CSI Grants for Graduate Student Research

$1,500 Maximum Award for Graduate Student Research Proposals
Deadline for Receipt of Proposals: Nov. 16, 2009
Applications available at the Institute (SH 4518)

The Chicano Studies Institute is pleased to issue a call for proposals from graduate students engaged in research on topics pertaining to Chicana/o or Latina/o populations in the United States. Projects grounded in all academic fields are welcome with priority given to interdisciplinary research projects and to applicants not previously funded by the Institute.

The selection committee will be awarding grants of up to $1,500 each for 2009-10. Interested UCSB graduate students should submit five copies of the following: 1) an application form (available at the Institute, SH 4518), 2) a 5-page narrative that includes: a project abstract (150 words), a description of the research (including a brief review of pertinent literature), a description of the methodology to be used, a description of the significance of the research, and a detailed budget.

Funding can be used for supplies and other costs associated with research (e.g., interview transcribing, research travel, travel to libraries or to meet with collaborators). Applicants must also submit a current vitae and a letter of support from a faculty advisor.

Proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee appointed by the Advisory Committee of the Chicano Studies Institute. In addition to standard review criteria such as clarity, quality and feasibility of the proposal, the review committee will assign special importance to the research methodology articulated. Projects contributing to an established, or proposed, MA thesis or Ph.D. dissertation will also receive preference. During the winter quarter of 2011, applicants awarded funding will be expected to write a brief report of their expenditures.

*Completed applications must be received by the Institute (South Hall 4518) by 4:00 pm on November 16, 2009. Late, incomplete or electronic submissions will not be considered.*

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