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## **The Center for Latino/a & Latin American Studies (CLLAS) Announces Tinker Field Research Grants**

CLLAS invites graduate students to submit proposals for field research in Latin America (Spanish or Portuguese speaking countries). We expect to award at least six grants for up to \$4,000 each to advance research for either master's or pre-dissertation doctoral candidates (see criteria below).

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

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

### **Criteria for Application:**

1. This grant is available to graduate students at the master's or early stages of the doctoral level studies, including those pursuing professional degrees. The award will support individuals for travel and field-related expenses for brief periods of pre-dissertation field research in Latin America. Pre-dissertation field research is defined here as research conducted prior to defending a dissertation prospectus. Please note that these grants do *not* cover equipment needs such as digital cameras or laptops. While the award money must be spent on research in Latin America, comparative projects with a strong Latin

American focus can also be considered. Awards are open to students across all academic disciplines and graduate degree programs. Former recipients of Tinker Grants are not eligible.

2. Applicants are welcome to apply to multiple CLLAS grants (CLLAS Summer Research Grant and Tinker Field Research Grant) but should submit separate applications for each and clarify in each application for which grant the student is applying.
3. The maximum award for the Tinker Field Research Grants is \$4000 per proposal. Most awards will range between \$2000-\$3000. At least six proposals will be funded annually.
4. Research for the Tinker grant must be carried out before December 31, 2018.
5. The Tinker grant is available to all graduate students regardless of citizenship or visa status.
6. Applicants must show in their grant proposal what specific activities they propose to undertake, how these are directly related to their project, master's thesis, or pre-dissertation research, and how the proposed activities will move the applicant forward in carrying out original research for a specific graduate degree. Students will be asked to present a one-hour talk on the results of their research during the 2018-2019 academic year. Students must also report to CLLAS any further grant funds they receive and share copies of publications resulting from CLLAS-funded research, including dissertations and masters' theses. Grant recipients will also be asked to write a report on their research for the Tinker Foundation as well as the CLLAS newsletter.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Application Deadline: 12:00 pm (noon), Friday, March 2**

Applicants will be notified by April 6, 2018.

### **Applications should include:**

1. **Title and Description of the Project** | Important: Specify that the proposal is for the Tinker Field Research Grants. Briefly describe your research project, the concrete set of activities to be undertaken, and how these activities relate to a master's or doctoral program (2-3 single-spaced pages). Use non-specialist language and avoid discipline-specific jargon. Explain how this field research will contribute to the advancement of your master's or doctoral studies, and if is related to your future master's or doctoral prospectus. If unrelated, explain how it contributes to your research agenda as a graduate student.
2. **Budget and Grant Request** | Please include a budget for the project. How will the Tinker Field Research 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. This can include knowledge of field languages (Spanish, Portuguese, indigenous languages), relevant courses taken and methods courses or previous research experience and skills related to the project described. CVs/resumes must not be longer than two pages.
4. **Letter of Recommendation** | A letter of recommendation from the student's primary advisor stating how this grant will enhance the student's field research skills and knowledge of the proposed topic of study. The letter should also comment on the quality and feasibility of the proposed project. This letter is an important part of the application and should demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the project.

**Proposal Evaluation:** Applications will be evaluated across three categories: 1) the originality of research and contribution to Latin American Studies; 2) feasibility of proposed research; 3) need for funding. Applicants will be notified by April 6, 2018.

**Electronic Submissions:** Please send applications by email to Eli Meyer at [cllas@uoregon.edu](mailto:cllas@uoregon.edu). Attach application documents (project description, budget and grant request, statement of qualifications/vita) as either a Microsoft Word or an Adobe PDF. One attachment for all documents is preferred. Include your name in the title of the documents (e.g. Rodríguez\_TINKER\_Grant.doc).

**Or**

**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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**Award Disbursement:** Funds will be disbursed to student accounts in June.

**For more information,** contact the CLLAS Director of Operations Eli Meyer or research assistant Feather Crawford at [cllas@uoregon.edu](mailto:cllas@uoregon.edu) or 541-346-5286. You may find a list of funded projects from the 2008-2017 competitions on the CLLAS website [cllas.uoregon.edu](http://cllas.uoregon.edu)