



The Center for Latino/a & Latin American Studies (CLLAS) Announces 2023 Faculty Research Seed Grant

CLLAS invites applications for its annual Faculty Research seed grant for funds to be used during the 2023-2024 academic year (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024). CLLAS plans to award two grants of up to \$5000 each.¹ This grant is intended to support research that fits within the CLLAS mission, and has the potential to put Latinx and Latin American Studies in conversation.

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

CLLAS will also consider research projects that involve elements of community engagement.

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

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 2023-2024 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 to explore further collaborations and external grant opportunities. Funds not spent by June 30, 2024 will revert to CLLAS and will no longer be available to the grantee. Projects funded must be completed within the 2023-2024 academic year.

This grant is made possible by the generous support of University of Oregon's Division of Equity and Inclusion.

Criteria for Application:

1. CLLAS welcomes research projects from faculty in the social sciences, humanities, or professional schools focusing on Latinx or Latin American topics and/or communities.
2. The research project may be individual or collaborative. We understand "collaborative" to mean any interdisciplinary work carried out by two or more faculty members from different UO units or faculty planning to work with a community organization domestic or abroad (in Latin America or the Caribbean). People who have already been in conversation or are currently working together are encouraged to apply. We suggest that applicants demonstrate their collaborative track record and list specific activities or events they have 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.
3. Preference will be given to research projects that align with the CLLAS mission. The mission can be found at: <https://cllas.uoregon.edu/about/mission-statement/>
4. Applicants should demonstrate how their project either builds on work already begun or describe how they plan to use this grant to leverage future resources. Other secured and potential funding sources should be included in the budget proposal.
5. Grantees will be asked to give a public presentation on their research during the following academic year. Additionally, 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.
6. If the research will be conducted under COVID restrictions, please explain how you are planning to accomplish your research plan. This explanation does not count towards the proposal word count. Please add explanation as a footnote or cover letter.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Deadline: 12:00 p.m. (noon), Friday, April 7, 2023

Applicants will be notified by May 12, 2023.

Applications should include:

1. A **cover letter** that includes a summary of the project and the amount of the request up to \$5000. If it is a collaborative project, please include contact information for all applicants.
2. A **proposal/description of the project** (maximum 1000 words). Include the following:
 - Full description of research topic and planned activities for the grant period.
 - Significance of the research project.
 - Explain how the research contributes to the CLLAS mission.

3. A **budget and grant request** for the project. Applicants may request up to \$5,000 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.

5. **Endorsement letter.** Faculty should demonstrate unit support for the project by including a short letter from the unit head.

Submissions: Send applications by email to CLLAS staff at clas@uoregon.edu. Attach application documents (cover letter, research project description, budget and grant request, statement of qualifications) as either a Microsoft Word or 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 more information, contact the Center for Latino/a & Latin American Studies Director of Operations Eli Meyer at 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
