assistance – Resettlement assistance for refugees from Afghanistan

NOTE: Dr. Roulette is currently on LEAVE

As we are sadly seeing another war taking place, there is also an urgent need for interns and volunteers to help those deeply impacted by the US-led war in Afghanistan, who are now in San Diego. Students and all community members are welcome.

Government assistance is running out for those who arrived in San Diego 2-3 months ago, so agencies must find them permanent residence and employment.

The need for help with that and with providing other assistance to refugees will be ongoing, as a large number of families recently arrived in San Diego after temporary housing installations on military bases in the US, where they were staying, were closed on February 15. Those still on overseas US military sites for "processing" will also be resettled in the US after March 8.

The Alliance for African Assistance is handling a large number of cases and so is in urgent need of people to help fill the following needs, many of which are appropriate for students as internship or volunteer opportunities --

- Interns to work with Resettlement Case Manager
- Research housing options
- Teach simple English to adults
- Tutor/help kids with homework
- Resume building
- Speakers of Pashto, Dari, and Farsi to interpret for the co-sponsor team: Community Co-sponsorship Program (another way to help)

<https://www.alliance-for-africa.org/communitycosponsorship>

Those who are interested and/or would like more information, please contact Dr. Jennifer Roulette about setting up an ANTH 495 internship. Dr. Roulette is the faculty mentor for this internship: jroulette@sdsu.edu

Additional points of contact

Anchalee Gaffney: 703-509-5192; Anchalee@alliance-for-africa.org

Sara Anas: 858-281-9978; Sara@alliance-for-africa.org

Summer or Fall slots available.