



Archaeology Southwest

# PRESERVATION ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM CURATION INTERNSHIP

A COLLABORATIVE PROJECT BETWEEN WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY AND ARCHAEOLOGY SOUTHWEST

APPLY BY APRIL 1, 2026

***Learn how to work with archaeological museum collections  
in beautiful Silver City, New Mexico***

**JOIN US** for four weeks this summer from July 6 through August 1 and learn a variety of skills essential to a career in museum curation, such as cataloging with PastPerfect software, ceramic analysis, digitization, document and photograph handling, and other tasks.

You and three other students will focus on collections from the NAN Ranch, a large Classic Mimbres period pueblo in the Mimbres Valley excavated by the Texas A&M University summer archaeological field school from 1978 to 1989 and now housed at the Western New Mexico University (WNMU) Museum.

TO APPLY AND LEARN MORE, VISIT

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*The program takes place at WNMU in Silver City, New Mexico. Housing and meals are provided for all participants, but the internship is unpaid. Applications received by **April 1** will be given priority. The internship is limited to four participants, who may be undergraduate or graduate students or recent graduates looking for hands-on experience. Students from backgrounds and institutions traditionally underrepresented in archaeology (including small colleges and community colleges) are especially encouraged to apply. For general questions, please contact either Dr. Danielle Romero ([danielle.romero@wnmu.edu](mailto:danielle.romero@wnmu.edu)) or Dr. Karen Schollmeyer ([karen@archaeologysouthwest.org](mailto:karen@archaeologysouthwest.org)).*



**LEARN** museum curation, collections research, cataloging, and ceramic analysis in an archaeologically rich part of the American Southwest.



**EXPLORE** ethically responsible and scientifically rigorous field and research methods while investigating compelling questions about our shared past.



**IMMERSE YOURSELF** in a four-week learning program guided by experts and shared with other students who will become lifelong friends and colleagues.