



Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2012-2013 Lemann Graduate Fellowship for Brazilian Studies

The Lemann Institute of Brazilian Studies offers fellowships to UIUC graduate students doing research about Brazil. For the academic year 2012-2013, fellowships will pay \$18,000.00. 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 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 apply. Students who already have another fellowship for the 2012-2013 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.

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.

1. Advanced graduate students (2nd year MA or 3rd and 4th year PhD) 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 2013.
2. First year graduate students are not required to submit research results in the form of a seminar, but must present a report that includes the courses taken during the tenure of the fellowship that contributed to their knowledge of Brazil, and information on what advances they made towards completing their proposed degree.

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/businesses/small/international/article/0,,id=129249,00.html>

HOW TO APPLY:

This information is also available at <http://www.clacs.illinois.edu/lemann/fellowships/> and at the CLACS main office, located in the International Studies Building, Room 201.

Completed applications and proposals must be submitted in electronic format to Dr. Angelina Cotler, CLACS Associate Director at cotler@illinois.edu by **February 24, 2012**.

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

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

1. First-year students must submit a course work program showing a substantive commitment to Brazilian studies. Advanced students must present a research proposal of no more than five pages 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.
2. A detailed budget of expenses anticipated during research (if going to Brazil).
3. A brief curriculum vitae or résumé.
4. Unofficial copies of university transcripts.
5. 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).

The following should be sent by the supporting faculty either via email or via postal mail directly to Angelina Cotler, 206 International Studies Building, 910 S. Fifth Street, Champaign, IL 61822, cotler@illinois.edu :

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

For more information please contact Angelina Cotler at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at International Studies Building, Room 206. He can be reached via e-mail at cotler@illinois.edu or by telephone at (217) 333-8419.