

Frequently Asked Questions (by potential interns)

Are your internships paid?

No, we do not offer any paid internships. However, you will learn valuable archaeological skills that may make you more marketable in the field.

How long are your internships?

100 hours are required to complete our internships. If you are interning for credit, your sponsoring institution will dictate the number of hours required.

Are there any intern fees?

We do encourage interns to become Center Members so they can receive Center and program updates.

Can I get college credit for completing an internship with SDAC?

Yes, you can. We will gladly work with your institution to ensure you receive credit for your internship. Your institution's internship office will provide you with the necessary paperwork.

As an intern, will I have a set schedule?

We are flexible with your schedule. You will be setting your hours (during Center hours) weekly. However, we do ask you keep us informed so we can manage work space.

Do you accept interns from other states?

Yes, students from other states and countries are encouraged to apply. However, be aware that you will be responsible for finding your own accommodations. As well, remember you will need to find transportation.

Is there a dress code?

Casual attire is permitted. Open-toe shoes are not acceptable if you are working in the vault area or with oversized artifacts.

Will I be doing heavy lifting?

Our collections are kept in storage boxes weighing up to 30 pounds. We do stress safety first.

Do you provide letters of recommendation?

Interns who complete all requirements are eligible for recommendations from Center Staff.

Do you provide bibliographic references if I want to learn about California prehistory/history?

Yes, a bibliography is available upon request.

Where are you located? Where do I park?

The San Diego Archaeological Center is located in northern San Diego County in the San Pasqual Valley, a rural and agricultural preservation area. Our address is 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido California 92027-001. Our phone number is (760) 291-0370. Please park in the front parking lot. Handicap parking is located at the top of the ramp on the western end of the front lot.

What are your hours?

The Center is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Center is CLOSED Sundays. Interns should plan their schedule around these hours.

How do I get to and from the Center

It is recommended all interns have a reliable vehicle as public transportation to the Center is really limited. Bus Route 371 from the Escondido Transit Station will get you to the Center. You can access the bus schedule by visiting the [NCTD](#) website.

Is there a place nearby where I can get food?

Unfortunately, there are no food services at or near the Center (with the exception of the San Diego Safari Park). We ask interns to bring their own food. A refrigerator is located in the break area. We do provide water and other drinks for a small donation.