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Guidelines: CLACS Tinker Foundation Field Research Grants 2022-2023

Overview

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at New York University invites NYU graduate students to apply for a CLACS Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant to conduct field research in Latin America and the Caribbean. Awards cover travel and related expenses; CLACS will distribute grants of up to \$2,500 for approved proposals. These field research grants are intended for pre-dissertation or thesis field research by students at early-stage doctoral and master's levels, or by those pursuing professional degrees. CLACS Tinker Foundation Field Research Grants are available for field research conducted between May 20, 2023 through August 30, 2023 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.

Deadline

Students should submit a complete application by February 6, 2023.

Travel Restrictions

All travel supported in part by New York University must follow the university's [health, safety, and approval protocols](#).

Questions

Please contact the CLACS Program Administrator Ana Luiza Teodoro with any questions at act408@nyu.edu.

Eligibility Requirements

- Student must be in good academic standing in order to be selected for grant funding. This also means that a student is ineligible for funding if the student has an Incomplete on their academic transcript
- Funds are for pre-dissertation or thesis field research at the master's or early-stage doctoral levels, or by those pursuing professional degrees.
- Priority is given to proposals from students who have not received grant funding previously from CLACS and to proposals from students who are in the beginning coursework phase of their graduate programs.
- Non-U.S. citizens enrolled at New York University are eligible to apply. However, non-U.S. citizens are only eligible to receive awards to conduct research in their home countries if they have no previous field research experience in that country. Please note that international student awards may be subject to tax based on pre-existing treaties with the U.S.
- Recipients must enroll at New York University as full-time students in the semester after the grant is awarded, or they will be required to refund their award. Full-time status includes either a minimum of 6 credit hours of graduate-degree coursework or MA/Dissertation Research.



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- Projects that involve work for another agency or organization, or that do not advance the individual research program of the applicant, do not qualify for this grant program. Projects that involve coursework or tuition fees do not qualify for this grant program. If you are uncertain about whether your proposed research project qualifies under the guidelines of this program, please contact the Program Administrator at CLACS for guidance.

Funding Requirements

- Funds are for travel and field-related expenses for field research in the following countries only: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.
- Field research must be completed between May 20, 2023 and August 30, 2023.
- The minimum duration of field research is two weeks in the field.
- CLACS will distribute grants of up to \$2,500 for approved proposals. The award amount for doctoral students is typically than awards for MA students.
- Funds may be used for student travel, transportation, per diem (food, lodging, etc.), or any other expenses directly related to field research. Equipment purchases over \$200 must be pre-approved by CLACS.
- A blog post will be due within two weeks of the start of fieldwork.
- A 2-3 page final report and media documentation will be due by October 1, 2023. Materials will be shared with the Tinker Foundation.
- All award recipients must present their field research project findings at a symposium sponsored and organized by CLACS on September 25, 2023.
- All funded proposals involving human subjects must undergo a review process administered by the IRB (Institutional Review Board). If you are unsure whether your proposal needs to go through this review process, please consult with your faculty advisor or with NYU's [IRB office](#). NOTE: Successful applicants whose proposals are subject to the Human Subjects Review process will not receive their grant funds until the review process is complete or an exemption has been granted.
- Once a grant is awarded, recipients will be held to the terms of their proposals. Any changes must be reported to the Center and could result in the loss of the grant.
- Any publications resulting from this funded research should acknowledge the support of NYU CLACS and the Tinker Foundation.



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Application

A complete application will include the following items and can be submitted at <https://forms.gle/GB7JhYMaCZdMY1428>

1. General Questions

- a. Name, Email, NYU N Number
- b. Country of Citizenship
- c. Your School at NYU
- d. Your Department at NYU
- e. Program Administrator Name
- f. Program Administrator Email
- g. Degree Program: MA or PhD
- h. Expected Graduation
- i. Project Title
- j. Country where fieldwork will be conducted
- k. Languages spoken where fieldwork will be conducted
- l. Please provide a short description of your relevant language skills
- m. How many days do you plan to spend in the field? The minimum is two weeks.
- n. Do you acknowledge that you will follow university travel rules and submit your travel proposal to the university travel committee, if required?
- o. Does your research require IRB approval? If so, please note that your award is contingent on your receiving IRB approval.
- p. Do you plan to apply for other field research funding? If yes, please specify.

2. Name and Contact Info of Faculty Reference and/or Project Advisor. CLACS may reach out to this person if needed.

- a. Name of Reference
- b. Email
- c. School and Department Affiliation

3. Combined PDF document

- a. **Research Proposal** (no more than three pages double spaced; pdf upload). The proposal should describe the character and need for your research and include a brief literature review, methodology, design and timeline.
- b. **Budget Proposal** (no more than one page; pdf upload). This can be formatted as a simple chart or bulleted list and may include these categories a) international airfare, b) in-country transportation, c) food and lodging, d) other research expenses such as books, printing, supplies, etc. Please provide a realistic estimate of costs.

4. CV or Resume (pdf upload)

5. Current Unofficial Transcript (pdf upload)

If possible, please make sure that your name is included on all materials. Please include your last name as part of the file name.