

# ROBERT STIGLER FUND FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

2026 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

DEADLINE: MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026

The Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, is pleased to invite proposals for the Robert Stigler Fund to support archaeological fieldwork. All full-time students at Columbia, Barnard, and General Studies, both undergraduate and graduate, are eligible to apply, excepting those students who will graduate before their proposed field season. Preference will be given to students majoring in Archaeology and Anthropology, but students in other related fields (e.g., Art History & Archaeology, Classics) may also apply. Awards are typically between \$200 and \$700.

## APPLICATION MATERIALS

The application must contain the following sections:

1. Title page, with full name, student ID number, program (major and school), email address, mailing address, phone number, title of project, and research location.
2. Description of the proposed fieldwork, including a discussion of how the fieldwork will contribute to the applicant's educational and/or research aspirations (2 double-spaced pages).
3. Itemized budget (1 page).
4. Transcript from your current school (e.g., Columbia, Barnard, GSAS). An unofficial transcript is acceptable.
5. The name of one faculty reference at Columbia/Barnard.

All applications should be emailed as a PDF document to both Prof. Brian Boyd ([bb2305@columbia.edu](mailto:bb2305@columbia.edu)) and Prof. Hannah Chazin ([hc2986@columbia.edu](mailto:hc2986@columbia.edu)) by Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

## TYPES OF COSTS THAT CAN AND CANNOT BE COVERED

Awards are most often given for travel costs to archaeological field locations. In some circumstances, some per diem costs may be covered along with incidental supplies (e.g., trowels, brushes, paper, gloves). The award cannot be used to pay the costs of tuition or room and board at a field school.

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Students traveling internationally must follow the Columbia Student Travel policy and register their trips in advance:

CC/GS/SEAS Undergraduates: <https://www.cc-seas.columbia.edu/travelpolicy>

Barnard Undergraduates: <https://barnard.edu/international-travel>

Grad students: <https://globaltravel.columbia.edu/content/planning-columbia-related-international-travel>

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

## PROCEDURES AND ACCOUNTING

Awards are made on a reimbursement basis. All receipts must be submitted to the Columbia Anthropology Department by September 30, 2026 along with a summary report of fieldwork conducted (3-5 double-spaced pages). Reimbursement checks will be mailed to awardees soon thereafter. Please note that reimbursement requires **original receipts in the name of the awardee**. Photocopies of receipts or other facsimiles are not accepted by the university's Controller's Office.