**2019 CLAG FIELD STUDY AWARDS**

**Deadline March 11, 2019**

The Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG) invites applications for the 2019 CLAG Student Field Study Awards. Each year CLAG confers named awards at the Ph.D. level (Bernard Nietschmann, Robert C. West, and James J. Parsons awards) and at the master’s level (Clarissa Kimber, William M. Denevan, and Oscar Horst awards).

Applicants should expect awards to be around $1,000 for MA/MS recipients and around $1,500 for PhD recipients. These awards are intended to support graduate student members of CLAG in their thesis or dissertation research in Latin America or concerning the Latin American diaspora. The awards are not intended to cover all fieldwork costs, but rather to assist students working towards the Master’s or Ph.D. in their field and/or archival research in Latin America.

**Eligibility:**

* Members of CLAG before the application deadline;
* Registered as a graduate (M.A., M.S., or Ph.D.) student in a geography department or related discipline;
* Regional area of research in Latin America, including the Caribbean, is given priority. If the regional area of research is outside of Latin America, a clear justification of how the study relates to dynamics in Latin America must be provided. CLAG Field Study Awards are for field and archival research, not for attendance at academic meetings or language acquisition;
* Recipients of previous CLAG Field Study Awards are ineligible to apply with the exception that previous winners at the Master’s level may apply for the Ph.D. level award if they are enrolled in a Ph.D. program;
* Fieldwork must be conducted during the dates specified in the proposal. Any anticipated significant changes must be reported to the CLAG Chair;
* All awardees must provide a home address;
* US awardees must supply a US social security number to the CLAG Treasurer before receiving the award (this is necessary for CLAG to comply with IRS reporting obligations).

**Guidelines:**

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

* Quality of the proposal:
  + Coherent research question(s);
  + Clearly described and viable research design with research question(s) situated in relevant theoretical or conceptual literature;
  + Feasibility of proposed work and viable research timeline;
  + Adequate preparation demonstrated;
  + Academic rigor and potential contribution to Latin American geography.

A selection committee will review all applications and make a recommendation to the CLAG chair. Awardees will be notified by April 4, 2019. The award winners will be recognized at the 2019 CLAG-LASG Business Meeting at the AAG Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. and on the CLAG website.

All applications should be submitted via email to **Maria Fadiman (mfadiman@fau.edu)** no later than March 11, 2019 as a single document that includes the following items:

1. Applicant cover sheet (Appended below);
2. Fieldwork Proposal Narrative;
3. Curriculum Vitae (two pages);
4. Faculty Letter of Support, sent by the recommender, not applicant.

Please save the file as “YourLastName\_ CLAG\_2019\_Field”. Email subject line should indicate “CLAG 2019 Field Study Award Application”.

**Fieldwork Proposal Narrative**

Please write a narrative describing your proposed field and/or archival research, including a brief description of methods and theoretical approach, research timeline, and specify how CLAG money will be spent. Maximum length: 5 pages, typed, double-spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman, 1” margins. A list of cited references must be included but will not count toward the page limit.

**Curriculum Vitae**

Two-page maximum. Include the most relevant information for the committee to consider.

**Faculty Letter of Support**

Each application must be accompanied by one letter of support from the student’s primary faculty advisor. It should be no longer than two pages. The Faculty Letter of Support should address the following aspects:

* The 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 the student’s ability to conduct the proposed fieldwork and viability of the project;
* Assessment of the student’s language proficiency to conduct the fieldwork effectively, including courses taken, standardized test scores of language proficiency exams, or other experiences indicating language proficiency.

The Faculty Letter of Support must be sent to the CLAG Honors Committee chair: **Maria Fadiman mfadiman@fau.edu** as an email attachment whose title is “Student’sLastName\_Letter\_Support”.

***Required Report for Recipients***

All Field Study Award recipients must complete a 2-3-page final research report describing the awardee’s fieldwork experiences, detailing how the funds were spent, and achievement of objectives. This report is due to the Chair of CLAG ([jokisch@ohio.edu](mailto:jokisch@ohio.edu)) by October 15, 2019. The reports will be published on the CLAG website and in summary form in the CLAG Newsletter.

**CLAG Field Study Application Cover Sheet**

**CLAG Field Study Awards**

Last Name:

First Name:

Applicant Mailing Address (required for CLAG tax reporting):

Telephone:

Email Address:

Department & Institution:

Degree Program: M.A.\_\_\_\_\_ M.S.\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ph.D.\_\_\_\_\_\_ Full-Time\_\_\_\_\_\_ Part-Time\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Admission to Candidacy:

Date of Anticipated Graduation:

Stage in program:

Are you a member of CLAG? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to provide the CLAG Treasurer with your US Social Security number? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

(This is for tax purposes only.)

**Fieldwork Information**

Proposed Study Site (City/region & Country):

Proposed Fieldwork Dates:

**Faculty Advisor**

Name:

Title:

Department & Institution:

Email and Telephone: