

Careers: Anthropology

The University of Maryland's bachelor degree Anthropology graduates have been successful in many different fields post-graduation, including *museums and archives, education, federal/state government, archaeology, cultural resources, and business.*

Using information from the annual University of Maryland Graduation Survey and additional sources, we have compiled information about Anthropology majors, such as their post-graduation adventures. Review additional resources at the [University Career Center @ BSOS](#) Your Career webpage. The coursework required in Anthropology provides great preparation for jobs that involve working with people and understanding of cultural differences. Many students pair it with a minor in urban planning, business, sociology, GIS, or environmental science to name a few.

Related Titles/Industry *(Sample)*

Explore career paths of ANTH majors with LinkedIn's [Alumni tool](#).

Note: Must have a LinkedIn account to access.

Education

Job Titles:

Academic Program Assistant
Activities Assistant
Admission Counselor
Assistant Program Coordinator
Baltimore Corps Fellow
Career and Life Skills Advisor
Education Abroad Advisor
Education Coordinator/Specialist
Educator
History Teacher
Primary School Teacher
Teacher
Teacher Fellow

Organizations:

American University
AmeriCorps
Collegiate Teaching Fellow
El Colegio de Panama
Innovation Works
Irvine Nature Center
National Aquarium
National Geographic
Soccer Without Borders
Teach for America
The Next Step Public Charter School
University of Maryland
University of Maryland Baltimore
WSBOCES

Entry tips:

Important qualities/skills generally include: communication, organizational, and creativity skills.

Apply for experiences working with youth while in school to demonstrate and test your interest.

For detailed tips, visit Vault's Guide to [Education](#).

Business | Management | Marketing

Job Titles:

Assessments Representative
Assistant
Festival Coordinator
General Manager
Insurance Agent
Membership Services Coordinator
Post-Bacc Fellow
Program Analyst
Program Manager
Proposal Coordinator
Recruiter
Senior Guest Service Associate
Recruitment Specialist & Coordinator
Territory Sales Manager

Organizations:

Aerotek
American Anthropological Association
Bankers Life
BoardSource
Cherry Hill Campground
Deloitte
Frutta Bowls
Mars
National Cancer Institute
PayPal
University of Maryland
Washington Jewish Film Festival

Entry tips:

Important qualities/skills generally include: analytical, communication, creativity, decision making, interpersonal, organizational skills.

For detailed tips, visit Vault's Guide:

- [Business Administration Jobs](#)
- [Consulting](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Consulting Jobs](#)

Apply for internships. Employers recruit full-time employees from their internship programs.

Museums | Archives | Curators

Job Titles:

Archivist Technician
Collections Assistant, Anthropology
Coordinator
Curator
Digital Format Specialist
Fellow- Latino Museum Studies
Legislative Management Officer
Museum Technician
Museum Tour Guide
On-Site Educator
Outreach and Collections Specialist
Preservation Specialist
Publications and Digital Imaging
Post-Grad Intern
Special Assistant

Organizations:

Kidsbridge Tolerance Museum
National Archives II
Smithsonian Institution
Smithsonian Institution, National
Museum of American History
Smithsonian Transcription Center,
Quotient, Inc.
The National Museum of African
American History and Culture
U.S. National Archives and Records
Administration
UMD, University Archives

The largest employers: [Museums](#),
[historical sites](#), government and then
educational services (state, local, and
private)

Entry tips:

Important qualities/skills generally include: analytical, customer service, organizational and technical skills

- Apply for internships in the field or volunteer at local museums.
- Helpful skills to obtain: grant writing, budgeting, and computer knowledge.
- Many positions require an advance degree.

For detailed tips, visit Vault's Guide to [Museum and Cultural Center Jobs](#).

WORK AREAS:

- [Archivists](#) preserve important or historically significant documents and records. They coordinate educational and public outreach programs, such as tours, workshops, lectures, and classes. They also may work with researchers. (OOH)
- [Curators](#), also known as museum directors, lead the acquisition, storage, and exhibition of collections. They negotiate and authorize the purchase, sale, exchange, and loan of collections. They also may research, authenticate, evaluate, and categorize the specimens in a collection. (OOH)
- [Museum technicians](#), commonly known as registrars or collections specialists, concentrate on the care and safeguarding of the objects in museum collections and exhibitions. They oversee the logistics of acquisitions, insurance policies, risk management, and loaning of objects to and from the museum for exhibition or research. (OOH)
- [Conservators](#) handle, preserve, treat, and keep records of works of art, artifacts, and specimens. They may perform substantial historical, scientific, and archeological research. They document their findings and treat items in order to minimize deterioration or restore them to their original state. Conservators usually specialize in a particular material or group of objects. (OOH)

*Spotlight on
Anthropology majors'
experiences:*

[See Profiles](#)





State Government | Federal

Job Titles:

Americorps, Patapsco Valley State Park
Cultural Anthropologist
Cultural Resource Manager
Integrated Resources Program Manager
Lead Teacher - Assistant Director
Park Naturalist

Organizations:

Anne Arundel County Planning & Zoning Cultural Resources Management Division
Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary of the Interior
Maryland Conservation Corps
Maryland Government
National Park Services, Yellowstone
National Park Services, Department of the Interior
VA, Department of Historic Resources

Entry tips:

Important qualities/skills generally include: varies based on job function. Most professional apply out of a passion for service or the mission of the agency speaks to them.

Federal opportunities:

- [USAJobs](#) | [Application tips](#)

For detailed tips, visit Vault's Guide to [Park and Public Land Jobs](#)

Federal positions: Research position titles using the [Occupational Series](#)

General Anthropology Series: This series covers all classes of positions the duties of which are to advise on, supervise or perform research or other professional and scientific work in the anthropological sciences except [archeology](#). This work may be specialized in one or several of the branches of the scientific field that includes ethnology, physical anthropology, and scientific linguistics.

Learn more about the variety of careers paths and opportunities in the nation's parks and public lands, contact:

- [Bureau of Land Management](#), U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.
- [National Park Service](#), U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C
- [Trust for Public Land](#) (TPL), 101 Montgomery Street, Suite 900, San Francisco, CA. *This national nonprofit conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural places.*
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#), Washington, D.C.

Research | Archaeology

Job Titles:

Archaeology Technician
Archeological Field Technician
Blogger
Field Archaeologist
Field Technician
Insider Threat Behavioral Scientist
Lab Supervisor
Planner/Analyst
Qualitative Research Associate
Research Analyst
Research Assistant
Research Engineer

[Careers in Archaeology](#) (Texas A&M), answers to frequently asked questions about a career in archaeology

Organizations:

Archaeology in the Community
Atlantic Media
CENTRA Technology
John Milner Associates, Inc.
Linda Stone, RPA
Louis Berger
Mitre Corporation
National Renewable Energy Laboratory
Stantec
START, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism
Straughen Environmental
The RESOLVE Network
The Urban Institute
University of Maryland

Entry tips:

Start building relationships and gaining experience as a student with faculty on campus.

Best search strategy: *Networking*. [Examine](#) who is conducting the type of research you are interested in pursuing and reach out to them.

Reach out to them and [share](#) that you are a student/recent grad and that you think you can help them in their pursuits because of your (insert skills).

Explore Career Paths: Resources

Use the sample job titles listed in this document to start exploring career paths.

The links below provide search boxes for you to locate more information on the titles as well as search for other options.

- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#), a career title dictionary
- [O*NET Online](#), the nation's primary source of occupational information
- [FOCUS2](#), explore career paths using self-assessment questionnaires
- [Terrapins Connect](#), talk with professionals working in the field through UMD's alumni network
- [Federal positions by major](#), research career titles with the federal government related to your major

[Vault Guides](#) - browse 100's of industry guides to gain inside tips (*see examples below*).



Note- Access Vault through your [Careers4Terps](#) account for FREE.

More resources to explore career paths

- [All about Forensic Science](#), information on forensic anthropology
- [Careers in Anthropology](#), AAA provides sample areas where anthropology majors work
- [Non-academic Careers in Anthropology](#) (AAPA), focuses on careers in physical anthropology
- Spotlight: [UMD Anthropology Alumni](#)

Gain Experience

The links below will be a helpful starting point in locating opportunities. [Identify the type of experience](#) that meets your needs.

Sample list of opportunities:

- [BSOS Engagement Opportunities](#) - browse links on out of the classroom experiences
- [Careers4Terps](#) - check out job and internship openings for off-campus positions for UMD students
- [UMD National Scholarships Office](#) - review a listing of opportunities for UMD
- [Federal government internships](#) - links to openings and application tips
- [Start your search with these tips](#) - provided by the University Career Center @ BSOS
- [Browse positions](#) - featured in Careers4Terps

The UMD Department of Anthropology offers:

- [Internship](#)
- [Field School](#)
- [Study Abroad](#)
- [Independent Study](#)

Did you know?

“Whether or not one has an internship impacts short-term and longer-term career success. Survey takers who completed at least one internship received a job offer more quickly and had a higher first position salary than those who did not.”

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Where are ANTH Majors Interning?

Internships are a great way to try out an interest, regardless if they are directly related to your major. Employers tend to favor job seekers who have had an internship in the field they are hiring for.

Sample internship titles/sites

- AFS International, *Market Research Intern*
- Amnesty International USA, *Organizing Intern*
- Animal Biosciences & Biotech Lab, US Department of Agriculture, *Research Aide/Student Intern*
- Archaeology in Annapolis, *Student Volunteer*
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Summer Intern*
- Creative License, *Marketing Intern*
- DBI Architects, Inc., *Intern*
- DC HIV/AIDS Administration, Behavioral Research Section, *Research Associate*
- Department of Homeland Security, *Policy Intern*
- Department of the Interior, *Intern- Interior Museum*
- Earthwatch Member: Dolphins of Greece Expedition, *Volunteer Researcher*
- Girls Inc., *Youth Program Intern*
- Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, *Marketing and Communications Intern*
- MaryPIRG, *Intern and Coalition Coordinator*
- Mona Shah & Silvers, *Paralegal Intern*
- National Aquarium in Baltimore, *Intern*
- National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), *Intern*
- Organizational Behavior Project, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, *Intern*
- Public Citizen, *Democracy is for People Intern*
- Senator Tim Johnson, *Press Intern*
- Smithsonian Institution, *Intern*
- The David C. Driskell Center, *Art Registrar Intern*
- The Fouta Coordination of Tostan International, *Regional Volunteer*
- Tony Whitehead and the Cultural Systems, *Intern*
- UMD Anthropology Teaching Laboratory, *Intern*

Skills Developed

Skills lead to jobs. Which skills do you possess?

- [Assess your](#) skills, abilities, interests, and values and explore how they relate to career options.
- Complete this [skills inventory](#) to get started.

Anthropology majors have...

- Accurate interpretation of behavior
- Insight interpretation of information
- Observation
- Persuasive writing
- Planning
- Problem solving
- Qualitative research
- Simplification of information
- Social agility and sensitivity



Add to your skill set with these learning videos/courses.

Graduate School Programs ANTH Majors are Pursuing

Start researching your career path of interest to identify the educational requirements. The list below offers a brief overview of some of the more popular graduate degree programs and institutions our ANTH undergraduates have attended.

Graduate programs listed by topic:

Business and Management, MBA | Saint Mary's University
 English Language & Literature, M.A. | University of Vermont
 English Language and Literature, Ph.D. | University of Miami
 Global Affairs, M.S. | New York University
 History, M.A. | University of Maryland, Baltimore
 Intelligence Management, M.S. University of Maryland University College
 International Relations, M.A. | George Washington University
 Law, JD | George Washington University
 Library Science, Masters | University of Maryland, College Park
 Public Policy, M.P.P. | University of Maryland, College Park

Medical

Biological Sciences, Ph.D. | University of California, Santa Cruz
 Doctor of Medicine, M.D. | George Washington University
 Doctor of Medicine, M.D. | University of Maryland, Baltimore
 Nursing, BS | Towson University
 Osteopathic Medicine, D.O. | Rowan University
 Pharmacy, Pharm.D. | University of Texas at Austin

Graduate School Resources

Researching programs:
[Peterson's Graduate School](#)

Application tips:

- [Questions to consider](#) before applying
- [Application timeline](#): stay on track with your graduate school application
- [Tips](#) for completing the application
- [Financing](#) ideas for graduate school

Graduate programs listed by area, degree, & institution:

Anthropology, Ph.D. | University of Washington
 Anthropology, Ph.D. | University of Pennsylvania
 Anthropology, Ph.D. | University of Oregon
 Anthropology, M.S. | University of Sheffield
 Anthropology, M.A. | University of Maryland, College Park
 Anthropology, M.A. | Texas State University
 Social & Environment Science, Ph.D. | University of Arizona
 Social Anthropology of Development, MA | School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

**Reported by University of Maryland undergraduate Anthropology graduates. Sample list only.*



Need help starting your career exploration or job search? Schedule a [career consultation appointment](#) with the University Career Center. Get started mapping your [career action](#) plan today!

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