

IU Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Summer 2012 Tinker Field Research Grants

The Indiana University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies is pleased to invite applications for grants in support of summer field research by Indiana University graduate students with interests in Latin America or the Caribbean. These grants are made possible by generous support from the Tinker Foundation, the IU College of Arts and Sciences, and the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs.



Eligibility

These grants are intended to support pilot research projects in which students gain familiarity with the languages and cultures of their prospective research sites, gather initial research data, and develop contacts with scholars and institutions in their countries and fields of study. In keeping with Tinker Foundation guidelines, applications will be accepted for any Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking country in Latin America or the Caribbean. Puerto Rico is *not* an eligible destination. Students in any school or discipline are welcome to apply, including students pursuing terminal professional degrees, so long as the proposed research meets the criteria for design and feasibility detailed herein. ***These grants are not, however, intended to support dissertation research.*** Citizens of any country are welcome to apply. Students proposing to conduct research in their home countries will be eligible if the proposed project constitutes their first structured field research in that country.

Award Amounts and Eligible Expenses

Grants will be awarded in the range of \$500 to \$1500, depending on the total amount of expected travel expenses. See below for acceptable budget categories.

Deadline and Decisions

Applications are due on **March 9, 2012**, and decisions will be announced by March 30.

Reporting Requirements

All grant recipients will be required to file a written report of their activities upon return to campus, and workshops will be held during the Fall 2012 semester in which all grantees will offer brief presentations on their research. Additional information about these requirements will be included in grant offer letters and posted on the CLACS website later in the Spring 2012 semester.

Questions?

Contact Sarah Bosk, Academic Secretary: sabosk@indiana.edu

Summer 2012 Field Research Grants: Application Instructions

Complete applications will include:

1) Completed application cover sheet (2 pages), included below and available at:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~clacs/funding/summergrants.shtml>

2) Research proposal of **no more than 3 pages double-spaced**, with the following components:

- Provide a description of the research you will conduct, with reference to the theoretical framework and contribution to relevant literatures in your field(s).
- Outline travel plans with reference to specific dates, places, and phases and methods of data collection or other research-related activity (meetings with local academics, etc.)
- Demonstrate the feasibility of the project, with reference to language skills, prior experience, support from advisors, etc.
- Address the importance of the research project for your academic and/or professional plans related to the field of Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

3) Proposed budget*, itemized as follows:

- **Travel expenses**
 - International airfare
 - In-country air and ground transportation (bus, train, taxi, etc.)
 - Car rental (if applicable)
- **Field-related expenses****
 - Food
 - Accommodation
 - Health insurance, visas, etc.
 - Research supplies (e.g. photocopies, books - please specify)

** Awards may not cover all expenses, but it is important that you indicate all projected costs.*

4) Curriculum Vitae

5) Copy of IU academic transcript

Unofficial copies are acceptable. Transcripts from previous academic institutions are *not* required.

6) Two letters of recommendation

In most cases, one of the two letters should be from the applicant's principal academic advisor. Letters may be sent to CLACS separately, and can be accepted by email (clacs@indiana.edu).

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7) Statement on Human Subjects

The final question on the Application Cover Sheet concerns Human Subjects approval. Students should consult with their advisor(s) and the Human Subjects Office (<http://researchadmin.iu.edu/HumanSubjects/index.html>) as to whether such clearance will be required for their project. If so, the application requires, at minimum, a description of how clearance will be obtained. CLACS strongly encourages students to begin exploring these issues right away. For projects requiring Human Subjects clearance, funds will not be disbursed until final, official approval of the study has been obtained.

Applications should be delivered to:
Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies
1125 East Atwater Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47401

* **Hard copies** of all materials should arrive at CLACS by mail or be hand delivered by the application deadline. Only recommendation letters may arrive under separate cover, if necessary. Letters may be sent by mail or emailed to clacs@indiana.edu.

Applications will be accepted no later than: Monday, March 9, 2012, 5:00 p.m. EST

Please direct questions about the application process to:
Sarah Bosk, CLACS Academic Secretary, sabosk@indiana.edu

<p style="text-align: center;">Summer 2012 Tinker Field Research Grants Application Cover Sheet</p>
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You may attach additional sheets as needed.

Personal Data

Name

Student ID#

Street Address

E-mail Address

Phone

Department

Degree Program (M.A., M.P.A., Ph.D., etc.)

Date of Entry

Expected Date of Completion

Project Data

Project Title:

Amount of funds requested:

Proposed Itinerary (include dates of travel and points of departure/ destination):

Recommendations requested in support of application:

Name

Title

- 1.
- 2.

Other research grants requested for Summer 2012:

Prior research experience in Latin America and/or the Caribbean (indicate dates of travel, research sites, and length of stay):

Will your research require human subjects clearance? If yes, please describe the steps that you have taken and/or will take to receive approval for your study, and attach copies of any confirmations you have received from the Human Subjects Office. ***For projects requiring human subjects clearance, grant funds will not be disbursed until final, official approval of the study has been obtained.***

I certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate, and that I intend to use Field Research Grant funds as indicated in my research proposal.

Signature

Date