



## Internship Resources for Anthropology

GVSU Anthropology students have a number of exciting internship opportunities to consider. This list brings together resources to help students begin their internship journey, including useful websites and related GVSU offices, as well as organizations that offer internships.

Often, social networking leads to tailored internships that directly stem from a student's learning and career goals. As such, students are strongly encouraged to meet with GVSU Anthropology Internship Coordinator Tara Hefferan ([hefferta@gvsu.edu](mailto:hefferta@gvsu.edu); 224 LMH) or another GVSU Anthropology faculty member with whom the student hopes to work. This meeting should occur at least a full semester before the student hopes to undertake an internship.

### GVSU Offices

**GVSU Anthropology.** The Anthropology Department has a webpage dedicated to internship information. This includes currently open internships relevant for Anthropology students, as well as the administrative documents and procedures for undertaking one. The GVSU Anthropology Internship Coordinator also serves as a primary resource for students in their pursuit of internships, both local and beyond.

<https://www.gvsu.edu/anthropology/anthropology-internship-program-18.htm>

**GVSU Career Center.** The Career Center offers a wide-range of career-related resources, including workshops and other training opportunities to help students prepare for their future careers. Through Laker Jobs, the Career Center also lists current internship opportunities. <http://www.gvsu.edu/careers/>

**Padnos International Center.** Padnos partners with EUSA to offer international internships in five different European countries. <https://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/internships-abroad-521.htm>

### Anthropology Websites with Internship Information

**American Anthropological Association.** The AAA is anthropology's largest professional organization, with a variety of student resources available on their site, including a career center with job listings.

<http://www.americananthro.org/AdvanceYourCareer/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=1783&navItemNumber=742>

**National Association for the Practice of Anthropology.** NAPA promotes the application of anthropology both in and out of academia. Their site includes career resources, including internship listings.

<http://practicinganthropology.org/careers/>

### General Jobsites with Internship Information

**Idealist:** <http://www.idealist.org>

**Monster:** <https://www.monster.com>

**Indeed:** [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)  
**LinkedIn:** [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)  
**Internships.com:** [www.internships.com](http://www.internships.com)  
**Glassdoor:** [www.glassdoor.com](http://www.glassdoor.com)  
**Looksharp:** [www.looksharp.com](http://www.looksharp.com)  
**SimplyHired:** [www.simplyhired.com](http://www.simplyhired.com)  
**CareerShift:** [www.careershift.com](http://www.careershift.com)  
**US Govt:** [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov)  
**Go Abroad:** [www.GoAbroad.com](http://www.GoAbroad.com)  
**Experience:** <http://www.experience.com/entry-level-jobs/internships/>

### Organizations That Offer Internships

In what follows, a selection of organizations that offer anthropology-related internships are listed. Some (though not all) of these organizations have sponsored GVSU Anthropology student interns in the past.

This list should be understood as a starting point for identifying the types of organizations and internships that exist. Students should follow-up individually with organizations about opportunities of interest, since an organization's needs can vary from one semester to the next.

The list is loosely organized by sub-discipline and interest area, but some internships crosscut different areas.

#### Archaeology/Museum Collections:

##### **Allendale Historical Society and Museum**

The Allendale Historical Society runs and maintains three beautiful museum buildings.

- The Knowlton house is beautifully recreated to portray the 1890's home one of Allendale's prominent community members.
- The Retro Museum shares life in Allendale and the United States through the 40's, 50's and 60's
- The Carriage House Exhibit Galleries share Allendale's history as a logging town, and farming community, and a modern township.

11083 68th Ave., Allendale, MI 49401

<http://allendalehistoricalsociety.weebly.com>

[AllendaleHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:AllendaleHistoricalSociety@gmail.com)

##### **Grand Rapids Public Museum**

Several students have worked as interns at the Public Museum with great success. Many interns have found a position in collections, though increasingly education is becoming a focus for GRPM.

- The Collections internship will provide an opportunity to assist with projects related to the cataloguing, display, maintenance and conservation of the Museum's Collections and Archives. This position is based at the Community Archives and Research Center which houses a large percentage of the GRPM's Collections.
- The Education interns will gain experience working in an informal education atmosphere. There are multiple opportunities within the education department that will assist with Museum Initiatives including:  
*Science Education:* Deliver science programming to visitors, develop new science-based programming and assist in community-wide events hosted at the Museum by providing science content to visitors.  
*K-12 Education Program:* Work with visiting schools and groups to improve the GRPM field trip experience, work with Education Director to refine and develop new educational programs and assist in community-wide events hosted at the Museum by providing educational programming to the public.

*Education Resource:* Develop resource materials to improve education opportunities offered by the GRPM for visiting groups and demonstrate the use of educational resources, including artifacts from the GRPM Collections, to educators and Museum staff.

*Sustainability:* Assist GRPM staff in creating and implementing sustainable practices within the GRPM organization including, improved recycling practices, increased energy efficiency and composting. Help provide training to staff on best practices related to recycling, composting, energy use and water use and help establish a sustainability committee within the GRPM.

<http://www.grpm.org/internships/>

### **Gerald R. Ford Museum**

The Gerald R, Ford Museum, a unit of the National Archives and Records Administration: \* Collects, researches and preserves historical materials related to \* Plans and implements exhibits on \* Develops and makes available educational components and programs to further the understanding of Gerald R. Ford, the presidency, and United States history. The Museum markets and publicizes all of its exhibits and public programs, and makes available for sale books, momentos, and souvenirs relating to Gerald R. Ford, the presidency, and United States history.

<https://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov>

### **Grand Rapids Art Museum**

The mission of the Grand Rapids Art Museum is to provide a gathering place where people of all ages and backgrounds can enrich their lives through interaction with authentic works of art of the finest quality in a thought-provoking and creative way. In order to nourish and delight the mind and spirit, the Museum collects, conserves, educates and interprets.

<http://www.artmuseumgr.org>

[hr@artmuseumgr.org](mailto:hr@artmuseumgr.org)

### **Grand Rapids Children's Museum**

Interns – Interns at the Grand Rapids Children's Museum hold a variety of positions and provide valuable support throughout the entire organization. Intern applicants typically have completed 2-3 years at a university or college. Internships usually are between 120 hours to 300 hours during a semester.

<http://www.grcm.org>

### **Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History**

The National Museum of Natural History is a large and diverse organization with a long history of including student interns in every aspect of its operation from scientific research to public outreach to business and administration. Although the Office of Academic Services (ARC) oversees and administers all of Natural History's academic appointments, including internships, offices and individuals at NMNH are encouraged to tailor opportunities for interns to best fit their needs and students are encouraged to contact these individuals directly.

<http://www.smithsonianofi.com/internship-opportunities/>

### **American Museum of Natural History**

The Division of Anthropology is concerned with all aspects of human behavior, past, present, and with an eye to the future. Our work is biological, archaeological, socio-cultural and linguistic.

Established in 1873, only four years after the Museum's founding, the Division has acquired over 500,000 objects representing the peoples of the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe and the Pacific Islands. As one of the

oldest departments of anthropology in the United States, our collections and archives are important resources for the history and continuing work of our discipline.

<http://www.amnh.org/our-research/southwestern-research-station/interns-volunteers>

### **Lakeshore Museum Center**

Join us for a 400 million year journey that explores the prehistoric plants and animals of Michigan's past. Or get pulled into our Science Center, where everyone can learn about simple science through hands-on activities for the whole family.

Tour the beautifully restored Hackley & Hume Historic Site homes and walk through the unique living spaces showcasing how local Muskegon lumber barons lived in their late 19th Century Victorian homes.

<http://www.lakeshoremuseum.org/get-involved/internships/>

### **Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary**

Located in northwestern Lake Huron, Thunder Bay is adjacent to one of the most treacherous stretches of water within the Great Lakes system. Unpredictable weather, murky fog banks, sudden gales, and rocky shoals earned the area the name "Shipwreck Alley." Today, the 4300-square-mile Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary protects one of America's best-preserved and nationally-significant collections of shipwrecks. Fire, ice, collisions, and storms have claimed over 200 vessels in and around Thunder Bay. To date, nearly 100 shipwrecks have been discovered within the sanctuary. Although the sheer number of shipwrecks is impressive, it is the range of vessel types located in the sanctuary that makes the collection nationally significant. From an 1844 sidewheel steamer to a modern 500-foot-long German freighter, the shipwrecks of Thunder Bay represent a microcosm of maritime commerce and travel on the Great Lakes.

<http://thunderbay.noaa.gov>

### **National Park Service**

Since 1916, the National Park Service has been entrusted with the care of our national parks. With the help of volunteers and partners, we safeguard these special places and share their stories with more than 275 million visitors every year. But our work doesn't stop there. GVSU Anthropology has placed an intern at Keweenaw National Historic Park.

<https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/jobsforstudents.htm>

### **Michigan History Center**

Welcome to the Michigan History Center. Our job is to discover, preserve and share the stories of Michigan. We hope you'll join us by visiting our museums, using our archival collections, touring historical markers and participating in our programs and learning adventures. GVSU Anthropology has placed an intern at Walker Tavern.

<http://www.michigan.gov/mhc/0,4726,7-282-65121-315135--,00.html>

### *Development Anthropology:*

#### **Opening Village Doors**

Our mission is to partner with individuals and villages in sub-Saharan Africa so that they may reach their full potential through sustainable solutions. We envision a time when the villages we touch are prosperous, healthy and self-sustaining and suffering has been relieved because of the micro-loans, community projects, training, education and technical expertise we have provided.

[info@openingvillagedoors.org](mailto:info@openingvillagedoors.org)

<http://openingvillagedoors.org>

## **United States Agency for International Development**

USAID is the lead U.S. Government agency that works to end extreme global poverty and enable resilient, democratic societies to realize their potential.

<https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/careers/student-internships>

### *Environmental Anthropology:*

#### **West Michigan Environmental Action Committee**

West Michigan Environmental Action Council has been West Michigan's preeminent resource for environmental education and advocacy since 1968. Founded by a diverse group of concerned citizens and organizational stakeholders, WMEAC is a non-profit, 501C3 organization uniquely positioned to respond to emerging issues and new threats to West Michigan's natural and human ecologies, strategically focused on building sustainable communities and protecting water resources.

<https://wmeac.org/volunteer/>

#### **Student Conservation Association**

The SCA "internships provide the opportunity to learn from resource management professionals, gain tangible skills and experience, and make a substantial contribution to our natural and cultural treasures. All positions are expense-paid and most offer insurance and education awards. " Several GVSU students worked on archaeological surveys in national parks.

To sign up see:

<http://www.thesca.org/serve>

#### **Impact**

Impact is a non-profit program of leading advocacy organizations, including Environment America and USPIRG - We work in states where we can win positive change for our environment, our democracy and our future. We work on big issues that matter like global warming, clean water and the influence of big money on our democracy. We are hiring interns to work with us on the ground to create the grassroots energy and power that it takes to win! Interns will have the opportunity to participate in national campaign briefings and activist skills trainings, all while getting in-state experience and mentorship from their lead campaign organizer.

[www.weareimpact.org](http://www.weareimpact.org)

### *Public Anthropology:*

#### **White House Internship Program**

The President, First Lady, and staff are committed to providing young leaders from all across the nation an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and gain exposure to the public service sector through the White House Internship Program.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/participate/internships/about>

### *Food Systems:*

#### **Fulton Street Farmer's Market**

Two of the former directors of the Fulton Street Farmer's Market were GVSU Anthropology alumni and a successful ethnographic fieldschool was performed there as well.

1147 East Fulton St. NE (Just west of corner Fulton & Fuller)  
Grand Rapids, MI - Kent County  
(616) 454-4118  
[info@fultonstreetmarket.org](mailto:info@fultonstreetmarket.org)  
<http://fultonstreetmarket.org/history/>

### **Allendale Grand Valley State University Farmers' Market**

The main objective of the Grand Valley State University Farmers Market is to create an atmosphere where local food vendors can collaborate with GVSU in delivering fresh and wholesome food for staff, faculty, students, and surrounding community members, generating profits for local farms while also providing the community nutritional food options. We can make a difference, and have fun doing it. Together we can plant the seed to live better by choice.

<https://www.gvsu.edu/farmersmarket/>  
healthandwellness@gvsu.edu

### **Eighth Street Farmers' Market**

<http://www.hollandfarmersmarket.com>  
[info@hollandfarmersmarket.com](mailto:info@hollandfarmersmarket.com)

## *Native American & Indigenous Communities:*

### **The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**

58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047  
Office of the Tribal Chairman (269)782-6323 or 1-888-376-9988

### **Potawatomi Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe**

7070 E. Broadway Road  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
<http://www.sagchip.org/>

### **Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**

714 N. Front St  
Dowagiac, MI 49057  
<http://www.pokagon.com/>

### **Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians, INC.**

1251 Plainfield, NE Suite B  
Grand Rapids, MI 49501  
<http://www.grboi.com>

### **Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi Nation**

Northern Administrative Offices  
311 State Street  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
616.249.8022  
<http://nhbpi.com>

## **Cultural Survival Quarterly**

Cultural Survival's internship program is an integral component to the organization. Interns are actively involved in all areas of the organization, and play a vital role in the day-to-day operations. We ask interns to commit approximately 16 hours per week at our office in Cambridge, MA for a minimum of six weeks. The average internship lasts for the duration of one school semester or three to four months in the summer. Interns attend an orientation session at the beginning of their volunteer service to learn about all of Cultural Survival's current programs and our organizational history.

internship@cs.org

<https://www.culturalsurvival.org/about/internships>

## *Religion and Community:*

### **Center for Inquiry, Michigan**

The purpose of Center for Inquiry–Michigan is to foster a secular society based on science, reason, freedom of inquiry, and humanist values.

Center for Inquiry (CFI) is an international, nonpartisan, nonprofit 501©(3) organization that encourages evidence-based inquiry into science, pseudoscience, medicine and health, religion, ethics, secularism, and society. The Center for Inquiry is not affiliated with, nor does it promote, any political party or political ideology.

[michigan@centerforinquiry.net](mailto:michigan@centerforinquiry.net)

<http://www.cfimichigan.org>

## *Refugee Communities:*

### **Bethany Christian Services**

Each year, thousands of people arrive in the United States as refugees or immigrants. Some refugees are children who arrive as unaccompanied minors, having been separated from their families abroad as they fled violence or disaster. In partnership with local churches and community agencies, Bethany Christian Services welcomes refugee and immigrant families and helps them adjust to a new life in the United States. GVSU Anthropology's official "community partner," Bethany regularly employs anthropology students to work in its cultural orientation and employment services programs.

<https://www.bethany.org/other-services/refugee-and-immigrant-services>

### **West Michigan Refugee Education and Cultural Center**

Founded in 2006 by immigrants and refugees, WMRECC's goal is to support families and individuals to gain the skills necessary for successful integration into the community.

<https://westmirefugee.org>

## *Latino Communities:*

### **Hispanic Center of Western Michigan**

The Hispanic Center of Western Michigan is a non-profit organization serving the needs of the Latino and broader community. We strive to provide an avenue for education and openness to promote discussion of the distinctions and values of different nationalities and cultures. The Center also focuses on the common thread that unites all people: a desire for understanding and respect of our differences. We believe that this shared human experience connects us all.

<http://www.hispanic-center.org>  
[info@hispanic-center.org](mailto:info@hispanic-center.org)

### **Hispanic Ministry, Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids**

The mission of the office of Hispanic Ministry is to support the parishes in their evangelization task by means of a pastoral de conjunto and provide leadership in the promotion of the full participation of Hispanics, residents and non-residents, in the sacramental, communitarian, missionary and social life of the parish and diocese, enriching the church through the sharing of cultures and languages.

[http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/ministries/CulturalMinistries/Hispanic\\_Ministry/Pages/Hispanic-Ministry.aspx#.WCfR3HeZPaY](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/ministries/CulturalMinistries/Hispanic_Ministry/Pages/Hispanic-Ministry.aspx#.WCfR3HeZPaY)  
[jfarias@dioceseofgrandrapids.org](mailto:jfarias@dioceseofgrandrapids.org)

### **Latin Americans United for Progress**

The mission of LAUP shall be to advocate for and facilitate the education and social well being of the Latino community, and to promote communication and cooperation with the Holland community for a better quality of life for all.

Lena Del Real, Executive Director, [lena.delreal@laup.org](mailto:lena.delreal@laup.org)  
<http://www.laup.org>

## *Social Inequality and Social Justice:*

### **Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony**

The Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony is dedicated to promoting unity, justice, equal opportunity, ethnic awareness, cross-cultural understanding and appreciation for diversity. Founded in January 1999, the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony (ACEH) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan grass-roots group of ethnically diverse people from Holland and nearby areas. ACEH is a friendly organization that welcomes all people and works to create the feeling that our communities belong to everyone. ACEH is not affiliated with any political or religious groups, and is supported by membership dues, donations, and grants.

E-mail: [aceh@harmonyalliance.org](mailto:aceh@harmonyalliance.org)  
<http://www.harmonyalliance.org/>

### **Dégagé Ministries**

Serving 400-500 individuals daily, Dégagé Ministries offers help and hope to homeless and disadvantaged individuals in our community. Responsive programming is designed to address immediate and long-term needs such as overnight respite for women in crisis, food, referral services and hygiene facilities. While many of our services may seem "simple," those who receive our services take nothing for granted. Often, it is the simplest of gestures that brings the most powerful results. What sets Dégagé apart from other organizations is the attention given to each individual and each success.

<http://www.degageministries.org/volunteer.html>

### **Exodus Place**

Exodus Place is a facility focused on the rehabilitation and development of men dealing with difficult circumstances. Exodus Place provides more than housing and three hot meals a day. As a licensed drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility, we offer AA meetings, daily Bible studies, Wild at Heart men's group, computer skills instruction, resume building and more. We are also partner with over 40 different non-profits to provide services to the men we serve. The reason we partner with other organizations is to stretch our donor dollar and not duplicate services that others specialize in. We continue to strive to add positive, healthy activities for



the men, knowing that their lives need organization and structure.

<http://www.exodusplace.org>

### *Biomedical Anthropology & Health:*

**Centers for Disease Control.** The Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) is a competitive, two-year, paid training program with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. PHAP associates are assigned to public health agencies and nongovernmental organizations and work alongside other professionals across a variety of public health settings.

Throughout the two-year training program, associates gain hands-on experience that will serve as a foundation for their public health careers. After completing the program, PHAP graduates are qualified to apply for jobs with public health agencies and organizations.

<http://www.cdc.gov/phap/index.html>

**Big Ten Academic Alliance.** The Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) is a gateway to graduate education at Big Ten Academic Alliance universities. The goal of the program is to increase the number of underrepresented students who pursue graduate study and research careers. SROP helps prepare undergraduates for graduate study through intensive research experiences with faculty mentors and enrichment activities.

<http://www.btaa.org/students/srop/introduction>

Now in its 30th year, SROP celebrates the achievements of its alumni. To date, 610 program alumni have earned a Ph.D. degree and are now preparing the next generation of SROP scholars as mentors and teachers. Thousands of others have completed graduate training and are pursuing successful careers in government, business, and non-profit agencies.

### **Pasteur Foundation**

The Pasteur Foundation Summer Internship Program provides U.S. undergraduates, entering their Junior year, with the rare opportunity to work on supervised research projects at the Institut Pasteur (Paris, France). The Foundation's goal is to encourage and inspire students in the pursuit of a scientific career and to expose them to an international laboratory experience.

<http://www.pasteurfoundation.org/scientific-careers/summer-internship>

**National Institutes of Health.** Summer programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) provide an opportunity to spend a summer working at the NIH side-by-side with some of the leading scientists in the world, in an environment devoted exclusively to biomedical research. The NIH consists of the 240-bed Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center and more than 1200 laboratories/research projects located on the main campus in Bethesda, MD and the surrounding area as well as in Baltimore and Frederick, MD; Research Triangle Park, NC; Hamilton, MT; Framingham, MA; Phoenix, AZ; and Detroit, MI. NOTE: the number of positions in Hamilton, Framingham, Phoenix, and Detroit is limited.

<https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/sip>

### **Robbie Davis-Floyd**

For the year 2017, Robbie Davis-Floyd PhD, Senior Research Fellow, Dept. of Anthropology University of Texas, offers mentoring internships of varying lengths (ranging from weeks to months) for students wishing to live and study with her. The internship can be informal or can be constructed, for example, as an Independent Study course for course credit at the student's own university. The study topics can range from a broad introduction to the anthropology of reproduction/childbirth/midwifery/obstetrics to specific topics in those fields of special interest to the student. Some may wish to use the internship as a kind of writer's retreat to

work on their theses, dissertations, or books with her help. Domestic or international students in the social sciences or public health arenas are welcome to apply, as are medical and midwifery students. Interns will be asked to assist in Robbie's ongoing work by helping out with tape transcriptions, references searches, or other such tasks for about ¼ of their time and can pursue their own work in the rest. Interns will live in Davis-Floyd's home in Austin, Texas in one of her two guest rooms; Robbie will ask them to pay \$150/month to cover their utility use. They will be responsible for their own expenses such as food and gas, and are welcome to borrow her car when she is not using it. Students wishing to conduct fieldwork will find the Austin area rich with midwives, birth centers, obstetricians, hospitals, etc., not to mention live music! Interested students please contact Robbie at [davis-floyd@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:davis-floyd@austin.utexas.edu) or 512-426-8969.

### *Forensic Anthropology:*

**The Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division** has two internships per semester available, one that is more laboratory based and one that is more field based. The placement is highly competitive but interested students should contact James Pearson ([piersonj@michigan.gov](mailto:piersonj@michigan.gov))  
[http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-72297\\_60141\\_60287---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-72297_60141_60287---,00.html)

### *Primatology:*

#### **JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

John Ball Zoo is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation committed to the advancement of public education on the need for wildlife conservation and preservation. John Ball Zoo offers internships in the animal care field for students enrolled in colleges and high schools that have established intern programs. Internships in other areas of Zoo operation are available on a case by case basis. Please contact Jim Swarts (616-336-4317 or [jswarts@jbzoo.org](mailto:jswarts@jbzoo.org)) for information and referral to the appropriate department.  
<http://www.jbzoo.org/support/internship>

### **Other Helpful Resources**

**GVSU Career Resources:** Videos about the "elevator pitch" and networking, among others.  
<https://www.gvsu.edu/careers/internship-videos-61.htm>

**What Can I Do with This Major:** <http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/anthropology-archaeology/>

**Bureau of Labor Statistics:** <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/anthropologists-and-archeologists.htm>

**CNN Money.** An article that shows how anthropology prepares students for a broad range of careers.  
[http://money.cnn.com/2000/11/17/career/q\\_degreeanthropology/](http://money.cnn.com/2000/11/17/career/q_degreeanthropology/)

**Huffington Post.** An article that argues why universities need anthropology.  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/american-anthropological-association/universities-need-anthrop\\_b\\_12576982.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/american-anthropological-association/universities-need-anthrop_b_12576982.html)