



**International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc.
2026 Pacific Archaeology Scholarship**

International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. (IARII) (www.iarii.org) is pleased to announce a scholarship opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students. **Purpose:** To foster interest in Pacific archaeology and support professional development in cultural resource management (CRM). This hybrid scholarship combines paid field and laboratory experience with a cash award, **a scholarship totaling over \$12,000** that includes:

- \$6,400 gross wages for two months of field and laboratory work at our Honolulu or Guam office
- \$800 cost-of-living stipend (\$400/month during field/laboratory work)
- Housing and use of a company vehicle provided at no cost to awardee
- Up to \$2,000 for travel (if required)
- \$1,000 cash scholarship

Training Opportunities

Awardees will gain hands-on experience and training in field and laboratory methods (dependent on the types of ongoing projects) and may include:

- Archaeological monitoring, pedestrian survey, mapping, and controlled excavation
- Stratigraphic recording (including profile drawings and USDA soil descriptions)
- Computer tablet-based field data recording
- Artifact analyses and faunal identification
- Photography and photogrammetry

This comprehensive training will prepare recipients for professional work in archaeology and help them evaluate their interest in a CRM career.

Applicant Qualifications

- Undergraduate or graduate student with demonstrated interest in Pacific archaeology (e.g., coursework, research, publications)
- Open to U.S. students enrolled in universities or colleges in Hawai‘i, the continental U.S., U.S. territories, and abroad; must be eligible to work in the U.S.
- **Prior to Award:** Must pass a background check and provide a satisfactory driving abstract to receive the scholarship

Key Dates

- Application Deadline: January 31, 2026, HST
- Virtual Interviews (Selected Applicants): By February 15, 2026
- Award Notification: By February 28, 2026
- Paid Field/Laboratory Work: June 1 – July 31, 2026
- Cash Scholarship Disbursement: By August 31, 2026

How to Apply

Submit questions and a Scholarship Application Packet to education@iarii.org. Packet must include:

1. A one-page essay describing:
 - your interest in Pacific archaeology,
 - how the scholarship will contribute to your educational goals, and
 - your long-term career objectives in CRM.
2. Résumé
3. Academic transcripts
4. Contact information, including email address, for three professional references