The Center for Latino/a & Latin American Studies (CLLAS) Announces 2018 Seed Grant Award for Faculty in the field of Latinx Studies

CLLAS announces its first Latinx Studies grant award for research or creative projects. We plan to award one seed grant of up to $2500;¹ the funds must be used during the 2018-2019 academic year (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). This grant is specifically intended to support research or creative projects in Latinx Studies that fits within the CLLAS mission.

Projects that include collaboration between UO units, involve the wider Eugene/Springfield, Oregon, or Latinx communities/organizations/institutions in the U.S. or propose other forms of community engagement are particularly welcome, but not required.

Possible project topics include, but are not limited to:

- Literature
- visual arts
- history and ethnic identity
- governmental or public policy
- immigration
- sustainable business practices
- education
- philosophical inquiries
- language and language use
- narrative and popular culture
- film and other media
- public health
- historical memory
- gender and sexualities
- environmental and economic sustainability projects
testimonies
- human rights
- performance

¹ Former recipients must wait one year before applying again. All grantees will be asked to make a public presentation of their research projects during the 2018-2019 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. Grantees are encouraged to work with CLLAS staff and RAPs to explore further collaborations and external grant opportunities. Funds not spent by June 30, 2019 will revert to CLLAS and will no longer be available to the grantee. Projects funded must be completed within the 2018-2019 academic year.
Criteria for Application:

1. This grant is intended for faculty researching and/or engaging in creative production in the field of Latinx Studies.

2. The grant is intended for research and/or development of creative production.

3. Applicants should demonstrate how their project either builds on work already begun or describe how they plan to use this seed grant to leverage future resources. Other secured and potential funding sources should be included in the budget proposal.

4. Grantees will be asked to specify what kinds of concrete results their project will produce in one to two years, including research results, creative products, educational materials, etc.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Deadline: 12:00 p.m. (noon), Friday, April 6, 2018

Applicants will be notified by May 4, 2018.

Applications should include:

1. A cover letter that includes a summary of the project and the amount of the request up to $2500. Contact information for all applicants should be included.

2. A description of the project (maximum 1000 words). Describe the nature of the research or creative project, include a brief explanation of how the project fits within and what its contribution is to Latinx Studies. Specify other potential or existing sources of support, concrete results, and other relevant information. Please indicate the timeline for planning and carrying out the project.

3. A budget and grant request for the project. Applicants may request up to $2500 of support from CLLAS. (Please note that this grant does not cover equipment needs such as digital cameras or laptops.) In your budget, please indicate: other sources of support that have been secured, other sources requested, and what specific project activities other funds and CLLAS funds will cover (Please note: applicants are discouraged from using CLLAS funds to pay non-UO personnel or researchers.)

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

You may submit your applications electronically or in hard copy:

For Electronic Submissions: Send applications by email to CLLAS staff at cllas@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).
For 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). Applications need to be received no later than the above due date and time.

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