Applying to the Graduate Program

Program Requirements
Admission decisions are based on grade point average, letters of recommendation, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, writing samples, and the department’s ability to accommodate an applicant’s interests. No student will be accepted if s/he does not have a faculty sponsor who is willing to provide initial program guidance.

All students interested in applying to either the MA or PhD programs in the Department of Anthropology must first be admitted to the Graduate School. Requirements for admission to the Graduate School are outlined on the Graduate School website (http://grad.uark.edu/).

Additionally, students applying to the Department of Anthropology must meet the following requirements:

1) Satisfactory undergraduate preparation in anthropology (or other related field as determined by the graduate admissions committee)
2) Satisfactory GRE scores

Students who do not meet these requirements may be admitted conditionally. Students with course deficiencies may be required to enroll in undergraduate courses to make up these deficiencies. Decisions regarding deficiencies will be made by the Director of Graduate Studies in consultation with the faculty advisor.

Application Process
Separate applications are required for the Department of Anthropology and the University of Arkansas Graduate School. For guidelines on how to apply to the Graduate School, please visit the Graduate School website at http://grad.uark.edu/.

To apply to the Department of Anthropology, the following items are required:

1) A completed departmental application form (available at fulbright.uark.edu/departments/anthropology).
   a. Please note that you will be asked to list up to three anthropology faculty with which you are interested in working. These faculty members should be either tenure or tenure stream faculty (i.e., assistant professors, associate professors, or full professors), or research faculty affiliated with the Arkansas Archaeological Survey. Please see the list of faculty available on the Anthropology website.
2) A statement of purpose (no longer than two pages in length) describing your interest in your chosen field and your research goals in the program.
3) A single writing sample demonstrating your ability to produce original, analytical work.

Application materials should be addressed to the Director of Graduate Studies and submitted via email to anthgrad@uark.edu. All documents should be provided in Adobe pdf or Microsoft Word format.
The deadline for receipt of applications to both the Graduate School and the Department of Anthropology is **DECEMBER 1.**

Students are strongly encouraged to contact faculty with which they are interested in working prior to submitting their application to the program.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the Director of Graduate Studies at anthgrad@uark.edu.

**Financial Assistance**

All admitted students will be automatically considered for funding in the Department of Anthropology and Graduate School. Awards are competitive, based on faculty evaluation of the academic abilities and professional promise of applicants and the teaching needs of the department. Departmental graduate assistantships carry a stipend and tuition waiver. Duties will vary depending upon the position but may include preparing and teaching courses, assisting faculty by developing classroom activities, grading, and holding review sessions. Students may be awarded funding for up to two years for MA students and up to four years for PhD student, although renewal from year to year is contingent upon department needs and the academic standing of the student.

Other sources of financial support for anthropology graduate students may include:

- Arkansas Archeological Survey
- King Fahd Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies
- Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies (CAST)
- Other departments (e.g., Biological Sciences, Chemistry, etc.)
- Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation and Doctoral Academy Fellowships

Students selected to receive financial assistance will be notified of their status by the Director of Graduate Studies following their acceptance to the program. Limited funds for travel to regional or national conferences and/or for graduate research are also available through the Graduate School. For more information about possible funding sources through the Graduate School please visit [http://grad.uark.edu/future/funding/index.php](http://grad.uark.edu/future/funding/index.php).

Students interested in other forms of financial assistance should contact the Office of Financial Aid, 114 Silas Hunt (479) 575-3806 or online at [http://www.uark.edu/admin/fininfo](http://www.uark.edu/admin/fininfo).

Applications for admission must be made on forms provided by the Graduate School and the Department of Anthropology. Please make sure forms are sent to the appropriate office.

For questions, please call JoAnn D’Alisera at (479) 575-4460 or email anthgrad@uark.edu.