



University of Pittsburgh

Summer Library Research Fellowships in Latin American Studies

Eligibility

The competition is open to faculty members from two- and four-year institutions in the United States (not employed by the University of Pittsburgh) who do not have access to extensive Latin American library resources. Several grants ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 will be awarded. The awards are designed to enable scholars to come to Pitt to utilize its outstanding Latin American library collection. Fellows may come for at least a two- and up to four-week period from May 18 through August 14, 2009.

Library Resources

The University of Pittsburgh houses a Latin American library collection of over 461,700 volumes in Spanish, Portuguese, English and other languages; 9,712 periodical titles; 25 Latin American newspapers received daily; plus maps and items on microform. Located in Hillman Library, the collection excels in contemporary materials, documents, and statistics. Holdings on Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba, and Peru are acknowledged to be among the best in the nation. In addition, extensive materials also are available from Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico, Guatemala, and Venezuela. Through an extensive network of exchange relationships with institutions in Latin America, the library receives a substantial quantity of materials unavailable from commercial sources. It subscribes to LAMP (Latin American Microform Project), a service specializing in out-of-print or unique materials. Of special assistance to researchers in cross-cultural and area studies are the Human Relations Area Files. Hillman Library is one of only 22 locations in the world to have paper copies on file. It is also a regional depository of materials from the U.S. Government Printing Office, the United Nations, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Users of the Latin American collection are assisted by a full-time librarian and several knowledgeable students.

The Center for Latin American Studies

Established in 1964, CLAS is a U.S. Department of Education-designated National Resource Center on Latin America. CLAS has developed one of the top Latin American programs in the United States with a full range of teaching, research, and extracurricular activities. CLAS has 128 faculty members (66 core; 62 related) associated with the Center. Of these more than half are in the social sciences, humanities, and social professions and compose the core teaching faculty. About 270 courses dealing with Latin America are offered each academic year in 20 departments and schools of the University.

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit the attached form, a budget of projected expenses for either daily travel to Pittsburgh or to reside in Pittsburgh while utilizing the collection, their curriculum vitae, and 2-3 page research proposal to: Mr. Luis Bravo, University of Pittsburgh, Center for Latin American Studies, 4200 Posvar Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

Or you may submit your proposal online

http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/outreach/college_university/form.html.

For the printed version of the form:

http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/outreach/college_university/Sumlibfel_general_form.pdf

Deadline

Friday, April 24, 2009

Awards will be announced on May 11, 2009. Enclosed is an application form.

APPLICATION FORM
Summer Research Fellowships in Latin American Studies
at the University of Pittsburgh
Center for Latin American Studies
University Center for International Studies
University of Pittsburgh
4200 Posvar Hall
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Note: This application for a Summer Research Fellowship in Latin American Studies should be accompanied by: (1) budget of projected expenses; (2) curriculum vitae; and (3) two-three-page research proposal. All materials should be submitted together by April 24, 2009 to the attention of Luis Bravo at the above address.

NAME: _____

NATIONAL ID NUMBER: _____

MAJOR FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION: _____

CURRENT POSITION AND UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION: _____

OFFICE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

HOME ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE: _____

HIGHEST DEGREE RECEIVED, FIELD, DATE OF RECEIPT, AND INSTITUTION: _____

LANGUAGE ABILITY (rate per scale):

- 1 = No practical usable proficiency
- 2 = Ability to read simple prose with difficulty, follow simple conversation, use the language to get around, but not as a means of exchanging ideas.
- 3 = Ability to read non-technical materials and technical writing in one's field, or understand ordinary native speech, to carry on an exchange of ideas, though haltingly.
- 4 = Fluency, accuracy, and range adequate for all normal professional and social situations.
- 5 = Fluency, accuracy, and range of an educated native use of the language.

SPANISH: _____ PORTUGUESE: _____

ENGLISH: _____ OTHER (specify): _____

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TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH YOU EXPECT TO CONDUCT YOUR RESEARCH
(Between May 18 and August 14, 2009):

RESEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Budget of Expected Expenses

Applicants who live in the Pittsburgh vicinity may elect to travel daily to Pitt to use the Library. Please provide a detailed budget listing projected expenses to include car mileage/parking, meals, photo copying etc.

Others, coming from a greater distance, may elect to stay in Pittsburgh for the duration of their research. Likewise, please provide a detailed budget listing projected expenses to include travel, meals, hotel, photo coping etc.

Grants will range from \$250 to \$2,500 depending on circumstances.

Thank you.