**Graduate Student Application Fee Waiver – January 2025 application cycle**

**September 2024**

As documented in the [University of Maryland’s Graduate School website](https://gradschool.umd.edu/feewaiverinformation), application fees may be waived for eligible students in certain participating programs (listed at the link above). However, for those students not eligible for these other programs, the Department of Anthropology will sponsor five fee waivers for the January 7, 2025 application cycle. This fee waiver is available to all applicants for the PhD, MAA, or MAA/MHP programs of study; however, your request must be supported by the faculty member with whom you intend to work.

To receive best consideration for a departmental application fee waiver, the graduate school applicant should begin the application process early.

1. Applicants should start their online application with the Graduate School, but not submit anything until they have verification that their application fee has been waived.
2. To receive an application fee waiver, the student’s request must be sponsored by the faculty member with whom the applicant intends to work. The applicant must contact this faculty member directly and secure their support.
3. Once the application has been started, and the applicant has secured the support of a faculty member, the applicant must submit a justification letter to the Department of Anthropology’s Director of Graduate Studies by **1 December 2024**. This letter should also indicate their faculty sponsor within the Department of Anthropology, and identify the email address that they have used for the application.​​​     ​
4. The faculty member identified by the applicant should also submit a brief verification of support for this fee waiver to the Director of Graduate Studies by the 1 December 2024 deadline. This can be done via email.

The Anthropology Graduate Committee will review applications for fee waivers. Strong consideration will be given to fee waiver applicants who demonstrate significant financial need and who’s full application for the fee waiver is received by the deadline of 1 December 2024. Notification of the Graduate Committee’s decision will be sent to applicants and their faculty sponsor before campus closes for winter break.

The department will send a code to applicants approved for the fee waiver to be entered in TerpEngage.