



2009 ILAS Winter Field Research Grants

The Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS), with financial assistance from the Tinker Foundation, is sponsoring a competition for **field research grants**. **A limited number of grants are still available to graduate students for winter research in Latin America for up to \$1,500. Awards can only be used for airfare and in-country transportation expenses. The award money must be spent by the end of January.**

To Apply:

Pick up an application from Meghan Wu at the Institute of Latin American Studies (830 International Affairs Building). Completed applications and proposals must be submitted to Meghan Wu by **Thursday, October 15, 2009** in person, mail or fax at (212) 854-4607. Proposals will not be accepted without all application materials.

Eligibility:

Masters or doctoral students enrolled in degree programs whose course of study has a substantial focus on Latin America are eligible to apply.

Restrictions:

Money is **not available for jobs or internships, only independent research projects** in the Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking countries of Latin America.

Reporting:

Awardees will report to the Fellowship Committee within seven days of their return from the field. Receipts and cancelled tickets will be presented for all approved expenses. The **awardees will provide a report** that will include itinerary, research results, account of expended funds, and proposed final stages of the project. Awardees may also be requested to present research results to students and faculty.

Applicants will be required to submit the following information:

1. A research proposal of no more than five pages, describing the work to be undertaken and its professional significance, as well as the duration and itinerary of the project. It should also include the names of research centers with which you may be affiliated while conducting fieldwork, as well as any research contacts in country. This proposal *must be signed* as approved by your faculty supervisor.
2. A brief curriculum vitae

3. Approval and letter of recommendation from a sponsoring faculty member who agrees to supervise the research
4. One additional faculty letter of reference.
5. A copy of graduate transcripts
6. A detailed budget
7. Proof of language competence sufficient to carry out the project (letter of language of evaluation from language instructor).

A special Fellowship Committee of ILAS-affiliated faculty will convene to decide awarding of grants. In making the awards, the Committee will decide what budget items can be funded, and by what amount. Announcement of awards will be made by mid-November.

For more information please contact Meghan Wu at the Institute of Latin American Studies (830 International Affairs Building). She can be reached via email at mw2173@columbia.edu or telephone at (212) 854-5468.