

Ethnographic Field School in the Kingdom of Tonga



Program description

For three weeks students will conduct ethnographic research and gain experience with a variety of methods, including semi-structured interviews, classification tasks, and observation. The director will guide research activities and review progress documented in a field journal assigned to the student ethnographer. Outreach and service activities will also be conducted as appropriate. Program starts on May 12th and ends on June 2nd, 2025.

Students will earn 3-6 Anthropology 4960/6960 credits. For undergraduates, participation in the program will fulfill the International Requirement (IR).

Eligibility requirements

Minimum age of 18. University of Utah undergraduate or graduate students, students at other colleges or universities, alumni and qualified members of our community are welcome to apply.

Research projects

Specific to summer 2025, there are 3 primary research projects. Contact director for details.

- Variation in botanical knowledge
- Experimental archaeology
- Traditional diving and marine foraging

Program cost

There is a special fee of \$1640 that covers lodging, ground and sea transportation, entrance fees, and international health insurance. This fee does not include course tuition, airfare to/from Tonga, passport, personal expenses (souvenirs, for example).

Funding

Undergraduate research grants are available for U students through UROP. The student will need to work with the director starting Jan. 2023 to build a research proposal.

<https://our.utah.edu/research-scholarship-opportunities/urop/>

There are also field school scholarships for anthropology majors:

https://anthro.utah.edu/fieldschools/field_school_scholarship.php

Contact info and how to apply

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Application deadline: January 31, 2025 see Dr. Bell's website for further details and application materials:

<https://adrianbell.wordpress.com/field-school/>