



2021 Tinker Field Research Grant Guidelines

Eligibility and Requirements

RESEARCH

Field Research Grants are intended to provide graduate students with early experience conducting hands-on field research in Latin America and the opportunity to develop independent research projects. Latin America is defined as Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Tinker Foundation intends for these grants to be used to support international field research in Latin America. During the Covid-19 global pandemic, however, remote research will be allowed. ***See below for more notes on travel.***

Time spent abroad may range from a minimum of two weeks to a maximum of four months, and must be completed by December 31, 2021.

Grants can be used for the following purposes:

- to become familiar with relevant information sources;
- to conduct pilot studies and preliminary investigations;
- to develop contacts with scholars and institutions in your field; and
- to acquire a comprehensive knowledge of language and culture.

Language study alone is not sufficient reason to receive a grant.

NOTE: UC Berkeley policy mandates that research involving human subjects be approved or exempted by the Committee for Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) **before** the research is begun. Applications for Committee review must be submitted approximately **one month** before the next scheduled CPHS meeting. For more information, see the CPHS website at cphs.berkeley.edu.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Registered UC Berkeley graduate students in master's programs or the early stages of doctoral-level studies, including those pursuing professional degrees.
- CLAS Field Research Grants are for predissertation field research; they cannot be used for advanced dissertation research.
- Non-U.S. citizens and permanent residents ARE eligible.
- Applicants from Latin America who are interested in conducting research in their home countries must have no previous field research experience in that country.
- Must intend to register for the Fall 2021 semester.
- Must be proficient in the language(s) of the country where research will be conducted.



- Priority will be given to candidates who have not received similar funding from CLAS in previous years. However, candidates who have received funding are welcome to apply, so long as they meet other eligibility guidelines.

TRAVEL AND USE OF FUNDS

The Tinker Foundation intends for Field Research Grants to fund international travel to Latin America and research-related expenses while there.

However, the possibility of international travel is dependent on UC Berkeley international travel guidelines during the global Covid-19 pandemic. International travel funded by this grant is considered “non-essential university business” and may not be allowed. Please see the UC Berkeley Covid Travel page (<https://travel.berkeley.edu/news/covid-19-updatetravel-guidance>) for policy updates from the university.

Students have two options while applying for this funding:

1. Apply for funds for international travel for field-based research, in the hope that travel is allowed. If students apply for funds for international travel, they must submit a Covid-19 contingency plan to be considered for funding. The contingency should outline an alternate plan and remote research budget. The contingency budget must adhere to the remote research guidelines, below.

2. Apply for funds for remote research activities. The following expenses will be considered for remote research:

- Compensation for a local research collaborator at the field research site
- Connectivity (internet access, phone cards, etc.) for local researcher collaborators, research partner organizations, or field sites
- Transcription, translation, and interpretation services
- Software required for research
- Access to digital resources such as archives, subscriptions, etc.
- Access to primary documents such as books, subscriptions, etc.
- Limited hardware equipment, not to exceed \$200

*****Tinker grant funds may not be used for stipends or living expenses while engaging in remote research***

GRANT AWARD FUNDS

Awards will be between \$500 and \$2,500. Funds will be transferred to students’ accounts as a graduate stipend, via electronic funds transfer (EFT). Funds must be used by December 31, 2021.

Grant Application Process

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete the application form: <https://forms.gle/k1tKeRCFnkzYFTtz9>



- Upload a proposal narrative to the application.
- Upload an academic transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable) to the application.
- Ensure that one faculty member has submitted a recommendation for you using the following link:
<https://forms.gle/sUDNquavD7XHVyuh6>
- Submit all application materials by **11:59pm, February 28, 2021.**

AWARDING OF GRANTS

- Applications will be ranked based on the applicant's academic record, language ability, and merit of the proposed project.
- CLAS awards grants based on those rankings.
- Applicants will be notified of the selection committee's decision by April 1, 2021.
- Amount of each grant will depend on applicant's travel destination and number of applicants eligible for this grant cycle.

Reporting Requirements

Final report materials are due upon your return. The first three items are due on **December 31, 2021.**

1. Abstract: One paragraph-long abstract.

2. Summary Report: Two- to three-page report in the form of a journalistic article describing your project. All reports will be considered for publication in the CLAS Blog.

3. Photographs: At least two original, high-resolution photographs, minimum 1200x800 pixels. Photos should be journalistic in nature and illustrate the subject matter of your report. Photos should be submitted as jpg, gif, or png files. Images submitted as pdf or doc will not be accepted. Submission of photographs indicates that CLAS has permission to use images in CLAS communications and outreach, including the CLAS website, social media, and publications. If published, an appropriate credit will be included with the image.

4. Presentation: Grant recipients are required to give an oral presentation in Spring 2022, date TBD, about their research to other grantees and members of the CLAS community.

*****DEADLINE:** All application materials are due by **11:59pm, Sunday, February 28, 2021*****

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