



## BOUNDARY END ARCHEOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER

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The present table contains a list of current (2024-2025) and permanent projects at Boundary End Archeology Research Center, a short description, and the requested amount to complete each project successfully. You are invited to contribute any of your possibilities to one or more of each project, and you can also decide on the amount of the gift. Underneath the chart, you can find a broader explanation of each project to inform yourself about how we distribute the funds.

N	Project	Description	Amount (dollars)	Your donation
1	<b>A. Coba Exhibition</b>	Printing photographs and exhibit materials	3,425	
2	<b>A. Coba Exhibition</b>	Packing and transport of Materials	1,000	
3	<b>A. Coba Exhibition</b>	Airfare	5,000	
4	<b>A. Coba Exhibition</b>	Fieldwork	2,000	
5	<b>B. Library needs</b>	Conservation and curation	Up to you	
6	<b>B. Library needs</b>	Acid-free paper and cardboard boxes	(1 box~ 30 dlls)	
7	<b>C. Internships</b>	1,800 monthly ( 1000 facilities and 800 stipend)	1,800	
8	<b>D. Resident Scholars</b>	Long-term resident scholars, monthly (2000 facilities and 1000 stipend) Short-term (1000 facilities and 500 stipend)	3,000	
9	<b>E. Collections</b>	Journal subscription (depending on the journal) or book acquisition	Up to you	
10	<b>F. Sponsor a student:</b>	Sponsor a student on one of our fundraising trips	MFW: 6,500 BEA: 5,250	
11	<b>G. Sponsor a workshop:</b>	Suggest a focus of your choice and help us make it happen	10,000	
12	<b>H. Outreach activities</b>	Free outreach activities are held in Mexico, Guatemala, or the US.	Up to you	
13	<b>I. BEARC Research Projects</b>	Research projects where staff from BEARC participate	1,000	
14	<b>J. BEARC expenses</b>	Where it is needed most	Up to you	

### Description of projects:

- A. **Coba Exhibition:** BEARC is working with INAH to celebrate the 50 anniversary of the first archaeological excavations in Coba, where George Stuart participated. This event will take place in both Mexico and the US. In México, it will take place in the Museo Maya de Cancún, and we are in talks with the community to host an exhibit, a day of talks and workshops, with a party. In the US, we are currently looking for places where we can do the exhibit as fundraising, so if you can help us with that, we are also open. We are also editing a book where we want to include chapters about different people who worked in Coba.
- B. **Library Needs:** Our library needs efforts in cataloging, maintenance, conservation, and curation. Part of the responsibilities of our scholars includes cataloging the library; however, we always need extra help. Additionally, as you may know, the library needs a regular temperature and humidity for preservation purposes, cleaning, and other regular repairs, representing monthly expenses. Additionally, some of our materials are considered “special collections” including



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slides, tapes, photographs, textiles, and documents that require special treatment and care. The textiles are stored in boxes; however, it will be ideal to pack them in acid-free boxes and with acid-free paper. In the case of some documents, especially old documents, they need extra work to repair, preserve, or classify them, which is also called curation, and these kinds of documents also need acid-free storage deposits.

- C. **Internships:** Occasionally, some students and volunteers would like to come and help with cataloging inventory, or any other task related to the non-profit or the library. This time, we have a person who would like to come this fall, and we consider this opportunity valuable since she has experience managing libraries and collections. This person will help us start a database of special collections and homologize the cataloging of slides with the digital versions we are currently scanning. The internship funds support BEARC with living facilities, office space, and we would like to incorporate 800 dollars a month for personal expenses.
- D. **Scholars:** We currently have two different kinds of residential scholars, and we are looking for a third one. 1) George Stuart Resident Scholar, a long-term resident scholar dedicated to studying Mesoamerica, the Andes, and the Southeast of the US, linked to archaeology, and who uses the library and lives in what was George Stuart's home when he retired. The contribution to fund these scholars includes living facilities, office space, library use, and classroom use for the time between 1 to 6 months during the Fall, and we would like to add a stipend to help with personal expenses.  
2) Short Resident Scholars, we have space for a person to live in our library for 1 to 3 weeks. The funding includes living facilities, office space, library, and classroom use. We would also like to contribute to this person with a stipend for personal expenses.  
3) Gene Stuart Resident Scholars, we would like to start this scholarship for artists, journalists, and writers who contribute to the study or outreach of archaeology and anthropology in the Americas. This scholarship will run for 4 months, and we would like to include a stipend. The cost is the same as that of a GSRS.
- E. **Collections:** New books and periodic publications are coming out daily, and we would love to update our library. You can contribute by buying new books or periodical publications.
- F. **Sponsoring a student on one of our trips:** One of our biggest fundraisers is our philanthropy trips, where you can join us or support a student to come with us at the same time you are contributing to the Center. We make archaeology-oriented trips, "Maya Field Workshops," where we visit different archaeological sites during the week and have evening lectures. If you fund archeology or art historians' students, you can contribute to their formation of epigraphy and archaeology, as well as to know the sites. Our Boundary End Adventures trips look to connect the present with the past. The experiences include activities with local people, and visits to local and archaeological sites. Students from various disciplines can come and enrich their experiences through these trips.
- G. **Sponsoring a Workshop:** Are you interested in a topic? Let us know, and we can create a workshop or symposium about that topic and bring some experts to expose their ideas and

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generate new ones. We can host workshops in our classroom, which is fully equipped to accommodate up to 50 people, or hold them in other spaces. Your support contributes to taking and feeding panelists and all the needed materials.

- H. **Outreach Activities:** One of George Stuart's greatest contributions came from outreach activities, and sharing knowledge is part of his legacy. We invite you to donate an amount of your choice that helps us organize or collaborate with other projects in creating outreach activities. We host outreach activities in the US and Mexico in physical or virtual environments, and we also want to incorporate Guatemala.
  
- I. **BEARC Research Projects:** Help us be in the field! BEARC collaborates with some archaeological projects. Currently, our Executive Director is part of an archaeological project researching caves in Chiapas, exploring how Zoque and Maya people were connected and how the environment in that area, mainly water resources, was used. Your contribution helps us get to the site, explore caves, and do outreach activities.
  
- J. **BEARC Expenses:** If you know us or read other descriptions, you now know that we have a physical space: a beautiful small valley in the Blue Ridge Mountains next to Pisgah National Park, our library, a house, and a classroom. Your contribution can help maintain this space, be used for one of the above categories, daily or monthly expenses, office supplies, computer programs, or be used as an emergency fund for storms, snow, or any other priority.