

Portland State University  
Department of Anthropology  
Thomas M. Newman Award Application

## About

The Thomas M. Newman Fund was established in 1985 as a scholarship. Professor Newman was a founding faculty member of the Portland State University Anthropology Department from 1959 to 1982. An archaeologist, Professor Newman was a dedicated scholar and teacher who believed strongly in his students and in the value of Anthropology. The award was established in his memory. It is open to any Anthropology Graduate Student in good standing.

Awards will be made to assist students with funds for tuition; or to cover reimbursable expenses associated with thesis or applied projects (e.g. a radiocarbon date, informant's fees, travel to a research locality, specialized equipment), attend a conference to present a paper or poster. Finally the award can be given to the student directly as a check (which is taxable). One award of \$1000.00 is anticipated annually.

Funds can be spent upon award and are coordinated through the Anthropology Office. The award is not renewable, but students may apply more than one time.

The award decision is made by the Anthropology Advisory Council, which is composed of graduates of the Anthropology Department at Portland State University. They believe the discipline of Anthropology is a body of knowledge that has made a difference in our personal and professional lives. They view anthropology as an intellectually powerful field of study that can be at once liberating, challenging, and immensely satisfying.

## How to Apply

The following documents should be emailed to William Gardner O'Kearny (chair of Advisory Council) [wcg@pdx.edu](mailto:wcg@pdx.edu) and [anthdept@pdx.edu](mailto:anthdept@pdx.edu) by March 21:

1. **A copy of this completed application form.**
2. **Application Letter.** The application letter should briefly summarize your plans for the award and how it will contribute to your research and/or professional development. This letter should be typed, double spaced, and approximately 1-1/2 pages in length.
3. **Budget.** The Application letter should be accompanied by a brief but formal budget that details how the funds will be expended. **An additional copy of your budget must be submitted to the Anthropology office for record keeping purposes.**
4. **Two letters of recommendation.** One letter *must* be from a faculty member in the Department of Anthropology at Portland State University. One letter *may* be from a faculty member outside of the Department or the University. One letter *may* be from a non-academic source. **These letters are subject to Pub.L. 93-380 which gives students access to their files. Confidentiality will be maintained if student waives access.**

I waive access to these letters\*

I do not waive access to these letters\*

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Student's signature

5. **A PSU transcript of your Graduate course work.** It does not need to be an official transcript.

\*It is the student's responsibility to inform the faculty writing the recommendation of the waiver/non-waiver status

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Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Achievement:

Total Portland State University Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Transfer Credits from Other Institutions \_\_\_\_\_

Total Portland State University Credits in Anthropology \_\_\_\_\_

Total Transfer Credits in Anthropology from Other Institutions \_\_\_\_\_

Work In Progress (Anthropology) \_\_\_\_\_

Total GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Total GPA in Anthropology \_\_\_\_\_

Honors & Awards Received

Papers Presented

I hereby apply for the Thomas M. Newman Award.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_