

2026 UCLA SUMMER CULTURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM

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Level Up Your Learning: Dive into Global Heritage, Hands-On Research & Real-World Impact!

The Cultural Heritage Summer Program is a 5-week immersive experience for undergraduate and city college students, especially those interested in or preparing to transfer to an undergraduate program or apply to grad school. Through mentorship and research, you'll explore how cultural heritage connects the past, present, and future, all while building your academic and professional skills.

Collaborate with experts: Work closely with scholars and students from multiple campuses on meaningful, real-world research projects.

Learn hands-on: Engage directly with cultural objects from around the world and learn about their origins, importance, and ethical considerations.

Explore Heritage Justice: Gain an understanding of decolonization efforts and how cultural objects are protected, stewarded, and restituted in the 21st century. Learn about the importance of heritage and the effect that its removal has on nations and communities.

NO TUITION COSTS | LUNCH PROVIDED | FREE PARKING | CONFERENCE TRAVEL AND REGISTRATION PAID

OBJECTIVES AND SCHEDULE



Program Objectives:

Research Collaboration: Work with others to build strong research projects and make lasting academic connections.

Critical Thinking & Professional Skills: Gain the tools to develop research design, abstracts, and participate in an ethics bowl.

Conference Prep: Learn how to deliver a powerful presentation and impress at professional events.

Five week program July 13-Aug 12
+ 9 months of mentoring towards a conference presentation.

Where? On-site at UCLA in the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology

When? Mondays and Wednesdays for 5 weeks (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)



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INITIATIVE
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 30, 2026
NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE: BY JUNE 15, 2026

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