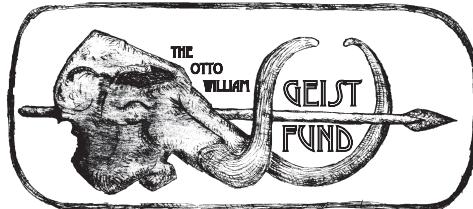


THE 2026 GEIST FUND

*~Supporting paleontological,
archaeological, and
ethnological research~*



PURPOSE: To support student research in **archaeology, ethnology, or paleontology**.

- Proposals from other fields are considered if strongly tied into these disciplines.
- Preference given to projects that enhance UA Museum collections (new acquisitions, research, conservation).

ELIGIBILITY: U. of Alaska Fairbanks undergraduate and graduate students.

- Preference will be given to students without other available research support.
- Students are limited to two awards at an academic level (undergrad, MA, PhD).

ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES:

- Field travel-related expenses and supplies (food, notebooks, etc.).
- Other research-related travel (e.g. to field site, other museums, etc.).
- Analytical work (lab processing).
- New acquisitions via purchase.
- Funds may **NOT** be used for stipends, field assistant salaries, or tuition.

➤ **For 2026, individual awards will be considered up to \$3,500.**
All awards are taxable.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Include a project description, purpose, and methods.
- Do not exceed 5 pages, excluding budget or references.
- Include a budget page; note other funding sources or support, if applicable.

TO APPLY: *Submit one complete PDF (via email)* with the following:

- Application form and proposal, including budget;
- Copy of appropriate permits (or application for permit);
- Permission letter from curator of UAM collection or other relevant museum personnel to support collection access;
- Letter of sponsorship/recommendation by faculty advisor.

SUBMIT BY EMAIL TO: ireuther@alaska.edu

- Add “Geist Fund Application 2026” in the subject line.

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN Friday, March 27th, 2026.

- Decisions on awards will be announced by Monday, April 13th, 2026.

NOTE: A final report is required. It should include an abstract, summary and discussion of results along with a financial report showing how funds were spent.

- Final reports are due **April 13th, 2027**.

QUESTIONS?: Dr. Joshua Reuther, Geist Fund Chair, University of Alaska Museum,
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