

Application process once your application is submitted

- **How decisions are made**

Applications are distributed to faculty in the student's chosen subfield of interest: Archaeology, Ethnology, Evolutionary Anthropology, or Public Anthropology. That specific group of faculty members reviews only the applications of that subfield. Faculty will pay special attention to matching students to specific faculty members and to the quality of the application in its entirety. The applications are ranked and an initial admission's list is selected. Sometimes there is a waiting list or the faculty will decide to set up an interview with the student before a final decision is made.

- **When decisions are made**

After the deadline applications are divided and filed by subfield. Faculty from a given subfield will review only the applicant files from that subfield. Decisions are made between February and mid March. Decision letters will be sent to all applicants by email. Please be sure that a correct and current email is provided on your application.

- **How funding packages are offered**

We do our best to fund as many of our admitted students as possible. Funding packages are offered at different times in the admissions process. Some funding packages are offered soon after our offer of admission. Other funding packages are offered quite late. This is partly because some funding is made available to the department late, and sometimes it is because funding can become available if another student turns it down. Funding is really a moving target in the months following admission offers, so if lack of funding is the only deterrent to accepting the UNM Anthropology offer, try to wait as long as possible before accepting elsewhere (or check in with the department first). If you are offered a funding package from another school (in writing) and share that with us, we can sometimes leverage it to get more funding from the UNM college of Arts and Sciences. However, sometimes we are unable to fund everyone. Also, not all funding packages are equal. Note: Most schools, including UNM, participate in an agreement that gives students till April 15th to decide on accepting a funding offer. Consider carefully before making a decision.

Preference for Federal Financial Aid is given to students at UNM who file their **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) before March 1st**. Therefore even if you are applying to several schools, it is best to apply before March 1st and list UNM as one of your potential schools. Please fill out a FAFSA. Some funding sources require that you fill one out and it opens a possibility for a work-study employment position. Work-study positions are easier to find than student employment positions. For additional information on available financial support see Funding Sources. <http://anthropology.unm.edu/finaid.htm>

- **The deadline for the applicant to make a decision on the department's offer of admission**

We will request that applicants (who are offered funding) make decisions as quickly as possible (as there is always a waiting list for funding packages), however the official deadline is April 15th for a funded student to make a decision. Students needing more time may contact the department and request an extension.

- **If you want to accept but must defer admission to the following year.**

Once accepted, it is possible for an applicant to defer admission to the following year. However, the applicant needs to request a deferral and the faculty must approve deferred admission. Also, students who defer must submit any updated transcripts if there has been any change the following year. This is to meet UNM requirements.