The Center for Iberian & Latin American Studies invites applications from UC San Diego graduate students studying Latin America

2020 TINKER FIELD RESEARCH GRANT COMPETITION

This grant is generously supported by the Tinker Foundation and UC San Diego Graduate Division

New Application Deadline: Thursday, April 30, 2020 (Midnight)

CILAS expects to announce the awards in early May.

A. UC SAN DIEGO APPLICANTS

1. Who can apply?
The Tinker Field Research Grants are to be used for grants to UC San Diego graduate students for travel and field-related expenses for brief periods of pre-dissertation field research in the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Tinker Field Research Grants Awards are open to students across all academic disciplines and graduate degree programs.

Individual recipients may be graduate students at the master’s or early stages of the doctoral level studies, including those pursuing professional degrees. The Tinker Field Research Grants are not to be used for dissertation research; they are intended to provide graduate students with early experience conducting hands-on field research in Latin America and the opportunity to develop independent research projects. Citizens of Latin American countries enrolled at UC San Diego are eligible to receive awards to conduct research in their home countries provided they have no previous field research experience in that country.

The Tinker Field Research Grants cannot be used to pay for language courses, conferences, vacation, activities or other research that is not related or listed in the proposal.

Travel to Venezuela and Cuba: It is critical that the UC San Diego Export Control Office (ECO) perform sanctions reviews with students traveling to Cuba and Venezuela. Students must contact export@ucsd.edu with as much advance notice as possible. In addition to these Cuba and Venezuela reviews, if someone is taking UCSD owned equipment, gear, or data to any foreign destination, ECO will also need to perform a review with you.

Travel dates: Due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the Tinker Foundation is giving us flexibility on travel dates. Travel can start after June 1, 2020 and should end any time before September 30, 2021. The minimum duration of field research is for two weeks and maximum is for four months. Dates of travel may be
revised in the future. We will send updates. Students must complete the Field Operational Planner at least one month prior to their trip. More details will be included in the award letter.

B. SELECTION PROCESS

Grant recipients will be selected by a committee of three UC San Diego faculty. The awards range from $300 to $2,000 and will be provided up front as stipends (see below).

C. GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Submit the following documents in the order provided and address each item on a separate page:

1. The CILAS Application Cover Sheet (included in this application, page 4).

2. A roundtrip economy airfare (submit the actual airline quote with the airfare logo). The trip should originate from Los Angeles, San Diego, or Tijuana. Airfare should be Economy and you must purchase the most direct flight to your research location.

3. A timetable/detailed itinerary (a weekly account of places where you will be conducting research) of travel plans in the foreign country.

4. An outline of your proposed budget (roundtrip economy airfare, local transportation, in-country flights, food, accommodations, cell prepaid cards or chips, fax, photocopying, travel visas, and grand total). Prior to travelling, we may ask students for an updated proposal/budget if their travel is delayed extensively.

5. A two to three-page proposal typed (double-spaced, 1 inch margin, 12 size font) that includes your name and the title of your research. Do not include additional materials. Please include in your proposal the names and titles of the individuals with whom you intend to collaborate while abroad. If you have applied to CILAS/Tinker grants in the past, please update your proposal—do not submit the same proposal you submitted last year.

6. A current curriculum vitae.

7. A list of awards and fellowships received in the 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.

8. Transcripts covering academic work undertaken at UC San Diego. 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; official copies are not necessary. Transcripts should not be submitted in protected view.

9. One letter of recommendation from a UC San Diego faculty should be emailed directly to Teresa White at cilas@ucsd.edu by Thursday, April 30 (midnight). Please note the application must be turned in via PDF by Thursday, April 30 by midnight. **April 30 is also the deadline is for letters of recommendation****

10. Submit your application via PDF by Thursday, April 30 at midnight. PDF: The name of the PDF file should include the name of the grant, year, and your last and first name (e.g., Tinker2020DocJohn). Please compile your application in the order listed in sections 1-8 above. All pages must be combined in one attachment, appear in the actual size of 8.5 x 11 (100% view), and in a non-protected view. Email the PDF to cilas@ucsd.edu. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
11. If you decline the award you must notify us via email at cilas@ucsd.edu as soon as possible.

12. If your travel plans change, the change must be approved prior to travel.

D. Awards

Awardees will be notified via email. Awardees will receive a stipend at the beginning of June. All stipend payments are considered taxable income. Please refer to: https://grad.ucsd.edu/financial/tax-information.html for guidance.

E. POST TRIP REQUIREMENTS

1. You will submit a well-written two-page synopsis (double-spaced, 1-inch margin, 12-size font) within 2 weeks after travel is completed. The summary should include, at minimum, a brief reiteration of the purpose of the trip, activities undertaken and objectives achieved while abroad, lessons learned and/or recommendations for others conducting similar field research, and the uses to which the findings or results will be applied. Your synopsis will be forwarded to the faculty who wrote your letter of recommendation.

2. Individual recipients of Tinker Field Research Grants are expected to acknowledge the assistance from CILAS and the Tinker Foundation in any publication, film, or other media resulting from CILAS-supported research.

3. You will submit the receipt for your airfare to the research location, airfare within the country (if applicable) and lodging.

4. If you are not able to travel, you must return the full amount of the award.

4. Award recipients are required to present their research findings at the CILAS Graduate Symposium in the 2020 fall quarter, and in 2021, dates to be determined. We will be providing you the dates by which grantees will submit the title of their research, research questions, the place where the research was conducted, and a one-page synopsis of the topic for a 15-20 minute presentation.

5. Grantees are required to maintain contact with CILAS via email for a period of 5 years in order to track how the Field Research experience has assisted them in their future employment endeavors.

6. Submit additional materials such as photographs or scholarly articles that are published as a result of your research field research. Due date to be announced.
ELIGIBILITY

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1. a. Will you conduct pre-dissertation field research? ______   ______
    b. Are you in your early stages of your doctoral level studies? ______   ______

2. Will you conduct field research for a master’s program thesis? ______   ______

If you have answered yes to either question 1 (a and b) or 2, you are eligible to apply.

Citizens of Latin American countries enrolled at UC San Diego are eligible to receive awards to conduct research in their home countries provided they have no previous field research experience in that country.

3. Have you conducted field research in your home country? ______   ______

If you have answered yes to question 3, you may not apply to the Tinker Grant.

GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________
     First Name                                    Last Name

PID:_______________________________     Current local phone number: (_____) -  _____ - _____________
     area code

Current mailing address: ____________________________________________________________________
     Street                  Apt. #           City             State                Zip Code

UC San Diego email address:  ________________________________________________________________

Other email address: _______________________________________________________________________

Country of citizenship: _____________________________    Visa Type:   F-1   J-1   Other________________
Circle those that apply: US citizen  Permanent resident  International student  Resident alien

Are you a current UC San Diego student?   Yes____   No____

Will you be a UC San Diego student in the Fall 2020-Spring 2021? Yes _____   No_____

Advanced to candidacy?   ___________________ Gender: Male ___ Female ____ Non-binary ____ Decline to state ____

HOME DEPARTMENT

Home department: _____________________ Name of Graduate Coordinator: _____________________

Program (circle one): PhD  MA  MS  MFA  Student status: (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th): ______

FIELD WORK PROPOSAL

The UC San Diego faculty recommendation letter will be provided by: ________________________________

Field Research Title: ________________________________________________________________

The most direct flight is preferred. If it is not a direct flight please provide an explanation. _________________

Dates of Travel: _______________________ to _______________________  Total Days: _________

  Start Date (Month/Day/Year)                      End Date (Month/Day/Year)

Dates of Research: _______________________ to _______________________  Total Days: __________

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Circle the mode of transportation you will use: Boat/Bus/Car Rental/Gas/Lift/Metro/Shuttle/Taxi/Train/Uber

Miscellaneous Items $_________

Description: ATM Fees $_____ Copies $____ Fax $____ Telephone $____ Vaccinations $____ and Visas $____. Only these types of expenses are eligible for payment with CILAS Tinker funds. Appreciation gifts and payments to human subjects cannot be provided by award funds.

Grand Total: $__________
List Research locations only (not flight layovers)

First Location: ________________________________
City                        Country

Second Location: ________________________________
City                        Country

Third Location: ________________________________
City                        Country

Note: Changes to approved research locations cannot be made without written pre-approval. New locations will need to be pre-approved prior to booking airfare and travel.

PREVIOUS AWARDS

Please list previous CILAS Awards received (Tinker, CILAS Travel Grant, CILAS Conference Presentation Award, CILAS Dissertation/Thesis Travel Funds):

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TRAVEL WARNING

Has a Travel Warning been issued by the US Department of State for the destination you will travel this summer? Yes____ No____

Please check this link http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html Check the list to see if your destination is listed. If you find your location click on the Travel warning and read it. If there is a travel warning, please provide a brief summary of the travel warning below.

If there is no travel warning, please look up your destination (country) in the link above so you can obtain important facts and contact information about the region you are visiting.

Travel warning summary-Location 1:

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Travel warning summary-Location 2:

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The Travel Warning was issued on:______________________

Month/Day/Year

Please use extra lines if you need more space to answer any question above.

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