

# A&M MEXICO INTRO TO RESEARCH ABROAD PROGRAM

Yucatán, Mexico  
May 11-24, 2025



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### Research

Multidisciplinary experience for **freshmen and sophomore students** to learn about the scientific method in research and to develop their global competencies, while engaging in an Intro. to Research course in Mexico. Participate in many hands-on technical activities at places like the Yucatán Scientific & Technological Park.

### Collaboration

Students will join an online learning community, form a team of both A&M and Yucatán students, and **develop a research proposal** on a research problem identified while in Yucatán.

### Cultural Activities

Visit various **cultural sites** in Yucatán such as Chichen Itza and Uxmal archeological zones, cenotes, and other beauties from the Maya World, while living with a **host family**.

### A&M Faculty-Led

Students in the College of Arts and Sciences will enroll in **ANTH 291-140: Research (1-credit)**, taught by **Dr. Heather Thakar**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology, and Curator of Anthropology Research Collections.

## APPLYING

- Go to [Education Abroad portal](#) and search for “IRAP.”
- Hit “Apply”
- Submit application
- Deadline is Dec. 1st

## COMMITTING

- Commit to the trip by Dec. 10th
- Attend all mandatory meetings
- If you withdraw, you may be financially responsible for costs.

## PREPARING

- Pre-Departure Orientation on 4/1/2025
- Raising your Cultural IQ Workshop on 4/10/2025
- IRAP Mix and Mingle on 4/22/2025
- Enroll in ANTH 291

## PARTICIPATING

- May: 2-week research field trip to Mexico
- June - Aug: Work on a research proposal
- Aug. 17-24: Closing week with Yucatán students.



If selected, you will be responsible for covering some meals and personal expenses. **The remaining cost of the program and airfare will be covered by the College of Arts and Sciences.** Applicant must be a First to Finish student, a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident, have a GPA of 2.0 or above, be a freshman or sophomore, and **have proof of a valid passport by 12/1/2024.**

