Research for Honors College Students

Get Involved!
Valuable connections with a professor and faculty at large
Potentially get a letter of recommendation
See what anthropological research is really like
Chance to see what you’re really interested in
Shows future employers and/or grad schools you have practical experience in the field
Chance to present your research at various conferences
Chance to publish your research
Honors students can participate in research through:

- Professorial Assistantships (by invitation only, granted upon admittance to MSU)
- Research Assistant (anyone can do it!)
- Independent Research (anyone can do it!)
If you receive a Professorial Assistantship...

- Speak with an Honors College Adviser
- Inform them that you are interested in working with a faculty member in the anthropology department for your PA
- They will connect you with the appropriate people, forward your request on to Dr. DeLind (the undergraduate advisor), or advise you on how to go about contacting your own research faculty mentor.
If you want to be a Research Assistant...

❖ Talk to Dr. Delind (academic advisor) about your interest
❖ Send your advisor a blurb about yourself, availability, interests, and skills
❖ Your advisor will then email it out to the professors and those interested will respond
❖ Set up a meeting with the professors to see if you working with them is a good match
  o Make sure you demonstrate how you can be useful to them while also sharing what you hope to get from the experience
❖ Go to work!
❖ NOTE: Do not send out a mass email to the faculty; it’s unprofessional and does not reflect well on you.
If you want to conduct independent research...

☞ Talk to Dr. Delind (academic advisor) about your interest in conducting your own independent research project

☞ Send your advisor a blurb about yourself, your research project idea, and your interest in working with a faculty member for research guidance

☞ Your advisor will then email it out to the professors and those interested will respond

☞ Set up a meeting with the professors to see if working with them is a good match
  - Make sure you explain your full research project idea and clearly communicate what you want to get out of the experience

☞ Go to work!

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Skills To Have

- Know your way around the library
- Have a certain amount of hours a week set aside to devote to your research
- Good communication skills are huge
- Be flexible
- Work with your professor to see what you can both get from the experience
Apply for Funding!

- Through the Honors College:
  [http://honorscollege.msu.edu/scholarships/current_members.html#research](http://honorscollege.msu.edu/scholarships/current_members.html#research)
  - Includes scholarships/fellowships/grants for living expenses, travel for research presentation, direct research expenses, etc

- Through the College of Social Science:
  [http://socialscience.msu.edu/asa/scholarships.html](http://socialscience.msu.edu/asa/scholarships.html)
  - Includes scholarships/fellowships for direct research expenses and financial support for the student researchers