

**LATIN AMERICA SPECIALTY GROUP (LASG)
2009 LASG STUDENT FIELD STUDY AWARD APPLICATION**

Applications are invited for the 2009 LASG Student Field Study Award. Awards will be made at the PhD level (\$600) and the MA/MS level (\$300) in 2009. This award is intended for a graduate student member of the AAG Latin America Specialty Group to support preliminary or reconnaissance fieldwork for intended thesis or dissertation research in Latin America. The award is not intended to cover all fieldwork costs, but rather to assist students working toward the master's to undertake a short period of field research, or to facilitate study site identification and preliminary research for doctoral students undertaking their dissertation research.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Student must be a registered student in a geography department or related discipline or area.
- Regional area of research focus must be within Latin America.
- Graduate students working toward an advanced (M.A., M.S., Ph.D) degree are preferred applicants; in special circumstances, highly qualified undergraduate students may be considered.
- Student must be a member of LASG in the year in which s/he applies for award. Annual Student membership in LASG is only \$1 (US). To join LASG, go to: www.aag.org and check the LASG box when registering as a member.
- Requests for funding to attend academic meetings to present research findings are not covered by this award. This award supports field research.

CRITERIA

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

- 1) Quality of the proposal;
- 2) Feasibility of the proposed work;
- 3) Other funding sources available to student to support fieldwork. Priority will be given to students who do not have other substantial sources of funding for travel and research.

DEADLINE: Application forms and accompanying materials should be sent to the selection committee chair electronically as email attachment(s) by/on April 1, 2009.

AWARD REVIEW AND NOTIFICATION: A selection committee will review all applications and make a recommendation to the LASG Chair and Board, which will announce the award. The award will be announced via email communication to the successful applicant, as well as on the LASG website, and on CLAGnet.

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY: A 1-2 page final research report describing your fieldwork experiences and achievement of objectives is due to the Chairperson of LASG by September 15, 2009.

SECTION I:

APPLICANT INFORMATION (please type)

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Mailing Address:

Telephone(s):

Email Address: _____

Proposed Study Site

(City/Country) _____

Proposed Fieldwork Dates: _____

INSTITUTIONAL/PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Institution/Program: _____

Degree Program Enrolled: M.A. ___ M.S. ___ PhD. ___ Other (specify) ___

Full-Time _____ **Part-Time** _____

Please indicate stage in program:

Admission to candidacy date: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

FACULTY ADVISOR:

Name: _____

Title: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

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SECTION II:

A) FIELDWORK PROPOSAL NARRATIVE. Please write a narrative describing your proposed field-based research, and including a project title, statement of objectives, explanation of significance, brief description of methods and theoretical approach, and a brief timeline.

Maximum: 4 pages=1,000 words, typed, double-spaced, 12 pt font. A list of cited references should be included and will not count toward the 1000 word limit.

B) CURRICULUM VITA (2-pg. Maximum) C.V. should detail any other sources of funding available to the student for travel and research.

C) FACULTY LETTER OF SUPPORT. Each application must be accompanied by a letter of support from the student's major faculty advisor or a member of his/her committee. Letters of support should address the following aspects:

- 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 student's ability to conduct the proposed fieldwork effectively
- Assessment of student's language proficiency to conduct the fieldwork effectively

Letters can be sent via regular mail under separate cover to the selection committee chairperson, OR can be emailed to the chairperson:

Email: Subject line should indicate LASG FIELD STUDY APPLICATION
Dr. Claudia Radel, Department of Environment and Society, Utah State University. Email: claudia.radel@usu.edu

Faculty letters if sent via regular mail must be postmarked on or prior to the application deadline date:

Dr. Claudia Radel
Dept. of Environment and Society
College of Natural Resources
Utah State University
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