

## IAC RESEARCH GRANTS

The **Institute of American Cultures (IAC)** announces the availability of small grants for support of research on African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans, and Chicanas/os studies, as well as the new population dynamics. We particularly encourage proposals that will make a contribution to the research interests of the Ethnic Studies Research Centers, including interethnic/interracial and multiethnic/multiracial topics. We also invite proposals that will increase collaboration between the Centers and/or between the Centers and other campus units.

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The 2025-26 Research Grants application is now available!

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**The 2025-26 Grant deadline is March 3, 2025.**

**This application is best supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer 10+ and Safari 6+.**

### APPLICATION HISTORY

Center	Year	Submitted On	Status
AASC CSRC	2024-25		In Progress
AASC	2019-20		In Progress
AASC	2017-18		In Progress
AASC AISC CSRC	2016-17		In Progress
Bunche	2015-16		In Progress

Please note that applications submitted prior to 2015-16 are not displayed here.

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If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact the IAC Coordinator or one of the centers listed below:

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(310) 825-2974  
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[American Indian Studies Center](#)  
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[grieman@ucla.edu](mailto:grieman@ucla.edu)

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[Chicano Studies Research Center](#)  
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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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### ELIGIBILITY

UCLA faculty, staff, graduate students, and IAC visiting scholars/researchers.

### RESTRICTIONS

- a. New proposals from previously funded Principal Investigators (PIs) are welcome. However, PIs must submit their final reports from previous grants in order to be eligible for funds from new IAC grants.
- b. IAC research grants are available only during the tenure of a PI's formal association with UCLA.
- c. Bunche Center graduate student research proposals must be in support of a dissertation or thesis project in order to be considered.
- d. All recipients, where appropriate, must comply with UCLA's Protection of Human Subjects in Research before IAC funding is available.
- e. Funding is not available for conference travel, whether attending or presenting.

### FUNDING

Ordinarily, faculty and staff projects will be funded for no more than \$10,000 and graduate student projects for no more than \$7,000. Due to budgetary constraints, awards are typically for lesser amounts. Funding is on a reimbursement basis only. Funds for the purchase of permanent equipment will be provided only under exceptional circumstances. Such equipment must be returned to the appropriate Ethnic Studies Center upon completion of the project.

### TERM OF GRANT (GRANT PERIOD)

July 1 through May 31. Grant recipients must be formally affiliated with UCLA for the duration of the grant.

### APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Prior to submission of the research proposal, applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposal with the appropriate Center or, in the case of interethnic proposals, with the assistant director or director of the appropriate Centers. The research grant review committee is comprised of UCLA researchers from a diverse range of disciplines. Researchers who are submitting a proposal are ineligible to evaluate proposals within the same cycle. The major criteria for evaluation of proposals include:

- a. qualifications of the applicant(s) and his/her potential to successfully conduct the project;
- b. soundness and feasibility of the project, research design, and budget;
- c. significance of the project's potential contribution to knowledge in the field of ethnic studies;
- d. specific contribution, if any, to cooperation between the Ethnic Studies Research Centers and appropriate departments, programs, and area studies centers; and
- e. potential for securing publication or other forms of disseminating the results of the project.


### DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE

To be considered, each applicant must submit a complete application:

1. Principal Investigator Information
  2. Project Abstract
    - a. Concisely describe the project's immediate aims, methodology, and long-term goals. The abstract should function as a succinct, self-contained summary of the project and should include a brief statement of its relationship to ethnic studies. It must be single-spaced, 12 pt. font, and no more than 1 page.
  3. Project Description
    - a. The content and format of the proposal should follow the outline provided below with each item used as a section heading. The entire project description should be kept to a maximum of 5 pages, single spaced (12 pt. font, 1 inch margins).
      - i. Statement of the problem and key objectives of the project.
      - ii. The relationship of this work to other research in the field.
      - iii. The plans of procedure and methodology. Include time frame.
      - iv. The publications or creative contributions expected to result.
      - v. The expected impact on scholarship in ethnic studies.
      - vi. The extent to which ethnic minorities will be involved in the research.
      - vii. The library requirements of the research project (e.g., Will project require use of the Ethnic Studies Centers Libraries?)
  4. Budget Summary. This serves as a summary of the expenses detailed in your budget statement. Note: Funding is available on a reimbursement basis only.
  5. Budget Statement
    - a. Write a separate justification for each budget item requested, and explain how the cost was calculated. The costs on the budget justification document and budget summary section should match. If the amounts are different, the lower amount will be considered.
- Notes relating to Budget:
- a. Research Personnel: Only faculty, staff, and postdoctoral fellows are permitted to hire research assistants. Graduate students may not hire others to assist with their project or receive a stipend themselves. In your budget statement, please report the number of researchers required, including percentage of time, rate of pay, proposed length of employment, employee benefits (cost and type), and duties. Researchers employing a Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) may be required to pay employee benefits and should call the appropriate Center for details and possible changes in benefits. Currently, a GSR is entitled to Health Insurance paid at \$1,300.00 per quarter and a Fee Remissions of up to \$4,190/term as long as they have a GPA of 3.00, work in a GSR/TA appointment for no more than 18 quarters, and work as a GSR no less than 25% time. The student is also expected to enroll in 12 units/quarter. See the [Academic Apprentice Personnel Manual](#) <sup>CF</sup> for further details. Incorporate these benefits into your budget, if applicable.
  - b. Other Personnel: Please report their percentage of time, rate of pay, proposed length of employment, employee benefits, and specific duties on the budget statement.
  - c. Office Supplies and Expenses: List anticipated expenses and supplies to be used.
  - d. Travel: State purpose, destination, mode of transportation, and anticipated dates of each trip. Explain housing and per diem expenses. All travel is subject to the [UC Policy and Regulations](#) <sup>CF</sup>. Note: Travel to present at or attend a conference is not eligible for funding.
  - e. Special Items: For example, consultants, translators, outside interviewers, gifts, etc.
  6. Curriculum Vitae.
  7. Letter of Recommendation from faculty advisor (Graduate student applicants only).
    - a. Enter contact information for your faculty advisor. S/he will be sent an e-mail with a link to the recommendation form, which must be submitted online. Provide a copy of your grant proposal to your faculty advisor.

### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

All applications and supplementary materials will only be accepted via the online application process. Applicants with questions are encouraged to contact the IAC Coordinator of the appropriate Ethnic Studies Research Center prior to submitting the application. Only complete applications will be considered.

 Applicants will be notified of award decisions in May.

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Read [Application Instructions](#) before starting. Incomplete application files will not be reviewed.

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The focus of this proposal is:

- Asian American Studies
- American Indian Studies
- African American Studies
- Chicana/o Studies
- Shirley Hune Inter-Ethnic/Inter-Racial Studies (PhD students only) - If your research is interethnic, make sure to select the Shirley Hune Award as well as each center that is relevant to your project (you do not need to select all four centers)

Please check one:

- Graduate Student
- Faculty
- Staff
- IAC Fellow/Visiting Scholar

## Principal Investigator Information

Name:

UCLA ID #:

Department:

Position:

Mailing Address

Country:

Street:

Optional:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Email Address:

Telephone Number: (  )  -

Do you have a co-Principal Investigator for this research project?

- Yes
- No

## Graduate Student Information

Major: ENGLISH

Degree Program: DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY-PHD

Date of Advancement to Candidacy: 09/23/2019

Expected Term of Graduation:

**Please note that this will not update your official expected term of graduation. Please go to [Degree Candidacy Term](#) in MyUCLA in order to update your official degree expected term.**

A graduate student must obtain a statement from his/her faculty advisor supporting the proposal.

**When you submit this application, your faculty advisor will be sent an e-mail with a link to the Recommendation Form, which must be submitted online. Recommendation Forms must be received no later than 3/13/2025. Incomplete application files will not be reviewed.**

Name of Faculty Advisor:

**Search by faculty last name, first name or department.**

**If you don't find the name of your thesis/dissertation chair in the drop down, please enter 'Faculty Name - Department'.**

Position (Full Title):

Email Address:

**Under the Federal law entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, individuals are given the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation. We shall consider all letters of recommendation carefully. We believe, however, that in many instances letters written in confidence are of greater utility in the long run as a means of assessing a person's qualifications, abilities, and promise. You have the option of agreeing or not agreeing to waive your right to inspect these letters.**

You may agree to waive your right to have access to letters of recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and any other laws, regulations, or policies.

- I agree to waive my rights
- I don't agree to waive my rights

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## Project Information

Project Title:

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Total Sum Requested:

Period of investigation:

Does your project require human subject research?

- Yes  
 No

Have you ever applied elsewhere, including UCLA Academic Senate, for funds in support of this project?

- Yes  
 No

**ⓘ** If you receive notification of an award from an organization other than the IAC, you must immediately report this information in writing to the Director of the Ethnic Studies Center through which you submitted your application or to the IAC Office in the case of an interethnic project.

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## Previous IAC Grant Information

Have you received an IAC Research Grant(s) in the past?  Yes

No

When did you receive the grant?

Title of project for which you received the grant:

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List any publications or other creative works resulting from the grant(s):

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Additional Comments:

(Optional) 1000 character limit

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## Budget Summary

A. PERSONNEL: include benefits	Name	Funds Requested
1. Surveys (personnel to conduct interviews):	<input type="text" value="100 character limit"/>	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
2. Clerical Assistance:	<input type="text" value="100 character limit"/>	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
3. Other:	<input type="text" value="100 character limit"/>	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
Total Cost of Salaries and Benefits		<input type="text" value="\$"/>
<b>B. OFFICE SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES</b>		<input type="text" value="\$"/>
<b>C. TRAVEL</b>		
1. Transportation		
a. Destination	<input type="text" value="100 character limit"/>	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
b. Destination	<input type="text" value="100 character limit"/>	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
Total Transportation Cost		<input type="text" value="\$"/>
2. Housing		
a.	<input type="text" value="100 character limit"/>	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
b.	<input type="text" value="100 character limit"/>	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
Total Housing Cost		<input type="text" value="\$"/>
3. Per Diem		
a.	<input type="text" value="100 character limit"/>	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
b.	<input type="text" value="100 character limit"/>	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
Total Per Diem		<input type="text" value="\$"/>
Total Travel Cost		<input type="text" value="\$"/>
<b>D. SPECIAL ITEMS: Specify</b>	<input type="text" value="200 character limit"/>	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		<input type="text" value="\$"/>

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 All documents are required.

Click on Browse to upload document. 

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**Project Abstract:**

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B: The content and format of the proposal should follow the outline provided below with each item used as a section heading:

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**Budget Statement:**

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**D: Curriculum Vitae:**

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How did you learn of the Institute of American Cultures program?

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**i** The University of California in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in any of its policies, procedures, or practices; nor does the University discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, University programs and activities, including but not limited to academic admissions, financial aid, educational services, and student employment.

**i** Inquiries regarding the University's equal opportunity policies may be directed to Campus Counsel Patricia M. Jasper, Box 951405, Los Angeles, California 90095-1405, (310) 825-4042. Speech and hearing impaired persons may call TTY (310) 206-6083. Inquiries regarding ADA and 504 compliance may be directed to Karen Henderson-Winge, Assistant Coordinator, Box 951405, Los Angeles, California 90095-1405, (310) 825-7906 Voice or (310) 206-3349 TTY.

I hereby certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that misrepresentation of any portion of this application may be cause for canceling the financial award or appointment.

**⚠** Please note that you will not be able to make any changes or upload any documents to your application once you click on Submit.

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