Smithsonian Museum Summer Program

The Summer Institute in Museum Anthropology (SIMA) is a four week long summer training program in museum research methods for graduate students offered through the Department of Anthropology at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History.

Students:
- are introduced to the scope of collections and their potential as data
- become acquainted with strategies for navigating museum systems
- learn to select methods to examine and analyze museum specimens
- consider a range of theoretical issues that collections based research may address
- carry out preliminary data collection on a topic of their own choice and develop a prospectus for research to be implemented upon return to their home university

Who should apply?
Graduate students at both the masters and doctoral level preparing for research careers in cultural anthropology who are interested in using museum collections as a data source.

Costs:
The program covers students’ tuition and shared housing in local furnished apartments. A stipend will be provided to assist with the cost of food and other local expenses. Participants are individually responsible for the cost of travel to and from Washington, DC.

Program dates:
June 17 - July 12, 2019

Application deadline:
March 1, 2019

More info:
http://anthropology.si.edu/summerinstitute