**2017 CLAG FIELD STUDY AWARDS**

Deadline March 20, 2017

The Latin America Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers invites applications for the 2017 CLAG Student Field Study Awards. Each year the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG) confers between two and six awards at the Ph.D. level (Bernard Nietschmann, Robert C. West, and James J. Parsons awards) and at the master’s level (Clarissa Kimber, William M. Denevan, and Oscar Horst awards) totaling from $7,500 to $10,000.

Applicants should expect awards to be around $1,000 for MA/MS applicants and around $1,500 for PhD applicants. These awards are intended to support graduate student members of CLAG in their thesis or dissertation research in Latin America or concerning the Latin American diaspora. The awards are not intended to cover all fieldwork costs, but rather to assist students working towards the Master’s or Ph.D. in their field and/or archival research in Latin America.

**Eligibility:**

* Members of CLAG before the application deadline;
* Registered as a graduate (M.A., M.S., or Ph.D.) student in a geography department or related discipline;
* Regional area of research in Latin America, including the Caribbean, is given priority. If the regional area of research is outside of Latin America, a clear justification of how the study relates to dynamics in Latin America must be provided. CLAG Field Study Awards are for field and archival research, not for attendance at academic meetings.;
* Recipients of previous CLAG Field Study Awards are ineligible to apply with the exception that previous winners at the Master’s level may apply for the Ph.D. level award if they are enrolled in a Ph.D. program;
* Fieldwork must be conducted during the dates in the proposal. Any proposed significant changes must be reported to the CLAG Chair;
* All awardees must provide a home address and US awardees also must supply a US social security number to the CLAG Treasurer before receiving the award (this is necessary for CLAG to comply with IRS reporting obligations).

**Guidelines**

Proposals will be evaluated on criteria including but not limited to the following:

* Quality of the proposal;
* Feasibility of the proposed work
* Other funding sources available to students to support fieldwork. Priority will be given to students who have applied for, but have not won other sources of funding for travel and research.

A selection committee will review all applications and make a recommendation to the awards committee chair. Awardees will be notified by April 3, 2017. The award winners will be recognized at the 2017 CLAG-LASG Business Meeting at the AAG Annual Meeting in Boston, and via email to the successful applicant, and on the CLAG website.

All applications should be submitted via email to Sarah Blue (sblue@txstate.edu) no later than March 20, 2017 as a single document that includes the following items: 1) the applicant cover sheet (appended below), 2) the fieldwork proposal narrative, 3) Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 pages). A letter of support should be sent separately, directly from the recommender. Please save the file as “YourLastName\_ CLAG\_2017\_Field”. Email subject line should indicate “CLAG 2017 Field Study Award Application”.

**Fieldwork Proposal Narrative**

Please write a narrative describing your proposed field and/or archival research, including a brief description of methods and theoretical approach, timeline, and specify how CLAG money will be spent. Maximum length: 5 pages, typed, double-spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman, 1” margins. A list of cited references must be included but will not count toward the page limit.

**Curriculum Vitae**

Two-page maximum. Please include any other sources of funding available or that have been applied for, for travel and research for the fieldwork to be conducted.

**Faculty Letter of Support**

Each application must be accompanied by one letter of support from the student’s primary faculty advisor. The Faculty Letter of Support should address the following aspects:

* The student’s abilities and promise in the field of geography with a focus on Latin America, as well as the potential significance and impact of the proposed research;
* Assessment of the student’s ability to conduct the proposed fieldwork effectively;
* Assessment of the student’s language proficiency to conduct the fieldwork effectively, including courses taken, standardized test scores of language proficiency exams, or other experiences indicating language proficiency.

The Faculty Letter of Support must be sent to the CLAG Student field study award committee chair: **Sarah Blue,** **sblue@txstate.edu** as an email attachment whose title is “Student’sLastName\_Letter\_Support”.

**Required Reports**

A 2-page final research report describing the awardee’s fieldwork experiences, detailing how the funds were spent, and achievement of objectives is due to the Chair of CLAG by October 15 of the year in which the awards were received. These reports will be published on the CLAG website and in summary form in the CLAG Newsletter.

**Application Form**

CLAG Field Study Awards

Last Name:

First Name:

Applicant Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Department & Institution:

Degree Program: M.A.\_\_\_\_ M.S.\_\_\_\_\_ Ph.D.\_\_\_\_\_ Full-Time\_\_\_\_\_ Part-Time\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Admission to Candidacy:

Date of Anticipated Graduation:

Stage in program:

Are you a member of CLAG? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, since: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you have a US Social Security number are you willing to provide it to the CLAG Treasurer? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**Fieldwork Information**

Proposed Study Site (City/region & Country):

Proposed Fieldwork Dates:

**Faculty Advisor**

Name:

Title:

Department & Institution:

Email and Telephone: