

University of Washington Department of Anthropology  
**Olson Fellowship Application**

**Background:** The annual Olson Fellowship at the University of Washington originates through the generosity of the late Ronald Leroy Olson, who reserved a portion of his estate to provide financial support for "worthy University of Washington graduate students in the field of anthropology." Whenever possible, these students are to be "members of a Native American or Native Alaskan Tribe" and ideally "from Washington (state), British Columbia, or Alaska...(whether) Indian or Eskimo." However, it is quite clear that Professor Olson did not wish to exclude worthy students from other regions, or of different ethnic backgrounds.

**Provisions:** The Olson Fellowship is a one-year award that usually provides: resident tuition for three academic quarters, and a concurrent quarterly stipend. (Funding subject to change without notice.)

**Fellowship Criteria:** Upon determination by the Olson Fellowship Review Committee that the candidate meets all normal qualifications for admission to an advanced degree program in the Department, the Committee shall be guided in its selection process by the following criteria:

1. **First priority is given to applicants for initial admission into the Department** who are members of Native American or Native Alaskan Tribes recognized by the United States or Canadian governments with the added preference for applicants born in Washington, Alaska, or British Columbia.
2. **Second priority shall be given to applicants currently enrolled as graduate students** in the Department and making satisfactory progress who meet the tribal membership criteria established in #1, above.
3. **Third priority shall be given to applicants for initial admission into the Department** who are not members of Native American or Native Alaskan Tribes but who intend to specialize in linguistic, ethnological, archaeological, or biological studies of Native American peoples, particularly those of the Pacific Northwest.
4. **Fourth priority shall be given to students currently enrolled as graduate students in the Department** and making satisfactory progress who otherwise meet the criteria given in #3, above.
5. **Past or present Olson Fellows** will be considered under the criteria listed in #2 and #3 above, but will rank below other candidates within those categories. In all decisions among candidates of equal priority, the principal criterion shall be overall academic promise as judged by the Olson Fellowship Review Committee.

**Applications:** Applications are available from the Department of Anthropology

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(206)685-1562  
gradanth@u.washington.edu

**Deadline:** Completed applications must be submitted to the Department of Anthropology Graduate Program Assistant by December 15 for applicants to the program, and February 15 for current students for the 2011-12 academic year. The fellowship award will be announced by April 15.

**OLSON FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

Application Deadline: **December 15** for entering graduate students in Anthropology at UW and **February 15** for current UW Anthropology students. This application is for 2011-12.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Status in UW Anthropology Program:

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_ Currently Enrolled (year in program: \_\_\_\_\_)

Tribal Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a member of a Native American or Native Alaskan Tribe recognized by the United States or Canadian governments, please *attach documentation* of this membership to the application.

**Statement of Interest:**

On a separate sheet, please describe your plans for graduate study and your anthropological interests as they pertain to Native Americans. This statement should be typed, single spaced, and limited to one page (please attach).

***If you have previously applied for the Olson Fellowship, complete the following:***

Year for which you applied: \_\_\_\_\_

Result: \_\_\_not offered \_\_\_offered and accepted \_\_\_offered but declined

**Note for currently enrolled graduates;** you must secure a letter of recommendation from a faculty member in support of your application, and see that this letter is received by the application deadline.

A letter of recommendation has been requested from Professor

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Deadline for receipt of application and letter of recommendation is December 15 for applicants and February 15 for current students***

All completed applications and letters should be sent directly to the attention of the Graduate Program Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Box 353100, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-3100. (FAX: 206-543-3285)