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 Chicano/Los 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 multietnic/multiracial topics. We also invite proposals that will increase collaboration between the Centers and/or between the Centers and other campus units.

1. Application Instructions

The 2024-25 Research Grants application is now available!

- The 2024-25 Fellowship deadline is March 1, 2024.

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

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

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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. BC research 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
Ordinary, faculty and staff projects will be funded for no more than $10,000 and graduate student projects for no more than $1500. 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 intercenter proposals, with the existing 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 evaluative proposals within the same cycle. The major criteria for evaluation of proposals include:

a. qualifications of the applicant(s) and failure 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 projects 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 minimum of 5 pages, single spaced (12 pt. font, 1 inch margin).
   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 intellectual requirements of the research project (e.g., WR project require use of the Ethnic Studies Centers Library?)

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.
   b. 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 recite a stipend to 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. Personnel employing a Graduate Student Assistant (GSA) may not allow employment benefits and should not the appropriate Center for details and possible changes in benefits. Currently, a GSA is credited to the Health Insurance paid of $12,306.80 per quarter and a fee of $413.00 per year. As long as they have a GPA of 3.00, work in a GSR appointment for no more than 10 quarters, and work as a GSR no less than 5% time. The student will be expected to enroll in 12 units per quarter. See the Academic Appointee Personnel Manual for further details. Incorporate these benefits into your budget if applicable.
   c. Office Supplies and Equipment: 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.
   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. She will be sent an e-mail with a link to the recommendation form, which must be submitted online. Also, 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 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.

Step 1: APPLICANT INFO
Step 2: PROJECT INFO
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Step 5: Documents
Step 6: Submit

⚠️ All fields are required, unless specified as optional.

The focus of this proposal is:
- Asian American Studies
- American Indian Studies
- African American Studies
- Chicano/a Studies
- Shirley Nunez Inter-Ethnic-Racial Studies (PHD students only) - If your research is interethnic, make sure to select this Shirley Nunez Award as well as each content that is relevant to your project. (you do not need to select all four contents)

Please check one:
- Graduate Student
- Faculty
- Staff
- IAC Fellow/Visiting Scholar

Principal Investigator Information

Name:

UCLA ID #:

Department:

Select

Position:

Mailing Address:

Country: USA

Street:

City:

State: CALIFORNIA

Zip Code:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Do you have a co-Principal Investigator for this research project?
- Yes
- No

Graduate Student Information

Major:

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Degree Program:

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)

Expected Date of Advancement to Candidacy:

Expected Term of Graduation:

Select Term

Select Year

Please note that this will not update your official expected term of graduation. Please go to Degree Candidacy Terms 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 3/15/2023. 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.

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Project Information

Project Title:

Total Sum Requested:

Period of investigation:

Does your project require human subject research?

Have you applied for IRB approval?

Date of IRB Application:

Date of IRB Approval, if approved:

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

If yes, please give the name of the agency, amount requested, and expected date of grant announcement.

IF YES, DETERMINE INFORMED DECISION

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 interoffice project.

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### Budget Summary

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**C. Office Supplies and Expenses**

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**Total Per Diem**

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**Total Travel Cost**

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**E. Special Items** Specify

| Special Items Specified         |       |                               | $               |

**Total Cost**

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Click on Browse to upload document.

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Curriculum Viva:

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

☐ 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 cancelling 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.