CSI Dissertation Funding

Up to \$2,500 Applications Due: May 5, 2023 5:00 PM

The Chicano Studies Institute (CSI) invites applications for funding for graduate student research addressing social and/or environmental justice topics affecting Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x communities.

Eligibility

Graduate students must be advanced to candidacy, must be within normative time standards, and dissertation proposals must be formally approved by their dissertation committee by the beginning of the award period.

Awards and Allowable Expenses

Awards will be made up to \$2,500 for a twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023. Funding received in the form of research grant accounts may be used for supplies and other research expenses, such as interview transcribing, participant compensation, and travel (*excluding conference travel*). *Tuition/fees, and insurance are also unallowable expenses*. Research Accounts are managed by CSI and are intended to provide the student with purchasing, reimbursements, participant payments, payroll support and other expenses related to the student's research that may be difficult for the researcher to navigate without staff assistance.

Funding received in the form of Fellowships will be disbursed as one-time stipend payments, and are intended to provide students summer sustenance relief from seeking summer employment allowing focused time for research and writing.

Proposals should briefly review the dissertation project and how it relates to the CSI mission, including sections on the Problem Statement, Background, Methods, and Expected Results. Fellowship proposals should include a statement addressing the particular utility of funding for the summer funding requested.

A subcommittee of the CSI Advisory Committee will evaluate all applications. Proposal narratives should be accessible to experts outside of the applicant's specific field of study. At the end of the award funding period, awardees must either present their research (completed or in progress) in a CSI colloquium or a short, written report. CSI must also be acknowledged for their financial support within future presentations and publications associated with the project.

Funding Period

Awards available July 1, 2023. Project periods must fall within 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024.

Application Materials:

- ✓ Online Application available at: <u>csi.ucsb.edu/funding</u> (Three-page project narrative upload with application. References, Budget and Budget Justification not included in the three-page limit.)
- ✓ Faculty Recommendation Forms also available at <u>csi.ucsb.edu/funding</u>. (Application/proposal will not be reviewed without the corresponding faculty recommendation.

*On-line Applications and Faculty Advisor Recommendations must be submitted by 5:00 pm on May 31, 2024.

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