Barlow Graduate Research Award 2026-2027

Revised Nov 2, 2026

Graduate students associated with anthropology: Through the generosity of Pete and Sandra Barlow, the CWU Department of Anthropology and Museum Studies would like to help fund your exploration of anthropology and/or graduate research for up to $750.

Opportunities may include, but are not limited to:

- Thesis research expenses
- Internship or workshop programs
- Professional conference participation
- If you are not sure how an opportunity that you are interested in might qualify, please talk to a department faculty member.

Eligibility & award funding levels:

Eligible students: Any enrolled graduate student with an anthropology professor as their advisor or thesis chair, including but not limited to students in Cultural & Environmental Resource Management and Primate Behavior.

Eligible expenses: Travel, living-away expenses, research supplies and equipment, conference registration, workshop tuition, child care, and other related costs.

Amount: Up to $750. (You may apply multiple times, but your total allowed funding for your CWU graduate career is $750)

Deadline:

Applications are taken all year, but it is recommended you apply by April 15. This is to ensure accurate financial aid package calculations for the following year. We recommend you apply early, as available funds may be depleted later in the academic year.

Application:

Create a typed Word or PDF document and email it to the Chair of Anthropology & Museum Studies (Pat.Lubinski@cwu.edu) addressing these:

1) **Basic information:** Give your name, major, and anthropology faculty advisor name.
2) **Essay:** In no more than 500 words (12-point font), address either how this award will be immersive (for non-thesis awards) or the nature of your thesis research (for research expenses awards).

   Immersive award: how will your proposed activity (e.g., workshop, internship, conference attendance) immerse you in a world of learning and take you out of your current frame of reference (how in addition to removing you from your usual

surroundings, it takes you outside of your box), and how it will be an impactful, transformative experience for you.

Research award: address the following: (a) Objectives: What is the focus of your proposed research? (about 1-2 sentences), (b) Prior Research: Provide a statement relating your proposed research to prior work, such as how your research will address a research gap and why it is important (about 2-4 sentences), (c) Methods: Provide a clear statement of your methodology or research design (about 3-5 sentences or bullet points).

3) **Budget:** Itemize relevant costs. All purchased equipment and unused supplies must remain in the property of Central Washington University.
4) **Funding disclosure:** Inform us about other approved or pending funding sources for the same budget items (for example, CWU Grad Student CAT Grant). If you have no other funding, please say so.

Evaluation:

Department faculty will attempt to review applications within 2 weeks of submission to the department chair. The following criteria will be used:

1) The student has not already met their $750 limit.
2) The student's anthropology advisor approves funding
3) The essay articulates the immersive experience or proposed research.
4) Budget meets eligibility criteria and any pertinent CWU rules.

Award:

If you are awarded funding, as a condition for receiving the funds, you agree to type a thank you document describing the experience, how it will take you outside of your usual frame of reference, and its impact. Also include a photograph of yourself. This document can be modeled on your application. You agree to work with a faculty member to ensure it is complete, thoughtful and well crafted so it can be posted online and provided to the donor.

Once the award is made you will need to work with our department secretary to arrange for use of the funds. Contact Penelope.Anderson@cwu.edu.