



Tinker Foundation Field Research Grants 2020 Competition for Graduate and Professional Students

The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) at The Ohio State University (OSU) is seeking applications for Tinker Foundation Field Research Grants for travel in 2020 (May – December 2020). Please review the following information for important application details.

The Tinker Foundation, Incorporated

The Tinker Foundation, based in New York City, promotes the interchange of information within the community of those concerned with the affairs of Latin America. Emphasis is placed on those activities that have strong public policy implication, offer innovative solutions to the problems facing these regions today, and incorporate new mechanisms for addressing environmental, economic, and governance issues. Dr. Edward Larocque Tinker created the Tinker Foundation in 1959, and his lifelong devotion to the Iberian tradition in the Old and New Worlds gave definition to the Foundation's overall purpose.

Tinker Foundation Field Research Grants

The Tinker Foundation's Field Research Grants Program is designed to provide scholars with a first-hand experience of their region of study, regardless of academic discipline. The grants provide graduate students with funds for travel to and within Latin America to conduct pre-dissertation research. These awards allow students to acquire a comprehensive knowledge of language and culture, familiarize themselves with information sources relevant to their studies, conduct pilot studies and preliminary investigations, and develop contacts with scholars and institutions in their respective fields.

Grants can be used for:

- Conducting pilot studies and preliminary research investigations
- Developing contacts with scholars and institutions in your field of work
- Acquiring a comprehensive understanding of the country's language and cultures
- Doing archival research, interviews, participant observation, and other fieldwork activities

Please note that Ohio State requires that research involving human subjects be approved or exempted by the Institutional Review Board prior to beginning research. For more information, please visit <https://orapps.osu.edu/buck-irb/>.

Eligibility & Guidelines

- Registered Ohio State graduate students at the master's or **early stages of doctoral level studies**, including those pursuing professional degrees;
- Applicants pursuing international field research in Latin American countries (defined as the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries of the region, *excluding* Puerto Rico);
- Grants are awarded for brief periods of no more than **four months** of pre-dissertation research in Latin America;



- Awards are open to all students across all academic disciplines and graduate degree programs;
- Non-U.S. citizens *are* eligible;
- Preliminary research projects receive first consideration. Repeat awards are discouraged by the foundation, so students should consult with their advisors as to when in their degree programs to apply.

Application Instructions

- Applications and supporting materials (application form, budget estimate, CV, advising report, recommendation letter, and research proposal) will be submitted online through Qualtrics: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_02Hxgd4Em9ft3f
- Before beginning an application, students should consult this information sheet for specific information on eligibility requirements;
 - A [PDF version of the application](#) is available for preview and planning purposes only. Applicants must complete the application itself through Qualtrics;
 - Before completing the [online application form](#), students should have all information and supporting materials on hand and ready to upload. The online form will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and should be completed at one time;
 - A selection committee of faculty members recruited from a variety of disciplines in Latin American Studies will review the applications and grants will be awarded based on the committee's ranking of the applicant pool;
 - The deadline to submit applications is **Sunday, March 1st at 11:59PM EST** and applicants will be notified by April 1, 2020 of the decision;
 - Applicants must ensure that travel will take place by Dec. 31, 2020;

A complete application includes the following:

- Completed online **application form**;
- A **budget estimate** with relevant supporting materials;
- A **CV or Resume**;
- Up-to-date OSU **Advising Report** of all courses taken and grades received;
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with your work. Referee letters must be emailed to clas@osu.edu by the application deadline;
- A 3-5 page, double-spaced **proposal** describing your research, the relevance of your project to your professional development and your discipline-at-large, and anticipated outcomes from your travel abroad. Please specify any relevant background or experience you have had, contacts already made (people, institutions, groups) with whom you will be able to interact while abroad, and how you expect these contacts to help with your project.

Funding & Requirements

- Up to \$3,000 of funding per applicant may be awarded.
- Department-supported travel: If you are receiving additional travel funds from another department, CLAS will work directly with the fiscal staff in that department to create a T# for you. You will receive your funds as a travel reimbursement once travel is complete.



- If you are not receiving funds from another department: CLAS will oversee the creation of a T# for your travel and will pay for the cost of your airfare purchase directly. **Airfare expenses purchased by the student are not reimbursable.**
- Remaining funds will be made available on a reimbursement basis after travel has been conducted. All receipts must be submitted to Megan Hasting (hasting.6@osu.edu) prior to the release of the reimbursement;
- Following travel, recipients must prepare a short abstract (max 200 words) and a five-page summary of their activities and evaluation of their experience;
- Recipients will also be required to participate in Tinker Talk events, hosted by the Center for Latin American Studies each semester to showcase outcomes of student research supported by the Tinker Grants;

Additional Information

- **Supplemental Travel Insurance:** Students participating in Ohio State-Supported Individual Travel are required to enroll in the university's supplemental international insurance, which is provided through GeoBlue. The insurance includes coverage for medical, medical evacuation, repatriation and political emergency and natural disaster evacuation. The cost of the insurance is \$1.50 per day.
- **Ohio State Sponsored Travel:** All Tinker Fellows must have an active travel number through Ohio State and must comply with the University Travel Policy: [OSU Travel Policy 2.11](#).
- **Travel to Risk-Designated Locations:** University-supported travel to risk-designated locations requires review and may entail restrictions or stipulations. Any Ohio State scholarship and grant awards for individual travel to risk designated-countries requires the submission of a petition and ITPC approval. The petition process factors academic rationale and an individual safety proposal into consideration. Petitions should be submitted at least 60-days in advance of travel and prior to utilization of university funding. For further information on the ITPC risk designated policy or the petition process, please contact International Risk Management at IRM@osu.edu.

Contact

Please contact Megan Hasting, CLAS assistant director, with any questions about the fellowship or application process, at hasting.6@osu.edu.