



Wenner-Gren Foundation

The Wenner-Gren Foundation is committed to playing a leadership role in anthropology. We help anthropologists advance anthropological knowledge, build sustainable careers, and amplify the impact of anthropology within the wider world. We dedicate ourselves to broadening the conversation in anthropology to reflect the full diversity of the field.

This brochure provides brief descriptions and application deadlines for each of our programs. Please click on the program name for more information.

Research:

[Dissertation Fieldwork Grants](#) – Dissertation Fieldwork Grants for up to \$20,000 are awarded to individuals enrolled in a doctoral program to support dissertation research. Applicants must be engaged in research that contributes to anthropological knowledge. Applicants of any nationality or country of residence may apply.

Application deadlines are May 1 and November 1. Final decisions are made six months after the application deadline.

[Post PhD Research Grants](#) – Post PhD Research Grants for up to \$20,000 are awarded to individuals holding a PhD or equivalent degree to support individual research projects. Applicants must be engaged in research that makes a significant contribution to anthropological knowledge. Applicants of any nationality or country of residence may apply.

Application deadlines are May 1 and November 1. Final decisions are made six months after the application deadline.

[Engaged Research Grants \(new in 2021\)](#) – Engaged Research Grants provide grants up to a maximum of \$20,000 to support research partnerships that promise to make a significant contribution to anthropological conversations through collaborations in which engagement is a central feature of a project from the very start. This program is open to postdoctoral researchers in anthropology and students enrolled in a doctoral program (or equivalent, if applying from outside the United States) at the time of application. There is no preference for any methodology or subfield. Individuals of all nationalities pursuing doctorates in anthropology or equivalent fields are eligible to apply.

The application deadline is August 1. Final decisions are made six months after the application deadline.

Fellowships:

Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowships (writing) – Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowships provide up to \$40,000 towards the writing-up of already completed research. The fellowship is awarded to early career scholars, who frequently lack the time and resources they need to publish their work. Applicants should be no more than ten years beyond their PhD, with allowances made for periods of caregiving, and have a doctorate in anthropology or an equivalent field.

The application deadline is May 1. Final decisions are made six months after the application deadline.

Fejos Postdoctoral Fellowships (ethnographic film) – Fejos Postdoctoral Fellowships in Ethnographic Film provide up to \$40,000 towards the completion of an ethnographic film that is based on anthropological research already accomplished by the applicant. The fellowship is awarded to early career scholars, who frequently lack the time and resources they need for film production. Applicants should be no more than ten years beyond their PhD, with allowances made for periods of caregiving, and have a doctorate in anthropology or an equivalent field.

The application deadline is May 1. Final decisions are made six months after the application deadline.

SAPIENS Public Fellowships (public outreach) – This program places one recent PhD, in anthropology or a closely aligned discipline, in a two-year term fellowship at SAPIENS, the Foundation's online magazine. The Fellow receives \$50,000 per year and gains experience in journalistic editing, expands their professional networks, and receives professional mentoring. The first application period was in 2019. The Foundation appoints a new fellow every other year.

The next application deadline will be in June 2021.

Wadsworth International Fellowships (predoctoral training) – Wadsworth International Fellowships provide funds to support study leading to a PhD or equivalent doctoral degree in anthropology. Fellows receive up to \$17,500 per year with the possibility of renewal for a total of four years of funding. Applicants must be from countries where anthropology is underrepresented and where there are limited resources to send students overseas for training.

The application deadline is March 1. Final decisions are made by May 1.

Wadsworth African Fellowships (predoctoral training) – Wadsworth African Fellowships provide funds to support African students wishing to pursue a doctorate in anthropology (including biological anthropology and archaeology) at a South African university. Fellows receive up to \$17,500 per year with the possibility of renewal for a total of four years of funding.

The application deadline is December 15. Final decisions are made by January 15.

Conferences:

[Wenner-Gren Symposia and Seminars](#) – Wenner-Gren Symposia are five-day workshops, hosted by the Foundation, which are designed to move anthropology forward by pioneering new conversations within and beyond the field. Wenner-Gren Seminars are three-day workshops designed to foster intergenerational engagement around an emerging question or theme of relevance to the discipline's future. We are eager to host Symposia and Seminars that speak directly to one or more of our strategic goals: advancing anthropological knowledge, amplifying the impact of anthropology, addressing the precarity of anthropology and anthropologists, and fostering an inclusive vision of the field.

Wenner-Gren Symposia are scheduled through March 2022. We will accept proposals for the Spring 2023 symposium by October 1, 2021. Letters of Intent for the Seminar Program are due on April 1, 2022, for a Fall 2023 Seminar.

[Conference and Workshop Grants](#) – Grants are available to bring scholars from around the globe together to advance anthropological knowledge and debate. Grants are made for amounts up to \$20,000.

Application deadlines for Conference and Workshop Grants are June 1 and December 1. The June 1 deadline is for conferences and workshops to be held no earlier than January of the following year. The December 1 deadline is for conferences and workshops to be held no earlier than July of the following year. Decisions will be announced within 4-6 months of the deadline.

Publications:

[Current Anthropology](#) – The Foundation founded *Current Anthropology* in 1959 and continues to sponsor its publication. It is one of the leading international scholarly journals in the field, publishing articles, reports, interviews and book reviews as well as discussion and commentary.

[SAPIENS](#) – An editorially independent online publication, designed to popularize and publicize anthropological research to an international audience.

Other Programs:

Global Initiatives Grants – Each year, the Wenner-Gren Foundation funds a small number of one-time projects designed to meet a need not addressed by our other programs. Global Initiatives Grants can be as small as \$5,000 and as large as \$20,000 and support initiatives in which a small amount of money can have a wide and lasting impact in creating the conditions that allow the discipline to survive and thrive.

The next deadline for Letters of Intent is May 15.

Historical Archives Grants – This program promotes the preservation of the history of anthropology by assisting senior scholars (or their heirs) with the expense of preparing their personal research collections for archival deposit.

There is no fixed deadline. Inquiries will be reviewed as they are received.

Webinars on the Future of Anthropological Research – Wenner-Gren is welcoming letters of intent for webinars focusing on the future of anthropological research. We particularly welcome proposals from pairs of scholars, one established and the other an advanced graduate student or recent PhD in the early stages of their career. Webinars can focus on methodological, ethical, or conceptual aspects of anthropological research in these times of upheaval and change. We will consider letters of intent on a rolling basis, until our budget for this program is depleted, and provide funding for up to \$5,000, which we expect organizers to use to cover technical costs.

There is no fixed deadline. Letters of Intent will be reviewed as they are received.