

# The Center for Latino/a & Latin American Studies (CLLAS) Announces Graduate Student Summer 2013 Research Grants

In order to encourage and support interdisciplinary graduate student research in the areas of Latino/a and Latin American Studies, CLLAS announces a program for summer research support. We expect to award up to three summer grants for \$1,000 each to advance research for either masters or doctoral candidates. The award will support research related activities carried out from July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.\* We are especially interested in projects that have the potential to put Latino/a and Latin American Studies in conversation with each other and other fields.

## Possible project topics include but are not limited to:

history and ethnic identity
immigration
education
language and language use
popular culture and media
historical memory and human rights
gender and sexualities
Latino/a literature, performances, or visual arts
testimonies
the impact of structural adjustment policies on local communities
environmental and economic sustainability projects
philosophical inquiries
public health
governmental or public policy
sustainable business practices

<sup>\*</sup> If, due to unforeseen circumstances, research cannot be completed by the end of summer 2013, the grantee must obtain CLLAS Director's approval for an extension.

## **Criteria for Application:**

- 1. This grant is available to graduate students currently enrolled at the University of Oregon who are pursuing a masters or doctoral degree with an emphasis in the areas of Latino/a and/or Latin American Studies. Former recipients are not eligible.
- 2. The grant is available to all students regardless of citizenship or visa status.
- 3. Preference will be given to those research activities that are interdisciplinary in nature or which can demonstrate the potential to put Latino/a and Latin American Studies in conversation with each other and other disciplines.
- Collaborative research proposals between scholars in more than one unit and/or proposals that emphasize community involvement and participation are especially welcome.
- 5. Applicants must show in their grant proposal what specific activities they propose to undertake, how these are directly related to their thesis or dissertation research, and how the proposed activities will move the applicant forward in carrying out original research. Students will be asked to present a one hour talk on the results of their summer research during the following academic year (2013-2014).

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Application Deadline: 12:00 pm, Friday, February 8, 2013.

Applicants will be notified by March 15, 2013.

### Applications should include:

- 1. Description of the Project | Describe the concrete set of activities to be undertaken and how these activities relate to a masters or doctoral program of research in a maximum of 850 words. Use non-specialist language and avoid discipline-specific jargon. If you have a research prospectus for your thesis or dissertation, it will be helpful to draw from this document to demonstrate how the activities you will undertake relate to your masters or doctoral original research. Please provide a timeline for activities proposed.
- 2. Budget and Grant Request | Please include a budget for the project. How will the \$1,000 grant be spent? (Please note that these grants do not cover equipment needs such as digital cameras or laptops.) What other sources of funding are needed? Have they been secured? Are there other sources of funding you will use to meet the financial needs of your research?
- 3. **Statements of Qualifications and Vita** | Please describe your qualifications and capacity to carry out the proposed project. CVs/resumes must not be longer than two pages.
- 4. **Letter of Recommendation** | A brief letter of recommendation from the student's primary advisor stating how this grant will enhance the student's ability to complete their degree is required. The letter should also comment on the quality and feasibility of the proposed project.

**Electronic Submissions:** Please send applications by email to Eli Meyer, Assistant Director of CLLAS, at <a href="mailto:cllas@uoregon.edu">cllas@uoregon.edu</a>. Attach application documents (cover letter, project description, budget and grant request, statement of qualifications) as either a Microsoft Word for PC Document or an Adobe PDF. One attachment for all documents is preferred. Include your name in the title of the documents (e.g. Rodríguez CLLAS Grant.doc).

**Hard Copy Submissions:** Mail or deliver the complete application packet to the address below. All parts of the application, including vita, should be printed single-sided and paper-clipped (not stapled).

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