

The proposed Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies announces: Graduate Student Summer 2008 Research Grants

In order to encourage and support interdisciplinary graduate student research in the areas of Latino/a and Latin American Studies we announce a new program for summer research support. We expect to award up to three summer grants for \$1000 to advance research for either the Master's Degree or the Ph.D. for research-related activities carried out from July 1 – September 15, 2008. We are especially interested in projects that have the potential to put Latino and Latin American Studies in conversation. Possible project topics might include: history and ethnic identity, immigration, education, language and language use, popular culture and media, historical memory and human rights, gender and sexualities, Latino/a performances, testimonies, the impact on local communities of structural adjustment policies, environmental and economic sustainability projects.

Criteria for Application:

1. This grant is available to graduate students currently enrolled at the University of Oregon who are pursuing a Master's Degree or Ph.D. with an emphasis in the areas of Latino/a and/or Latin American Studies
2. The grant is available to all students regardless of citizenship or visa status.
3. The grant is for research activities which are interdisciplinary in nature in Latino/a Studies, Latin American Studies, or which can demonstrate the potential to put Latino/a and Latin American Studies in conversation.
4. Collaborative research proposals which emphasize community involvement and participation are especially welcome
5. Applicants must show in their grant proposal what specific activities they propose to undertake, how these are directly related to their Master's or Dissertation research, and how the proposed activities will move the applicant forward in carrying out original research. Students will be asked to present a one-hour talk on the results of their summer research during the following academic year (2008-2009).

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Deadline for applications will be 12 noon on Friday, February 8, 2008. Applicants will be notified by March 15, 2008. Applications should include:

1. **Description of the project** (maximum 850 words). Describe the interdisciplinary nature of the project, the concrete set of activities to be undertaken, and how these activities relate to a Master's or Ph.D. program of research. If you have a Master's or Ph.D. thesis prospectus, please draw from this document to demonstrate how the activities you will undertake relate to your Master's or Ph.D. original research. Please provide a timeline for activities proposed.
2. **Budget and Grant request.** Please include a budget for the project. How will the \$1000 grant be spent? (Please note that these grants *do not* cover equipment needs such as digital cameras or laptops.) What other sources of funding are needed, have they been secured?
3. **Statements of qualifications and vita** (resumes must not be longer than 2 pages per person). Please describe your qualifications and capacity to carry out the proposed project.

Electronic Submission: Please send applications by e-mail to Marcela Mendoza, mmendoza@uoregon.edu. Attach application documents (Cover letter, Project Description, Budget and Grant Request, Statement of Qualifications) as a Microsoft word for PC Document or Adobe PDF. One attachment for all documents is preferred. Include your name in the title of the documents (e.g. Rodríguez LLACSgrant.doc).

Hard Copy Submission: Mail or deliver the complete application packet to Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies, c/o CSWS, 340 Hendricks Hall, 1201 University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, 97403-1201. All parts of the application including vita, should be printed single-sided and paper-clipped (not stapled).

For more information, contact the proposed Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies director, Lynn Stephen, at stephenl@uoregon.edu

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