



## **The Center for Latino/a & Latin American Studies (CLLAS) Announces 2013 Seed Grant Competition for Faculty and Collaborative Research Groups**

In order to encourage existing projects and collaborations and to facilitate new ones, CLLAS announces its fourth round of small grant competitions for funds to be used during the 2013-2014 academic year (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014). We expect to disburse two to three grants for \$2,000 to \$3,000 each.<sup>1</sup> These grants are specifically intended to support research that fits within the CLLAS mission. Projects that include collaboration between UO units, involve the wider Eugene/Springfield or Oregon communities, or propose other forms of community engagement are particularly welcome. In recognition of the fact that not all disciplines include collaborative models of research, such as fields within the humanities, CLLAS will consider projects that involve nontraditional forms of collaboration and/or community engagement. We are especially interested in projects that have the potential to put Latino and Latin American Studies into conversation with one another.

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

*Latino/a literature or visual arts*

*history and ethnic identity*

*immigration*

*education*

*language and language use*

*film and media*

*historical memory*

*environmental and economic sustainability projects*

*structural adjustment policy impact*

*on local communities*

*governmental or public policy*

*sustainable business practices*

*philosophical inquiries*

*narrative and popular culture*

*public health*

*gender and sexualities*

*testimonies*

*performance*

*human rights*

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<sup>1</sup> Former recipients are not eligible for further funding. All grantees will be asked to make a public presentation of their research projects during the 2013-2014 academic year; to write a newsletter article; to include recognition of CLLAS in all relevant presentations and publications; and to provide CLLAS with information regarding other grants and fellowships received, as well as publications, films, websites, or other materials that result from the funded research.

### **Criteria for Application:**

1. This grant is intended for researchers who engage Latino/a or Latin American communities and/or collaborative group projects.
2. Preference will be given to projects that include individuals from at least two different units on campus or at least one UO unit and one community organization.
3. Preference will be given to proposals that connect to the local community or more broadly to the state of Oregon.
4. The grants are intended for a sustained set of activities unified by a specific theme (i.e. not to sponsor one speaker or performance). People who have already been in conversation or are currently working together are encouraged to apply. We suggest applicants demonstrate their collaborative track record and list specific activities or events they have planned and carried out jointly in the past, such as planning a conference, team teaching, working on a research project, or sitting on a project committee together. We would also like to encourage new collaborations and urge those who have not worked together previously to carefully demonstrate how they will accomplish their collaboration. We do, however, recognize that not all disciplines support collaborative work models, and therefore encourage applications that demonstrate a collaborative spirit in nontraditional ways.
5. Projects should show evidence of interdisciplinarity.
6. Potential grantees should demonstrate how their project either builds on work already begun or describe how they will use the grant to pull in other resources (such as naming other potential funding sources).
7. Grantees will be asked to specify what kinds of concrete results their project will produce in one to two years, including how many people will be involved in the project, and any resulting products such as web sites, books, CDs, reports, information directories, art installations, films, or other kinds of informational resources.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Application Deadline: 12:00 p.m., Friday, April 12, 2013**

Applicants will be notified by May 20, 2013

#### **Applications should include:**

1. A **cover letter** that includes a summary of the project and the amount of the request up to \$3,000. Contact information for all applicants should be included.
2. A **description of the project** (maximum 850 words). Describe the interdisciplinary nature of the project, proposed participants and their organizations, how the project is sustained through time (as opposed to sponsoring an event), track record of participants working together, other potential or existing sources of support, concrete results, and other information. Please indicate if there are cosponsors and a timeline for planning and carrying out the project.
3. A **budget and grant request** for the project. (Please note that these grants *do not* cover equipment needs such as digital cameras or laptops.) Again, please indicate other sources of support.

**4. Statements of qualifications and/or vita** (resumes must not be longer than two pages per person). Please describe your qualifications and capacity to carry out the project. University applications should demonstrate unit support for the project by including a short letter from the unit head.

**Electronic Submissions:** Please send applications by email to CLLAS staff at [clas@uoregon.edu](mailto:clas@uoregon.edu). 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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**For more information**, contact the Center for Latino/a & Latin American Studies Assistant Director Eli Meyer or graduate assistant Heather Wolford at [clas@uoregon.edu](mailto:clas@uoregon.edu) or 541-346-5286. You may find a list of funded projects from previous competitions on the CLLAS website [clas.uoregon.edu](http://clas.uoregon.edu)

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