



2009 Summer Field Research Pre-Dissertation Travel Grants

With the anticipated financial assistance of a major foundation, ILAS expects to sponsor a competition for field research money for graduate students doing independent and/or pre-dissertation research in Latin America for up to \$2,000.00. The number of awards varies year to year and may depend on the strength of the applications received. Research periods typically range from six to twelve weeks.

Eligibility: Master's or doctoral students at Columbia University enrolled in degree programs whose course of study has a substantial focus on Latin America are eligible to apply.

Restrictions: Awards can only be used for airfare and in-country transportation expenses. Money is not available for jobs or internships, only independent and/or pre-dissertation research projects in the Spanish/Portuguese-speaking countries of Latin and Central America and the Caribbean.

HOW TO APPLY:

Pick up an application from Eliza Kwon-Ahn at ILAS, 830 International Affairs Building. You may also download the application at our website (<http://www.ilas.columbia.edu>). Applications will be available starting mid-January 2009. Completed applications and proposals must be submitted to Eliza Kwon-Ahn by **Friday, March 6, 2009** in person, mail or fax at 212-854-4607. Proposals will not be accepted without all application materials.

Applicants will be required to submit one copy of the following information:

1. A research proposal of no more than five pages describing the work to be undertaken and its professional significance. Include 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 detailed budget.
3. A brief curriculum vitae or resume.
4. Graduate transcript(s).
5. Proof of language competence sufficient to carry out the project (letter of evaluation from language instructor, test results, etc.).
6. Approval and letter of recommendation from a sponsoring faculty member who agrees to supervise the research.
7. Two (2) additional letters from faculty members (preferably in your department).

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

Reporting: Awardees will report to the Institute within thirty days of their return from the field or by September 1, whichever comes first. Awardees will be requested to present research results to students and faculty during the academic year following their research. The written report will include research results, proposed final stages of the project, itinerary and account of expended funds.