Join us in discovery

When you support the School of Human Evolution and Social Change, you fuel student opportunities and research efforts that address real-world problems. Our proactive vision and stewardship of funding has enabled more than 150 local and international projects around important issues such as:

- Human evolution
- Social identity
- Mitigating natural disasters
- Cooperation and culture
- Urban environments
- Material culture
- Disease prevention
- Water and food security
- Diet and health
- Migration and immigration
- Inequality
- Networks and connectedness

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Many hands, one goal

Our affiliated research centers enhance and expand the influence and output of our academic unit through collaboration at the community level, the international level and across scientific lines.

Our centers:
- Center for Archaeology and Society
- Center for Bioarchaeological Research
- Center for Digital Antiquity
- Center for Global Health
- Teotihuacan Research Laboratory

We also share faculty and staff with:
- Center for Evolution and Medicine
- Center for Social Dynamics and Complexity
- Institute of Human Origins
- Simon A. Levin Mathematical, Computational and Modeling Sciences Center
- Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve

Nestled in the historic Hedgpeth Hills on the edge of Phoenix, the school manages this 47-acre nature preserve featuring more than 1,500 prehistoric petroglyphs.

Innovation Gallery

Housed on the ASU Tempe campus, our gallery is a public space to enjoy free, informative exhibits and programs related to our research and community.
Where faculty are unprecedented.
33 of our faculty hold titles of national distinction, including Fulbright American Scholars, National Academy of Sciences members, American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellows and more. Together, they’ve founded and reshaped entire fields of study, and authored or edited more than 225 books, chapters and papers in 2019 alone.

A legacy of academic excellence
As the original home of anthropology at ASU, it’s no surprise we’re ranked No. 1 nationally for research expenditures and research production in the latest NSF HERD and Center for World University Rankings. Our reputation for excellence spans each of our degree programs, as we transform and enhance our collective learning through one-of-a-kind collaboration opportunities.

Where experiences are global
With a research presence in more than 40 countries, we’re making an impact worldwide. But it’s not just faculty who get to go global. We also offer 10 different study abroad, field school and global internship experiences, with activities designed to help students grow as scientists and as individuals.

Where students are diverse and driven
Forty nine percent of our students are online, 33 percent come from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds, and 40 percent of our incoming undergrads each year are first-generation scholars. Collectively, our students take part in more than 150 internships, apprenticeships and opportunities for independent study each year.

Discover the global human experience
At Arizona State University’s School of Human Evolution and Social Change, we investigate what makes us human and use new knowledge to foster a healthier, sustainable world. Using tools from anthropology, global health, environmental social science and applied mathematics, our work integrates the natural and social sciences to answer questions about the human story and inspire our students to become informed, socially responsible members of their communities.

Building a foundation for innovation and impact
Our school is a place where great minds and diverse perspectives bring the human story into sharper focus. We work to preserve, create and continually transfer knowledge and opportunities to those who want to change our world for the better.