Finding a Program

Finding and then getting into a graduate program can be a challenging experience. There are many quality anthropology programs available. The real question is: What is the best program for you?

A good way to start is to identify the area of anthropology that is of the most interest to you. Faculty, graduate assistantships and financial support available as well as geographic area are key components in the decision making process. The ***AAA E-Guide*** is a great tool to begin researching graduate programs. You can use it to gather information on the research and areas of expertise of the faculty, library holdings, how many graduate students are currently enrolled, funding opportunities, and field school opportunities.

Graduate school is about preparing yourself for the career you want and deciding what you really want to devote yourself to learning about. Doctoral students should work closely with their principle advisor (or chair) and dissertation committees. So, it is imperative to identify programs with professors who are experts in your areas of interest.

If you have always wanted to learn how to read Classic Mayan hieroglyphs, then seek out active epigraphers. Don't apply to a department that doesn't have faculty that matches your specific interest. The ***E-Guide*** has information on programs and individual faculty members' areas of expertise in both the US and international programs.

Once you have identified several possible programs, email each programs' director of graduate studies and ask them specific questions about their programs: admissions requirements; research opportunities, support and funding sources; language requirements; field school opportunities; how long it generally takes to complete the required coursework; and where their graduates are working after receiving their degree. It is also important to talk to professors teaching in the program. You want to find active researchers who have on-going projects that make your research possible.

Many anthropology graduate students will have the opportunity to work on specific projects with their professors. There are often grant monies available that support faculty research. Working closely with a professor is the best way to learn about how to conduct research.

There is plenty of useful information for prospective graduate students availabel in the **the *E-Guide.***

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