LEMELSON UNDERGRADUATE ANTHROPOLOGICAL HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Name _____

Address _____

Declared Major(s) _____ **Minor(s)** _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Overall GPA _____ **Anthropology GPA** _____

Quarter Entered UCLA _____

Quarter entered Anthropology Major _____

Projected graduation date _____

Classified as a Junior in the Winter Quarter following application submission? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Anthropology classes in which you are currently enrolled. List each course number and title:

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Previous anthropology classes taken. List each course number, title, and grade:

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Information about your project:

Project title: _____

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Faculty mentor(s): _____

Subfield(s): _____

Research location: _____

Relevant language(s) and fluency level(s): _____

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING TO THE LEMELSON UNDERGRADUATE ANTHROPOLOGICAL HONORS PROGRAM

For detailed information about the program, please visit the Lemelson Undergraduate Honors Program page: https://lemelson.anthro.ucla.edu/application/

Application Materials

The Honors application must include the following documents (in order):

1. Completed cover sheet.
2. An email or memo from the faculty member in the Department of Anthropology who has agreed to serve as the student's faculty mentor. The faculty member's email (in which they explicitly agree to be your faculty mentor) should be sent to the applicant, who will then include it with the application materials. Save the email/memo as a PDF to include in your application file.
3. A 400-600-word research proposal (see guidelines and formalities below)
4. A 5-8-page writing sample (double-spaced) from a previous course demonstrating your best written work. It is preferred that the writing sample comes from a previous course in anthropology, however, written work completed in other social science courses will also be accepted.
5. Transcripts showing all coursework and grades (unofficial copies are accepted).

All application materials are due by 11:59PM on November 19, 2026 as a single file PDF submitted to Google Form 2026 Please be sure to include all 5 items (listed above) and label your file with your personal information in the format **LastName_FirstName_LemelsonApp2025**.

Guidelines and Tips for the Research Proposal

Applicants should use the numbered subheadings below to structure their proposals.
NOTE: Proposals of fewer than 400 words are likely to be insufficiently detailed to be properly evaluated or accepted. Follow the word limits with care.

I. Research Problem
Clearly state the topic that you intend to explore and where this research will be done. Give a brief indication of what kind of research has already been done on this topic (or some closely related topic) to provide the Honors Admissions Committee with context for understanding its anthropological importance. Keep in mind that "simple" ideas or simple tests of ideas can produce important results; an elaborate theory is not a requisite to do an Honors project. If appropriate, make clear the particular perspective you may bring to the project. This section should constitute the bulk of the proposal.

II. Methods.
Include a plan that outlines the methods and procedures for data collection and analysis of your research project.

III. Timeline.
Provide a tentative project schedule to demonstrate that your plan is feasible for execution in the timeframe of five quarters from Winter quarter of Junior year to Spring quarter of Senior year. A high level of detail is not needed at this point. Data collection must conclude by the start of Fall quarter Senior year.

Formatting for the Research Proposal

Your research proposal should be formatted in accordance with the following:

- 400-600 words
- Include title (but no title page)
- Single-spaced, Times New Roman (12 pt. size)
- Page number on each page of your proposal
- Include works cited at the end (does not count towards word count)
- Header should include both your name and your mentor's name on each page (see below)

Header formatting:
On *each page* of the research proposal, the left side of your header should look like this:

Applicant: [Your first and last name]
Mentor(s): [Mentor's first and last name]

Example of proposal header:

Applicant: Charlie Bruin
Mentor(s): Dr. Douglas Hollan