



DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Application for the UNM Archaeology Field School, 2026

Chaco Canyon National Historical Park, New Mexico

2026 Summer Session: May 29 to July 10

This summer's field session will take place at Chaco Canyon National Historical Park, New Mexico. Students will gain essential hands-on training in archaeological survey and site recording. Our work will focus on identifying and documenting archaeological sites along the Chaco Wash in the bottom of the canyon. We will also have field trips to various Chacoan great houses and other archaeological sites in the canyon and across northwestern New Mexico.

Students will camp in the Park, and both food and transportation will be provided.

Applications are due by April 1, 2026 to Dr. Hannah Mattson: hmattson@unm.edu

Name

Address

Phone Number(s)

Email

UNM Banner ID (for current UNM students only)

University/College

Standing/Year

Major, Concentration and Minor

Major GPA

Overall GPA

Expected Graduation Date

List Anthropology (and related) courses you have completed:

Describe your background and experience in research, training, and outreach in anthropology and related field. Please include previous archaeological experience (including classes, lab work, and field work), and any background/experience you may have in hiking, working outdoors, or manual labor:

Why are you interested in taking this particular field school? How it will further your educational and career goals?

Please read the following and initial:

I understand that this is a six (6)-credit summer course, which requires registering for Anth 375 (undergraduate) or Anth 575 (graduate) through the University of New Mexico.

I understand that in addition to tuition, there is a course fee of \$800. Students are also asked to provide some basic field equipment of their own (less than \$100; a list will be provided upon acceptance).

I understand that I am responsible for transportation to and from the UNM campus at the beginning and end of each field session (transportation to and from the field area will be provided).

I understand that I will be working outside in often adverse conditions, including high temperatures (average of 90°F in June and July), full sun, and rain. I confirm that I have the physical ability to hike 3-5 miles per day and lift 20 pounds at a time.

Signature

Date

Application Materials:

In addition to the application, you must provide the following to be considered for the field school:

1. Letter of support from a faculty member who is familiar with your work at UNM or the college you attend (may be submitted with application or sent separately by the faculty member.)
2. Unofficial transcripts (for UNM students this can be downloaded and printed via Loboweb)

Submit your application materials (compiled into a single PDF with your last name as part of the file name) electronically to Hannah Mattson hmattson@unm.edu by April 1, 2026.

Please reference "UNM Archaeology Field School" in the subject line of your email.

Hibben Undergraduate Fellowship:

Eligible students from underrepresented groups, including nontraditional and first-generation college students, are invited to apply for the Hibben Undergraduate Fellowship. The fellowship covers UNM tuition and course fees (6 credit hours, Anth 375), up to \$1000 in travel costs, and a stipend of \$3000. Recipients will participate in an additional two weeks preparing a final paper and/or poster on the student's own time.

For Hibben Fellowship consideration, please include a separate statement as part of your application packet describing how you meet the criteria for eligibility and how the award would support your learning experience.