

GRADUATE APPLICATION HANDBOOK

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ANTHROPOLOGY APPLICATION CHECKLIST

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 15th

- The APPLICANT is responsible for the completed application.
- ALL application materials should be submitted online.
- ALL letters of recommendation should be submitted through the online application system. Letters of recommendation should **not** be sent to Rackham nor the Department.
- Please have your official transcripts submitted online to Rackham.
- **GRE:** Institution code 1839, Department code 1701. The GRE **is** required if applying to the **Biological Anthropology** or **Anthropological Archaeology** subfields. GRE scores **are not** required when applying to the **Sociocultural Anthropology** or **Linguistic Anthropology** subfields.
- **TOEFL:** Institution code 1839, Department code 81. *(Even if the department code cannot be entered, entering the institution code will ensure receipt of your transcripts by Rackham.)*

Questions? Email us at anthro.grad.program@umich.edu.

Materials to submit to RACKHAM :			
DOMESTIC APPLICANTS	✓	INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS	✓
1. Application Form*		1. Application Form*	
2. Application Fee*		2. Application Fee*	
3. Admissions Conduct Code*		3. Admissions Conduct Code*	
4. Statement of Purpose (1000-1500 words)*		4. Statement of Purpose (1000-1500 words)*	
5. Personal Statement (500 words maximum)*		5. Personal Statement (500 words maximum)*	
6. Letters of Recommendation (3)*		6. Letters of Recommendation (3)*	
7. GRE scores - Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing (Original copy sent from ETS only) Required if applying to the Biological Anthropology or Anthropological Archaeology subfields; NOT required if applying to Sociocultural Anthropology and Linguistic Anthropology .		7. GRE scores - Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing (Original copy sent from ETS only). Required if applying to the Biological Anthropology or Anthropological Archaeology subfields; NOT required if applying to Sociocultural Anthropology and Linguistic Anthropology .	
8. Official transcripts †		8. Official transcript †	
9. Writing Sample (<i>optional</i> , 30 page maximum)*		9. Writing Sample (<i>optional</i> , 30 page maximum) *	
		10. TOEFL scores (Original copy sent from ETS only)	
		11. Affidavit of financial support (submit ONLY after you receive admit decision from Department)	

* **It is not necessary to mail these materials. They should be uploaded with your online application.**

† **Scan the front and back of your transcripts** and upload it with your online application. **Official transcripts, from every institution where you have received a Bachelor's degree or higher, must be provided to Rackham.**

International applicants: If you are an international student, please upload English translations as well. International students must submit official transcripts by the application deadline to ensure timely processing of your application.

Domestic applicants: Domestic applicants can submit final official transcripts with your graduate application OR after you are recommended for admission. Although official transcripts are preferred, unofficial transcripts can be uploaded with your application. This is only for domestic applicants. If you do not submit a final official transcript with your grad application, you will be required to submit it to Rackham Graduate School if you are recommended for admission.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

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APPLICATION: The application should be completed online using the CollegeNET online application system: <http://www.rackham.umich.edu/admissions/apply-annarbor>. Please indicate **one** of these four subfields on your application: Archaeological Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, Linguistic Anthropology, or Sociocultural Anthropology.

APPLICATION FEE: The fee for United States citizens and those with permanent resident visa status is \$75. The fee for non-United States citizens is \$90. The fee for current Rackham students, regardless of citizenship, is \$10. The application fee is non-refundable and is subject to change.

DESCRIPTION OF INTERESTS: The Description of Interests area of the graduate application allows you to indicate your topical and geographical areas of interest, and the names of faculty members you are interested in working with. Please do not write an essay in this section, but rather provide “bullet points” of your interests. This section is not evaluated for content as it will allow us to better determine the degree to which our faculty members’ areas of expertise match your interests.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Statement of Purpose is the **single most important item** in your application. This essay should be 1000-1500 words and give the admissions committee a clear idea of 1) why you want to pursue a career in anthropology; 2) what anthropological questions or problems interest you; 3) how you want to address these questions; and 4) why you want to pursue your graduate degree at the University of Michigan. Submit your Statement of Purpose electronically by uploading it with your online application.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: The Personal Statement is a brief essay (maximum of 500 words) on how your personal background and life experiences, including social, cultural, familial, educational, or other opportunities or challenges, motivated your decision to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Michigan. This is not an Academic Statement of Purpose, but a discussion of the personal journey that has led to your decision to seek a graduate degree. Submit your Personal Statement with your online application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Three letters of recommendation are required for a complete application. While we strongly prefer letters from faculty or advisors who are familiar with your potential for graduate study, letters from employers are also acceptable. **Do not submit letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc from the Interfolio service.** We find that these letters are written in vague and general terms in order to satisfy a large audience. Our admissions committee is looking for reference letters that speak in specific terms of the student’s strengths in academia, Anthropology, potential for graduate work, and to all of your other various talents. We have found that letters from services, such as Interfolio, do not make the student stand out as individually created letters of recommendation do, thus hindering your chances of admission.

It is preferred that referees submit your letters through our online application system so they will automatically be accessible to the admissions committee. You can register them for access to the system while filling out your applications. Please note that this is the **ONLY** way that letters of recommendation will be accepted electronically. If necessary, hard copy letters should be sent to the Department of Anthropology in a sealed envelope with the signature of the referee across the seal. Hard copy letters should not be sent to Rackham. Please request your letters of recommendation sufficiently early to ensure your referees submit their letters to you in a timely fashion and to guarantee that your application will be complete by the **December 15th** deadline.

GRADE RECORD: An applicant to the Department of Anthropology is expected to have at least a grade average of B+ (approximately a 3.3 GPA) in his/her undergraduate course work and some preparation in anthropology. Although it is important, the grade record is not an exclusive criterion for admission and factors in the applicant's academic

record are taken into consideration (e.g., a trend toward better grades or graduation from a school known for its rigorous grading practices).

Transcripts: Scan the front and back of your transcripts and upload them with your online application. (If you are an international student, please upload English translations as well.) **Note:** Screen shots of your grades from an online student account are **NOT** acceptable. We must have scans of the transcripts that are from your institution. All applicants are required to mail one set of official academic records/transcripts, from the institution awarding a degree, to the Rackham Graduate School. For specific transcript requirements by country from Non-U.S. institutions, please see <https://rackham.umich.edu/admissions/preparing-your-application/transcripts/>

Use the following address to mail your official transcripts:
Rackham Graduate School
Attn: Transcripts/UMID# (if known) or Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
915 E. Washington Street Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1070 USA

E-transcripts may be sent from the institution awarding the degree to Rackham at rack-etranscripts@umich.edu. A transcript received from a personal e-mail address will not be accepted. If your school also requires a Rackham mailing address, use the one indicated above. Applicants who have attended a Non-US institution should send their academic records/transcripts with the Academic Record/Transcript Submission Form. The form can be found at http://www.rackham.umich.edu/downloads/admissions/academic_record_transcript_submission_form.pdf.

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GRE SCORES: The GRE is **required** if applying to the **Biological Anthropology** or **Anthropological Archaeology** subfields. GRE scores **are not** required when applying to the **Sociocultural Anthropology** or **Linguistic Anthropology** subfields.

Successful applicants normally have a verbal and quantitative score of 160 and an analytical writing score of 5.0 and above. GRE scores can only be judged in conjunction with the student's Statement of Purpose, letters of recommendation, academic record, experience and background. Please contact ETS at least 4 weeks prior to the **December 15th** application deadline (<http://www.ets.org/> or <http://www.gre.org/>) and have an official copy of your GRE scores sent to the Department (Institution code 1839, Department code 1701). You will need to contact ETS directly for information on their time frame for sending out GRE scores.

WRITING SAMPLE: While not required, applicants are strongly encouraged to upload a writing sample to their online application (in the rare case of a paper application, applicants may mail a hard copy of their writing sample directly to the department). Your writing sample should provide the admissions committee with a substantive piece of scholarly work and demonstrate your ability to write clearly and to make a cogent argument. Applicants may submit a short research paper, an excerpt from a thesis, a journal article, essay, etc. The writing sample can range anywhere from 5 to 30 pages in length. **Please do not send more than 30 pages. Please do NOT send CDs, DVDs, or photography portfolios as they will not be considered during application review.**

TOEFL SCORES (if applicable): Successful non-native English speaking applicants normally have a minimum total score of 650 on the Paper-Pencil TOEFL, a minimum total score of 280 on the Computer-Based TOEFL, or a minimum total score of 100 on the Internet-Based TOEFL (iBT). We require that applicants meet Rackham's minimum score of 84.

Please contact TOEFL (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>) and have an official copy of your TOEFL score sent to the Department (Institution code 1839, Department code 81) at least 4 weeks prior to the **December 15th** deadline. Rackham's website provides more information for applicants whose native language is not English

<https://rackham.umich.edu/admissions/preparing-your-application/tests/>. You qualify for an exemption from taking an English proficiency examination if one of the following criteria are met:

- You are a native speaker of English (i.e. U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, and Australia).
- You completed **all** of your undergraduate education and earned an undergraduate degree at an institution where the language of instruction is English only.
- You completed **all** of your graduate education and earned a graduate degree at an institution where the language of instruction is English only.
 - If you completed a Master's degree that was strictly research and no academic classes, that degree does not meet the exemption. This type of Master's degree is generally awarded at a non-U.S. institution.
- You are a current U-M student.

See [Rackham Graduate School's website](#) for more information.

AFFIDAVIT of FINANCIAL SUPPORT (for international students only): You must wait until after you receive your admission decision to submit this form. If you are admitted and if you will need an F-1 or J-1 visa, the University of Michigan is required by U.S. Government regulations to obtain documentation proving that international applicants have adequate financial resources to provide for their expenses, including dependents, for the duration of their program. You are required to certify the availability of \$78,304 for your expenses the first year, and indicate sources of funding for subsequent years. If an offer of admission is made, then Rackham School of Graduate Studies will outline the necessary steps to submit these documents. For more information please visit <https://secure.rackham.umich.edu/Admis/affidavit/index.php>

NOTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Certain entering international students must be screened for tuberculosis. Screening will be offered free on campus. See <https://www.uhs.umich.edu/tbtest> or send an email to contactuhs@umich.edu for more information.

FLAS FELLOWSHIP: The deadline for submitting your FLAS application is January 15. On your FLAS application, you will be asked to enter the unickname of the department admissions coordinator/contact. The unickname to use for this is kitchenk. After you apply, the department will be notified and will upload your Rackham Graduate School application materials to your FLAS application. Because multiple parties are involved in your FLAS application processing, please do not wait until the last minute to submit your application. You are responsible for submitting the required FLAS application and any additional required supplemental materials for the FLAS application. More information on the FLAS fellowship is available here: <http://www.ii.umich.edu/flas>

*****IMPORTANT NOTE:** *The completion and submission of all of the above stated materials is solely the responsibility of the applicant. Failure to submit any of the above applicable items by the December 15th application deadline will result in a less than thorough review of your application.*

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

You can fill out and submit your application online:
<https://rackham.umich.edu/admissions/applying/>

We will receive your application through the online system. After you upload your Statement of Purpose, Personal Statement, Transcript Scans, and/or Writing Sample with your online application, you do **NOT** need to mail a hard copy to the Department.

Please feel free to contact the Department if you have any further questions. However, please be aware that **the office staff is not authorized to inform students of admission decisions**. You will be notified of the admission decision via email and Wolverine Access when a decision is reached. Since it is the University's policy to contact applicants through mail and email, please make sure the address you indicate on your application materials and your email address are current. Please contact Rackham immediately to inform them of any address or email changes or updates. **Please create and keep track of your friend account login which will allow you to [access your application](#) and access information about the status of your application.** Also, received application materials are the property of the University of Michigan and **cannot** be returned to the applicant.

WEBSITE QUICK REFERENCE

- Department of Anthropology: <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/anthro/>
- Department of Anthropology Application Information: <http://lsa.umich.edu/anthro/graduates/prospective-students.html>
- Rackham Graduate School: <http://www.rackham.umich.edu/>
- Rackham Graduate School Application: <https://rackham.umich.edu/admissions/applying/>

Ph.D. DEGREE OVERVIEW

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The Anthropology Graduate Program at the University of Michigan does **not** offer a terminal Master's degree program and only admits students to the program for the Ph.D. However, students in the program have the option to obtain their Master of Arts degree in Anthropology as they progress to Ph.D.

All applicants admitted to the Department of Anthropology enter at the precandidate level, whether they hold a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree.

An applicant who already holds a master's degree from another institution may have his/her degree posted as relevant through the Office of Academic Records and Dissertations (OARD) at the Rackham Graduate School. To establish such equivalence, the department verifies these courses and a request to have the degree noted on the transcript is then sent to the OARD.

MASTER OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS

Students have the option to obtain their Master of Arts degree **as they progress to Ph.D.** by meeting the minimum requirements of both the Graduate School and the Department of Anthropology. This is **not** a terminal Master's degree program.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL requires a minimum of 24 hours of graduate level work beyond the bachelor's degree.

A maximum of 6 hours of transfer credit is allowed for graduate level courses taken at another university as a graduate student that has not already been applied in whole or part toward a bachelor's or master's degree or certificate. Please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator for procedures and allowances for transferring credits.

To meet the DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS for the master's degree, a student must have completed either a minimum of 36 hours or a minimum of 12 courses in anthropology.

COGNATE REQUIREMENT

Rackham Graduate School requires all students to complete the cognate requirement before they can advance to candidacy, or to complete their terminal degree (MA or PhD). The requirement reads:

“Before advancing to candidacy, students must complete 4 credit hours of cognate coursework with a grade of B- or better;..”

For anthropology students, this means one four-credit course, or any combination of courses outside the department (not just outside their subfield within the department) which *total four or more credit hours* of graduate credit taken for a letter grade. Students should look upon this requirement not as just another hurdle, but as a valuable and enriching part of their graduate education, as well as an opportunity to meet faculty in other departments who may eventually/potentially serve as the cognate member of the dissertation committee.

While some students may want to complete the Master's degree requirements within one academic year, it has been our experience that taking at least three terms to fulfill the requirements is more practical. Students are expected to consult with their advisers as to the best course of action for them. In addition, students who lack some undergraduate preparation in anthropology must expect to exceed the minimum period.

The 36 hours of anthropology must include courses from the following list, with at least one course in each sub-field:

Anthropological Archaeology 581, 582, 593 and 494: Students specializing in archaeology must take 581, 582, and 593. Students in other sub-fields must take either 581 or 582. Students in other sub-fields are encouraged also to take a course in the archaeology of their geographical area of specialization.

Biological Anthropology 570: Students specializing in biological anthropology are exempt from taking 570. Students specializing in Biological Anthropology must take one or more graduate-level courses (400-level or above) in each of the following areas: Evolution and Genetics, Ecology and Behavior, Paleoanthropology and Morphology, and Human Adaptation.

Linguistic Anthropology 576, 577, & 578: Students specializing in Linguistic Anthropology elect two of these courses. Students in other sub-disciplines will take 576.

Sociocultural Anthropology 526 & 527: Students specializing in sociocultural and linguistic anthropology must take both 526 and 527. Students in other sub-disciplines must take at least one of these courses.

Departmental credit for any of the required courses may be granted upon the recommendation of the respective course instructor and the student's advisor if:

- 1) The student has taken course work of equivalent content and level elsewhere, or
- 2) By receiving Executive Committee approval.

The Graduate School requirements for the Master's degree must be met in any case.

Students wishing to waive or substitute a required course must obtain the appropriate petition form from the Graduate Program Coordinator in the Department. The student's advisor and the instructor of the core course must approve this petition. The petition is then returned to the Graduate Program Coordinator who will pass it on to the Executive Committee for approval. The petition should set forth the reasons for the waiver or substitution in a clear and concise manner. In the case of a waiver, a course outline and syllabus from the course taken elsewhere must accompany the petition.

Both the Department and the Graduate School require minimum overall grade average of at least a B in all courses. A student whose overall average, or average in the courses, falls below a B at the end of any term will be allowed one probationary term in which to bring his/her record back to the required standard. While a student may complete the M.A. program with a B average, nonetheless, a minimum average of B+ is necessary to be eligible for the Ph.D. program.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF STUDENTS

In order to provide the students with feedback from the faculty on their work and development, an annual review of the progress and status of each student in the Department is held. These reviews are conducted separately for each of the subdisciplines by the entire faculty in the respective subdiscipline. Each faculty member is expected to lead the discussion and review on each student for whom s/he is advisor. A letter detailing the results of your annual review will be sent to each student.

THE SECOND YEAR/MID-PROGRAM REVIEW

Students become applicants for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Anthropology when they have been admitted to the Graduate School and to the Department specifically for a program of study leading to the doctorate. In addition, there is a major review of a student's progress and professional goals midway through their graduate program (Anthropological Archaeology, Biological, Linguistic, and Sociocultural Anthropology during their 4th term). Students should have passed their Mid-Program Review before they register for the following term.

The goal of the review is to assess a student's progress through the program, including his/her progress in identifying and developing a research problem that will serve as the basis of his/her doctoral dissertation. Faculty members can make suggestions that enhance the student's research agenda, including specific coursework. In addition, in sociocultural anthropology the Second Year Review is a critical step in forming preliminary examination and dissertation committees. In most cases, students receive specific recommendations from the faculty in their subfield. In some cases, they are asked to reformulate their research plans and reapply the following semester. Finally, in the case of a negative evaluation, a student will be given one term to complete the M.A.

Mid-Program Reviews are initiated by the Graduate Program office.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Before a student can become a candidate for the Ph.D. in Anthropology, s/he must have fulfilled the Departmental language requirement. The requirement consists of one language with a substantial written literature about anthropology and anthropologically related subjects. Fieldwork languages do not necessarily qualify. An approved language must be one used to publish details about the culture or ethnographic analysis about the culture. Languages with professional anthropological journals usually qualify. The following languages meet the requirement:

Arabic	Korean
Chinese	Persian
Czech	Polish
Dutch	Portuguese
French	Russian
German	Serbo-Croatian
Modern Hebrew	Spanish
Hindi-Urdu	Tagalog
Hungarian	Thai
Indonesian	Turkish
Italian	Ukrainian
Japanese	Vietnamese

FINANCIAL AID

Due to limited University funding, few fellowships and scholarships are available through the Department. Therefore, students are **strongly** encouraged to seek alternative methods of financing their studies.

The Department of Anthropology has put together a [Student Support Handbook](#) – an extensive (but not exhaustive) list of funding opportunities.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRADUATE STUDENT ASSISTANTSHIPS

Only students with high scholastic records can be considered for awards and appointments. All applications for fellowships and graduate student instructor positions in the Department of Anthropology and for research assistantships in the Museum of Anthropological Archaeology must be made on application forms available from the appropriate office. Completed applications and all supporting credentials must be submitted **ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1** for a Museum Research Assistantship. Departmental Graduate Student Instructorship application deadlines are approximately **OCTOBER 1** for winter term and **FEBRUARY 1** for fall term, but these are announced each term. Other departments may have earlier or later deadlines.

FELLOWSHIPS

University Fellowship and Scholarship awards range from tuition scholarships to full fellowships with stipends of up to \$21,000 per academic year. The National Science Foundation fellowship program (<http://www.nsf.gov/funding/>), and the Mellon fellowship program (<http://www.mellon.org/>), are important sources of potential funding. Information is available on their websites, at the Office of Financial Aid (<http://www.finaid.umich.edu/>), and on the Rackham Funding Resources website (<http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/>).

There is no separate financial aid application for *applicants* to the graduate program. All applicants are considered for funding based on the required application materials outlined previously.

GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTORS

A Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) is a salaried appointment to specified teaching or research duties, requiring about 10 to 22 hours of work per week.

A GSI generally conducts two to four discussion sections weekly in one of the introductory courses. GSI's for the 400-level courses normally do not conduct any discussion sections. Their primary responsibilities are reading and grading papers and consulting with students.

The Museum of Anthropological Archaeology customarily has eight RESEARCH Graduate Student Assistantships (GSA) available. The stipend is approximately equivalent to that of a teaching GSI. The Director of the Museum of Anthropological Archaeology makes appointments with the advice of the curators.

It has been our experience that awarding GSI positions to first year graduate students is not always in their best interests. **Normally, to qualify for an appointment as a GSI, a student must have completed one year of graduate study in the Department.**

GSIs with at least a quarter-time (.25) appointment (10 hours per week) receive a complete tuition waiver. Appointments at a lower rate receive prorated tuition waivers.

The employment relationship of a GSI is governed by, and subject to, the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement negotiated by the Graduate Employee's Organization (GEO) and the University.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS) FELLOWSHIPS

Students with an interest in the cultures or languages of one of the areas included in the Area Studies Program should seriously consider applying for a FLAS fellowship. FLAS fellowship applications are due on **January 15th**. Because departmental fellowships are **very** limited, FLAS eligible students are **strongly encouraged** to complete an application. Because the FLAS deadline is so soon after the Departmental application deadline, it is plausible and very probable that the admissions committee will not have made admission decisions by January 15th. Any applicant who is

interested in and eligible for a FLAS fellowship should apply for the FLAS regardless of the status of your application for admission. FLAS application materials are available through the Area Studies Centers or online at <http://www.i.umich.edu/flas>. **Obtaining and completing a FLAS application from the appropriate center is solely the responsibility of individual students.**

On your FLAS application, you will be asked to enter the unickname of the department admissions coordinator/contact. The unickname to use for this is kitchenk. After you apply, the department will be notified and will upload your Rackham Graduate School application materials to your FLAS application. Because multiple parties are involved in your FLAS application processing, please do not wait until the last minute to submit your application. You are responsible for submitting the required FLAS application and any additional required supplemental materials for the FLAS application.

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International students are *not* eligible for FLAS Fellowships. Students proficient in a language may not be eligible for a FLAS in the language of proficiency *but* students with some language ability are urged to check with the appropriate center regarding level of proficiency and eligibility for a FLAS fellowship, for example, students who are proficient in Russian may be eligible for FLAS fellowship in Polish.

Area Studies Centers:

East Asia National Resource Center (EANRC)

Includes:

Center for Chinese Studies

<https://i.umich.edu/lrccs>

Center for Japanese Studies

<https://i.umich.edu/cjs>

Nam Center for Korean Studies

<https://i.umich.edu/ncks>

Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies

734-764-0350

<http://www.i.umich.edu/cmenas>

Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

734-764-0351

<http://www.i.umich.edu/crees>

Center for South Asian Studies

734-764-0448

<https://i.umich.edu/csas>

Center for Southeast Asian Studies

734-764-0352

<http://www.i.umich.edu/cseas>

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

734-763-0553

<http://www.i.umich.edu/lacs>

Funding options may also be available from the Department for Afroamerican and African Studies (DAAS), the Center for European Studies (CES), the Center for International and Comparative Studies (CICS), the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, as well as, the International Institute.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International applicants should note that in addition to the Departmental financial resources, students should investigate various funding sources such as the Institute of International Education/Fulbright website (<https://us.fulbrightonline.org>), the Wenner-Gren Foundation website (<http://www.wennergren.org/>), and the International Rotary website (<https://www.rotary.org/en>). Rackham also offers a fellowship for international students:

GENERAL FINANCIAL AID, LOAN FUNDS AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The Office of Financial Aid maintains a concerned and skilled staff to administer supplemental financial assistance programs. Please contact them for more information: <http://www.finaid.umich.edu/>.

There is no separate funding application process for departmental and Rackham fellowship awards. These include the LSA Regent's Fellowship and the Rackham Merit Fellowships. The Department will apply those students that qualify for the Regent's and Rackham Merit Fellowships. Students are again strongly urged to seek outside funding such as Mellon, Javits, and NSF.

The Graduate School also offers some partial fellowships including the [Non-Traditional Fellowship](#). This fellowship is awarded to returning students who have been out of school for at least five years and are residents of the state of Michigan. All of the above funding possibilities will be considered by admission faculty at the time applicant admission decisions are made and no separate application is required except for the FLAS fellowships.

OTHER DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

RESEARCH FACILITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

The Laboratory of Linguistic Anthropology
The Laboratory of Physical Anthropology
Sociocultural Anthropology Workroom

MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The Museum of Anthropological Archaeology is a University unit separate from the Department and is administered by the Director of the Museum. There is close collaboration between the Museum of Anthropological Archaeology and the Department of Anthropology. All members of the curatorial staff of the Museum offer instruction through, and hold academic appointments in, the Department of Anthropological Archaeology. The collections and laboratory facilities of the Museum of Anthropological Archaeology are made available to qualified students in the Department for purposes of instruction and research.

The Museum has extensive collections on the ethnology and archaeology of the Great Lakes Region and of the Eastern United States. Other major collections include archaeological and ethnological material of the American Southwest, Mexico, and South America, materials from Japan, China, and Tibet and considerable archaeological, ethnological, and skeletal material from the Philippines. There are smaller representative collections on the anthropology of Africa, Oceania, and Europe. Fieldwork and research programs carried out by the Museum are administered by the Director and the curators.

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL ARCHAEOLOGY POLICY ON STUDENT-INITIATED DUAL DEGREES AND STUDENT-INITIATED COMBINED DEGREES

The Department of Anthropology values interdisciplinary training by graduate students and participates in combined degree programs with the Department of History and the School of Social Work. In addition, the Rackham Graduate School permits students to initiate Dual Degree and Combined Degree programs, especially when the research area in which the student plans to work falls outside an area of study in which a regular graduate program has been established. The two student-initiated programs are quite different from each other and follow different regulations and application procedures. Students interested in Student-Initiated Dual Degrees and Student-Initiated Combined Degrees who have been admitted to the Department of Anthropology should discuss this further with their advisor and/or the Graduate Program Coordinator.

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