

## CLACS - Faculty Research Grant

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies invites proposals for its Fall 2017 Faculty Research Grants competition, funded with a Title VI NRC grant from the U.S. Department of Education. As technology, population movement, and economic change bring us closer together, awareness of cultural differences becomes vital for success in today's globalized marketplace. Since Latin America continues to be a key area of national, economic, political, and cultural importance, exposing students to the languages, cultures, histories, and politics of the region helps them become better informed global citizens and more competitive in the job and academic markets.

The purpose of the Faculty Research Grants is to support research and curriculum development which strengthens our understanding of Latin America. Awards of up to \$2,000 can be used to pay for travel, the purchase of classroom materials (books, films, teaching collections), etc. (contact [szremski@illinois.edu](mailto:szremski@illinois.edu) for questions about allowable expenses).

**Guidelines.** To apply, please submit the following:

- **Coversheet:** Please complete the attached cover sheet.
- **Project Narrative:** Two-page statement about the purpose of the trip and details about major planned activities while abroad;
- **Abstract** of the narrative, no longer than 300 characters (required by US ED);
- **Publications:** List of major publications/ creative activities during the past 3 years;
- **Budget:** the budget should include detailed breakdown of the expenses (e.g. airfare, gas mileage, lodging, materials to be purchased, etc.). **If travel is involved**, a detailed itinerary with precise dates, air carrier(s) and flight numbers is required (US ED requirement). International travel must be approved 30 days prior to departure and comply with the Fly America Act (US ED requirement).
- **Application materials** should be combined into a single PDF and submitted via email to [szremski@illinois.edu](mailto:szremski@illinois.edu). Please include your last name and Faculty Research Grant in the subject line.
- **Applications due September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Successful applicants will be notified of their awards by **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** and funds must be spent **by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Failure to use funds by this date may result in the loss of award. Grantees are also expected to write a brief post-report (1 page) on how the grant impacted their research and/or teaching.

Note: U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant funds may be used to pay for airfare, gas mileage, lodging, and the purchase of class room materials (i.e. books, films, teaching collections, etc.). Food and alcohol are NOT allowable expenses, nor are salaries. All **international travel** must comply with the Fly America Act. Failure to comply may result in the loss of grant funds.

**Please contact CLACS Associate Director, Kasia Szremski at [szremski@illinois.edu](mailto:szremski@illinois.edu) with any questions.**