Department of Anthropology

Robert W. Little Foundation Internships

The Robert W. Little Internship in Classical Studies, Anthropology, and Archaeology was created through the generosity of the estate of Robert W. Little and the Robert W. Little Foundation. Robert W. Little received degrees in history (1952) and library science (1954) from The University of Akron. After college, Little worked for the B.F. Goodrich Company and the Akron Public Library. He also served in the United States Army during World War II. Robert W. Little passed away May 26, 2000. This internship honors Mr. Little's memory by providing opportunities for young people to grow in knowledge and appreciation of history, classical literature, and archaeology.

The Department of Anthropology and Classical Studies conducts a wide range of research in all of its disciplines. We recognize that student research and scholarship, especially when conceived of and initiated by students themselves, is important in the development of well-rounded students who are capable of independence of thought and action. Therefore, we encourage our students to conduct their own research. We also encourage students to take part in faculty research. Through the generosity of donors, the department offers funds to support these important student activities.

Eligibility. Funds are available to Anthropology majors and Classical Studies minors. At the department's discretion, other students may be considered for support.

Deadline. Applications must be received by **November 1st**.

Application Procedure. Students must submit electronically to Dr. Vinyard the following materials:

(1) Scholarship/Internship Application Cover Page. Amongst other information on the cover page, you must provide a title that summarizes the scope and nature of the project.

(2) Proposal Description. This proposal should clearly outline the project (see below, for specific items needed for each proposal type). The description of the proposal is limited to 750 words (less any citations, figures, or tables). Students must prepare their own original proposals. Although no ACS faculty member is required to approve the proposal, nor to be listed as advisor or sponsor, students are strongly encouraged to consult with one or more faculty members as they craft proposals. Faculty consultation considerably improves the chances of funding.

(3) Itemized budget. Students must present an itemized budget for their project. Funds are awarded to defray the expense of research. Common categories of expense include travel (e.g., airfare, mileage, surface travel like buses and airport taxis), hotels, food, photocopying, and special services (e.g., video recording and editing, materials characterization, translations). The department expects that faculty research budgets will provide per diem expenses (hotels and

food) for students who receive Type 2 awards below. Enrollment fees in exam-preparation courses are allowed for Type 3 awards below. Funds cannot be used for applicants' own salary or stipend.

Types and Amounts of Awards. ACS recognizes three categories of award. No single criterion governs the evaluation process, but the Awards Committee will rank proposals in descending order as follows:

Type 1. Original research. At a minimum, such research considers four basic components: (1) a question, problem, or subject of intrinsic interest to anthropology or classical studies; (2) the nature of the data or observations that must be collected to answer the question or examine the subject; (3) the analysis or interpretation required to answer the question or examine the subject; and (4) expectations for what the research will conclude. Such research may require fieldwork of a nature or at a place unique to the proposed work. However, students may sometimes design research that forms part of a larger faculty project. Provided that the research proposed is the student's responsibility to conduct and complete, and is not integral to the faculty member's research, projects that form part of a larger faculty project are considered original.

AWARD MAXIMUM: $2000
CONDITIONS: none

Type 2. Faculty-associated project. These funds are for students to assist faculty in their research and fieldwork, not necessarily involving original research.

AWARD MAXIMUM $1000
CONDITIONS: may be received once only

Type 3. Exam preparation. These are funds available to students who wish to enroll in preparatory courses for the GRE or other graduate exams.

AWARD MAXIMUM: $800
CONDITIONS: may be received once only, and only by students who successfully completed a project of Type 1 above.

Conditions of Award.
1. There is no limit to the number of applications that a student may file. However, students may receive no more than two awards of any type.

2. Awardees must accept an award in writing (not by e-mail) within one week of notification, in a letter addressed to the department chair and signed by the student.

3. Following completion of fieldwork or research, the student will submit a report to the department (received by the Chair) that briefly summarizes the research conducted, and its analytical or interpretive results. The text of this report shall be at least 1,000 words (not including figures, tables, or citations; there is no upper word limit). For awards made for the

spring semesters, the deadline for this report shall be the following September 30. For awards made for the fall semesters, the deadline shall be the following March 31.

The student also shall prepare a brief PowerPoint presentation, to be given at the department's discretion, usually within four months of project completion.

4. No subsequent award will be made to a student who does not complete the reporting requirements to the satisfaction of the Awards Committee. Failure to complete proposed research to the satisfaction of the Awards Committee, except in cases of compelling extenuating circumstances, will make a student ineligible for any subsequent award.

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