# University Massachusetts Amherst Field School

**Project Description**

I am proposing to be a student at University of Massachusetts Amherst field school of summer 2019. This opportunity will help me enhance my interest in forensic Anthropology, beyond what is offered at Montclair State University. This program provides a hands-on experience with bones, real situations and excavations of a constructed crime scene, archaeological burial, and more. The University of Massachusetts Amherst has an exceptional reputation for training students for careers in Forensic Anthropology.

I will still be given consideration even though I have not yet taken ANTH 301 Methods and I have had some struggles with my GPA. I feel that completion of Dr. Farnum’s ANTH 335 course in Bioarchaeology has prepared me to take the next step in my career where I would be able to apply what I have learned already to more complex problems in the field. As for my GPA, I am working to raise it by taking extra classes and doing extensive work to bring my GPA to high standards. My GPA does not reflect in my efforts and work ethic and I should be judged by the work that is given and my performance in the classroom.

Although this field school would cover those credits, I’m also preparing myself for the fall semester to take Methods and more upper-level courses. I’ve taken all of Dr. Farnum courses that have assured me of the work ethic and knowledge in Anthropology.

The funds will help support me by covering the tuition, travel and other necessities pertaining towards the summer program.

# Expected Outcomes

* **Understanding the human skeletal system**
* **Pathology and taphonomy analysis**
* **Understand what constitutes bioarcheological or forensic data**
* **Know the role of violence theory in these fields.**

# Budget

I am requesting the full amount of the Bigel application: $2500, as this will an estimated amount. I wouldn’t know the tuition package until the middle of April. It will be spent accordingly:

$2000= Tuition cost (estimate)

$500=travel cost