2016-2017 Lemann Graduate Fellowship for Brazilian Studies

The Lemann Institute of Brazilian Studies offers fellowships to UIUC graduate students doing research about Brazil. Depending upon Institute funding and the proposed plan of study or research, awards may be made for one semester (carrying a stipend of $9,000), one academic year (stipend of $18,000), or for students planning to conduct research in Brazil, support for the Spring Semester and Summer of 2017 (carrying a Spring-Summer stipend of $9,000 for the Spring and $6,000 for the summer, as well as airfare to/from Brazil up to $2,000). The Lemann Graduate Fellows will have tuition and fee waivers from LAS units and participating professional schools. The number of awards varies year to year and may depend on the strength of the applications received.

Eligibility: The Lemann Graduate fellowship is open to all UIUC advanced graduate students who are developing research on Brazil. Graduate and professional students at UIUC enrolled in a graduate degree program with a substantial focus on Brazil are strongly encouraged to apply. Students who already have another fellowship for the 2016-2017 academic year are not eligible. Students who have held a previous Lemann Graduate Fellowship may re-apply once however, students that re-apply will not necessarily be ranked above other new applicants.

Restrictions: These fellowships are available to graduate students who want to conduct research in or about Brazil. Awards can be used for airfare, in-country transportation expenses, living expenses and research-related expenses. Independent research, pre-dissertation and dissertation research, and professional degree-related activities in or about Brazil are permissible. Comparative research dealing with Brazil and other countries are also eligible, but the Institute will only fund the Brazilian portion of the research. Students on Lemann Graduate Fellowships may not have a University job or assistantship for the duration of the fellowship. Spring-Summer and one-semester awards are contingent on approval from the applicant's Director of Graduate Studies.

Evaluation: A fellowship committee composed of faculty associated with the Lemann Institute will determine the awards. Announcement of awards will be made within six weeks of the established deadline.

Reporting: Awardees will report to the Lemann Institute within 30 days of completing their fellowships. Second year MA or third and fourth year PhDs are required to submit a written report that includes research results, proposed final stages of the project, itinerary, and an account of funds expended, as well as making a seminar presentation at a one-day workshop organized by the Lemann Institute in the fall of 2016.

Taxes: The IRS has ruled that universities are not responsible for withholding or reporting income taxes on fellowship payments for U.S. citizens, foreign national resident aliens for tax purposes, or permanent residents. However, the IRS does require that universities withhold taxes from the fellowship payments to international students on temporary visas that are classified as non-resident aliens for tax purposes. International students may be able to claim a treaty benefit that exempts the fellowship payment from income tax withholding. For more information on taxes, consult the IRS web page: http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/International-Taxpayers/Withholding-Federal-Income-Tax-on-Scholarships-Fellowships-and-Grants-Paid-to-Aliens
HOW TO APPLY:

Completed applications and proposals must be submitted in electronic format to Elis Artz, Lemann Program Coordinator at elisartz@illinois.edu by **February 22, 2016**.

Proposals will not be accepted without all application materials, listed below.

**Applicants must submit the following information in a single PDF file:**

1. Cover Sheet. [The form can be downloaded here.](#)
2. A strong proposal will include a description of methodology and tentative bibliography. Students must present a research proposal of no more than five pages, double-space, describing the work to be undertaken and its professional significance. If going abroad, students should include the duration and itinerary of the project, and the names of research centers with which they may be affiliated while conducting fieldwork, as well as any research contacts in Brazil.
3. A detailed budget of expenses anticipated during research (if going to Brazil).
4. A brief curriculum vitae or résumé.
5. Unofficial copies of university transcripts.
6. If going to Brazil, students should provide proof of Portuguese language competence sufficient to carry out the project (a letter of evaluation from a language instructor, test results, or a list of Portuguese courses taken).
7. Form from the Director of Graduate Studies at the candidate’s department ranking the student. [The form can be downloaded here.](#)

Applicants must also complete and submit the cover sheet available on the Lemann Institute Graduate Fellowships page.

The following should be sent by the supporting faculty either via email or via postal mail directly to Elis Artz, 207 International Studies Building, 910 S. Fifth Street, Champaign, IL 61822, elisartz@illinois.edu:

8. A letter of recommendation from a sponsoring faculty member who agrees to supervise the research.
9. Two (2) additional letters from faculty members who are familiar with the student’s academic work.

For more information please contact Elis Artz at the Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies at International Studies Building, Room 207. She can be reached via e-mail at elisartz@illinois.edu.