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**For Undergraduate Students:**

LACIS International Internship/Volunteer Project Travel Grants:

Undergraduate students can receive one-time funds for internships in Latin America, the Caribbean, the Iberian Peninsula or domestic internships related to the LACIS field of study. The internships will be carried out in public institutions or well established NGOs. Students from any nationality and citizenship are eligible. Preference is given to LACIS declared majors. Applications due dates vary by semester. Please contact the LACIS Undergraduate Advisor, Sarah Ripp (skripp@wisc.edu), with questions.

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**For Faculty:**

**Tinker Visiting Professorship:**

Tinker Professors are highly distinguished scholars who are citizens of Latin America, the Spanish speaking Caribbean, Spain, Portugal, or Canada. Should a candidate be a Canadian, he or she must be a Latin Americanist (distinguished public officials, artists, and musicians are also eligible). The nomination by a LACIS affiliated faculty member in consultation with the LACIS director is first considered by our campus Tinker-Nave Committee, which meets in February, and then presented to the President of the Tinker Foundation for approval. Tinker Professors at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are required to teach or co-teach one course during the semester of residence and to provide, in addition, one public lecture. The Tinker Professorship is an excellent means to relieve curriculum gaps, complement departmental strengths, and to establish more informal collaborations among faculty and students. The stipend level is $38,500 per semester.

**NAVE Visiting Scholar Grant Program:**

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**NAVE Special Symposia and Conference Fund:**

These are major, one-time events related to research in or about Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain or Portugal, whose initiators may apply to the Nave Committee, as well as other relevant university bequest committees, for financial support. The typical conference/workshop grant ranges from $1000 to $3000. The committee strongly encourages applicants to seek additional funding from other sources in order to strengthen their request. The Nave Committee meets twice a year, once in the Fall and once in the Spring.

**NAVE Faculty Publication Supplement Fund:**

The Nave Faculty Publication Supplement of up to $2,000 is designed to provide a modest subvention for completed manuscripts by faculty working on Latin America, the Caribbean, or the Iberian Peninsula. Support will be provided to help meet publication costs of original manuscripts or occasionally to support translation of an original work into another language; projects that are themselves translations will not be supported. Special consideration will be given to applications from junior faculty. Applications must be received by October 15th or March 15th respectively.

**Grants for Travel to Professional Meetings:**

Grants are available to tenured or tenure-track faculty. The grants are designed to support presentation of an invited paper and other substantial contributions at meetings. Clear evidence of the meeting’s importance to the applicant’s ongoing research must be provided. Applicants must have exhausted their eligibility for departmental and Graduate School travel funds. Grants are available for the presentation of Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian research only. One grant for funding to a professional meeting will be allowed every other academic year for either domestic or international travel. Grants are made for travel, maintenance, and/or registration fees for up to $700 per trip.

**Academic Membership Funding:**

In order to support relevant academic research of faculty and students, Tinker-Nave will provide funding for approved memberships. Awards will be granted for a maximum of two years (not to exceed $500) after which grantees must resubmit their proposals to a review committee who will determine the viability of renewal. All requests will be granted contingent upon funding. The review committee encourages applicants to seek co-sponsorship from other units on campus to strengthen his/her proposal.

**John Leddy Phelan Award:**

Recognition of distinguished interdisciplinary service by faculty or academic staff. Call for nominations takes place in early Spring.

**For Graduate Students:**

**Tinker NAVE Short-Term Field Research Grants:**

Nave Field Research Grants support graduate students who wish to pursue short-term research in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Iberian Peninsula. All graduate students in all departments at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are eligible. There are no citizenship restrictions. Students must be continuing in a degree program at UW-Madison upon return from their field research. Applicants undertaking their first field research will be given preference; interdisciplinary and/or collaborative projects are welcome. Awards are made in early April annually.

**Helen Firstbrook Franklin Scholarship:**

The Helen Firstbrook Franklin Scholarship Program (HFFS) enables top entering graduate students with Latin American, Caribbean, or Iberian commitments to focus on their academic studies during their first year at the University of Wisconsin. Applications are submitted through departmental nomination and are due the second Friday in February.

**Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS):**

FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education and administered by the UW’s National Resource Centers to assist students in acquiring foreign language and either area or international studies competencies. LACIS FLAS awards are available for Quechua, Portuguese and Yucatec Maya, and are contingent on federal funding. FLAS fellowships are awarded for both Academic Year and Summer programs. Please direct and questions to Darcy Little (dmlittle@wisc.edu), the LACIS FLAS Coordinator.