The Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies
Invites applications from UCSD graduate students studying Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula

GRANT COMPETITION
Summer 2010
Academic Year 2010-2011

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships*
CILAS Dissertation Research Grant
Tinker Research Travel Grant

Application Deadline:
March 5, 2010 at 4:00pm

Send or deliver applications to:
CILAS Grant Competition
Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies
Gildred Latin American Studies Building
Institute of the Americas Complex
UCSD, La Jolla, CA 92093-0528
http://cilas.ucsd.edu/grants/index.html

CILAS expects to announce the awards in mid April

*Availability of S-FLAS and AY-FLAS fellowships is contingent on the receipt of Title VI funds. CILAS is notified in late Spring.
The Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS) at UCSD sponsors an annual graduate fellowship and grant competition for graduate students for area language studies of Latin America and field research in Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula. Below is an overview of the fellowship programs and grant opportunities available through CILAS.

DESCRIPTION OF FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH AWARDS

1) Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (AY-FLAS)

Award: FLAS is an award offered to students that wish to improve their language skills in Brazilian Portuguese, Mixtec, Zapotec, Aymara, or advanced Spanish offered at the San Diego Consortium (UCSD or SDSU). The award pays resident or non-resident fees, plus a $15,000 stipend to be paid in ten $1,500 installments throughout the academic year. **For AY-FLAS awards given to a student outside the Latin American Studies Program, the home department must agree to pay non-resident tuition.** Fellowship recipients will be required to study the language as part of their curriculum during the tenure of the award.

**Important Note:** The San Diego Consortium is currently re-applying for the FLAS Awards for the 2010-2011 academic year (for awards beginning in September 2010). Although it has received the FLAS award in the past, there is no guarantee that it will be renewed again. Despite this uncertainty, CILAS encourages that all interested students apply.

Eligibility: All graduate students who are accepted for enrollment or who are enrolled in a program that requires modern foreign language training.

In addition, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- Study Latin American area or international studies
- Research and train in the international aspects of professional and other fields of study in Latin America
- Be in good academic standing
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States

Students who will complete their course of study in 2010 are ineligible. They must use the fellowship to pursue Latin American Studies, either as part of their coursework at UCSD or to assist with field research required for their degree in the future. Applications will be considered and given priority in the humanities and social science disciplines, as well as other fields which focus on Latin America.

Procedures: See Application Requirements for basic application procedures. In the proposal, an applicant for an AY-FLAS should include a chart showing the student's proposed language course work for 2010-11; a brief statement on their current research interests and the importance of language study for carrying out this research/professional interests.

Reporting Requirements: Awardees must complete a confidential self-evaluation form at the end of their study. You will receive notification to submit your report online from the IRIS reporting system of the Department of Education via email. It is required that you submit this report because our funding in the future is contingent upon your report. If you do not submit the report, your funding may be revoked. Awardees must promptly notify CILAS of any changes in their proposed course of study and get approval from CILAS.
Employment Restrictions: Recipients of this fellowship are limited to additional monthly employment of $1700/month during the academic year. All UCSD students cannot earn more than $3200/month. This restriction is strictly enforced.

2) Summer Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships (S-FLAS)

Award: This fellowship is for students who wish to enroll in intensive language programs at the beginning, intermediate, or advanced level. S-FLAS fellowships are broken down into two awards. The first award is a stipend in the amount of $2500. This can be used for any expenses incurred during the language program. The second award is paid directly to the sponsoring institution which covers tuition. This award is up to $4,000. This amount does not cover application/registration fees.

1) Supporting documentation of program fees must be provided to CILAS in order to determine the amount of this second award.

2) The fellow may study at any approved institution in the United States or abroad which offers the equivalent of an academic year of language instruction in Brazilian Portuguese or Amerindian languages during the summer.

3) It is the candidate’s responsibility to register for the program and to ensure that it complies with the Title VI Summer FLAS guidelines and to also provide supporting documentation to CILAS that the program is Title VI approved. Students can do this in two ways: by printing out program information that shows it is Title VI approved OR by contacting the director of the program and providing documentation in the application (i.e.: email correspondence with the director). Many of these programs require that students apply beginning in early January to late March.

4) Title VI guidelines state that for purposes of this fellowship, "intensive summer language programs are those that offer a minimum of 120 contact hours of advanced level language instruction and 140 contact hours of beginning or intermediate level instruction. In order to be considered intensive, summer language programs should last a minimum of 6 weeks; longer programs are preferable because they are more likely to provide the student with the equivalent of a full year of language study."

Previous fellowships have been granted for Aymara, Brazilian Portuguese, Maya, Nahuatl, Mixtec, Quechua, Zapotec and Haitian Creole. The program should be affiliated with a U.S. University, must conform to U.S. Department of Education standards, and must be approved by CILAS. Comprehensive lists of summer programs in lesser taught Latin American languages offered in universities language programs throughout the United States can be found on the CLASP website: http://www.claspprograms.org/. Additional lists of language schools in Latin American can be found on the LANIC website http://info.lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/languages/.

Eligibility: The same as AY-FLAS.

Procedures: See Application Requirements for basic application procedures. Click here for a sample chart to include in the beginning pages of your application. To study outside of the U.S. you must be at an advanced level of the chosen language; for beginning and intermediate levels, study abroad is only permitted if a language program is NOT offered in the United States. You must also submit written documentation from the program director that it is FLAS/Title VI approved if it is not listed on the CLASP or LANIC websites.

Reporting Requirements: Awardees must complete a confidential self-evaluation form at the end of their study. This must be completed via email. You will receive notification to submit your report online.
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3) TINKER RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANT

**Awards:** CILAS expects to make approximately 20-30 awards. Awards range from $500 to $1500. Theses awards are for travel for pre-dissertation field research for brief periods of research (two weeks to four months) between June 2010 and February 2011. **Students must complete travel by February 2011.** The intent of the award is to provide graduate students with their first experience in developing independent research projects and conducting hands-on field research concerning Latin America or the Iberian Peninsula. Primary expenditures should be for airfare and in-country travel. Please note that only **25%** of the award money can be used for other field-related expenses such as food, lodging/accommodations, research expenses, health insurance, and visas.

**Eligibility:** All UCSD Ph.D. or M.F.A. graduate students conducting pre-dissertational research. All UCSD M.A. graduate students thesis research. Citizens of Latin American or the Iberian Peninsula enrolled at UCSD are eligible to conduct research in their own countries provided they have no previous field research experience in that country.

**Procedures:** See Application Requirements below. In addition, the program proposal should include: an estimate of the work to be accomplished and probable future benefits of this research for the applicant, a plan for affiliation with a host institution and reciprocity in the field; and a proposed budget of costs.

**Reporting Requirements:** Within a month after the end of the fieldwork, all grantees will submit a two-page report to CILAS and a copy to their advisor. These reports should outline the activities during the field experience, the results of the research, and the likely future development of that line of inquiry. The copy furnished to CILAS must be accompanied by all receipts and other documentation of travel expenditures in order for CILAS to reconcile the travel award with the UCSD Travel Accounting Office. In addition, all beneficiaries are expected to acknowledge the assistance from the Tinker Foundation in any publication, film, or other product resulting from Tinker-supported research.

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**REQUIREMENTS OF ALL GRANT RECIPIENTS**

If the project involves any contact with humans, through the acquisition of private data or interviews, the applicant must fill out a Human Research Protections Program form prior to receiving an award. To obtain approval or resolve any doubts on this issue, contact the UCSD Human Research Protections Program, La Jolla Village Professional Center, Suite A208, 8950 Villa La Jolla, La Jolla, CA, 92037, (858) 455-5050. If you do not comply, you may not be able to utilize the research findings in your thesis.

**EVALUATION OF APPLICANTS**

An interdisciplinary committee composed of faculty will evaluate the fellowship proposals. Faculty committee members are representative of the Social Sciences, Humanities, and other professional schools that focus on Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula.
AY-FLAS and S-FLAS FELLOWSHIPS: Priority is given to less commonly taught languages of Latin America, which are indigenous languages. Students should show potential for high academic achievement based on such indices as GPA and technical competence.¹

TINKER RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANT: Applications will be on the basis of scholarly achievement and technical competence¹ of the applicant, originality and importance of the project, and a plan for affiliation or cooperation with an appropriate institution in the proposed host country. Such plans should be initiated but need not be completed prior to the submission of the application. Proposals must be pre-dissertation research; others will be screened out. Additionally, non-citizens applying to do research in their home country must not have prior research experience in that country.

¹Technical competence refers to the language and academic skills necessary to achieve the proposed research goals.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All graduate student applications for grants and fellowships from CILAS must include:

1. Cover sheet. Click here and then click on “application cover sheet”.
2. An itinerary for all awards except the AY-FLAS award. S-FLAS recipients must fly on an American carrier.
3. One-page outline of a budget and a timetable.
4. A two-three page proposal typed and double-spaced. Do not include additional materials.
5. Curriculum vitae.
6. List awards and fellowships received in previous two years, and awards and fellowships applied for in the last six months. CILAS will notify the awardees’ home department graduate coordinator of any awards granted by CILAS.
7. Transcripts covering academic work undertaken at UCSD. A list of courses taken during the current quarter should also be submitted if transcripts are not yet available for that period. Transcripts can be obtained from Tritonlink in Academic History and official copies are not necessary.
8. One letter of recommendation from UCSD professors. The letter must be included in the complete application by the due date. The CILAS Grants Coordinator will accept mailed, faxed or emailed letters of recommendation.
9. Submit one copy of your application to your home department graduate coordinator. If you are applying for an academic year FLAS fellowship, the department may be asked to contribute a portion of your fees, if awarded.
10. Note: do not use staples or binding, as CILAS staff may make multiple copies for committee members.
11. Submit your complete application in a manila envelope with your name, departmental affiliation, departmental mail code, and intended award.
12. Submit a PDF version of your application packet to the Julia Schneider, CILAS Grants Coordinator via email: jsschneider@ucsd.edu. If your word processing application does not already convert documents to PDF, you can download one at http://freepdfconvert.com.
*Note: Please submit a separate application and PDF for each award you are applying for.
13. All these materials must be received in the Office of Latin American Studies by Friday, March 5, 2010, no later than 4:00 pm. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

The address for on-campus mail is:

CILAS, Attn: Grant Competition, Mail Code 0528

The address for mailing from off-campus is:

CILAS Grant Competition
Latin American Studies, 0528
UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0528

Drop off at:
Latin American Studies
Gildred Latin American Studies Building Room #1
Institute of the Americas Complex

For more information contact the Grants Coordinator at CILAS (858) 534-7967.
CILAS will send award notifications in mid April. Awards will be posted on the CILAS webpage: http://cilas.ucsd.edu/fellowships/recipients.html
PARTIAL LIST OF APPROVED LESSER TAUGHT LANGUAGES FOR S-FLAS APPLICANTS

*For additional programs, see http://www.claspprograms.org/ and http://info.lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/languages/

1. **Nahuatl Summer Language Institute**: http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/lais/programs.htm at Yale University, Connecticut
   (503) 831-3151  jonathan.amith@yale.edu

2. **Summer Intensive Quechua**: [http://www.summer.ucla.edu/summersessions.html](http://www.summer.ucla.edu/summersessions.html)
   [http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/linguistics/people/daza/summer.html](http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/linguistics/people/daza/summer.html)
   at University of Los Angeles, California
   Jaime Luis Daza (310) 206-0392  daza@humnet.ucla.edu
   UCLA Latin American Center (310) 206-6571
   Office of Summer Sessions (310) 794-8333

3. **Summer Intensive Portuguese**: [http://www.summer.ucla.edu/travel/frame_programs.html](http://www.summer.ucla.edu/travel/frame_programs.html)
   at Salvador Bahia, Brazil through UCLA Summer Sessions
   Elizabeth Marchant, marchant@humnet.ucla.edu
   UCLA Dept of Spanish & Portuguese

4. **Intensive Portuguese**: [http://www.summer.ucla.edu/](http://www.summer.ucla.edu/)
   at UCLA, Office of Summer Sessions
   Jaime Luis Daza (310) 206-0392  daza@humnet.ucla.edu
   UCLA Latin American Center (310) 206-6571

5. **Intensive Portuguese**: [http://www.lanic.utexas.edu/ilas/academic/sumlang.html](http://www.lanic.utexas.edu/ilas/academic/sumlang.html)
   at University of Texas-Austin (512) 232-2404

6. **Summer Portuguese Language Institute in Brazil**: [http://www.ukans.edu/~simoes](http://www.ukans.edu/~simoes)
   at Vitória and Vila Velha, Brazil through University of Kansas, Office of Study Abroad
   (913) 864-3742 OSA@ukans.edu

7. **Brazilian Language Program**: [http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/ovrseas/summer/Rio2k.htm](http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/ovrseas/summer/Rio2k.htm)
   at Rio de Janiero, Brazil through University of Florida International Center
   (352) 392-5323 x700  ossrecep@nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu

8. **Maya language (Spanish, K’iche’, Kaqchikel, Tuzutujil, Q’anjob’al, Mam) and cultural immersion**: [http://www.centromaya.com/](http://www.centromaya.com/)
   Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
   Centro Maya de Idiomas, U.S. Office
   Max Kinter
   Centro Maya de idiomas
   225 S. Dupre, New Orleans, LA 70119  (504) 822-0134
   Email: max@centromaya.com

9. **Kaqchikel Maya**: [http://www.tulane.edu/~maxwell/oxlajuj.htm](http://www.tulane.edu/~maxwell/oxlajuj.htm)
    maxwell@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu through Tulane University, Louisiana at Antigua, Guatemala
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