

Center for the Comparative Study of Right-wing Movements

Institute for the Study of Social Change

Graduate and Undergraduate Student Mini-grant Program, 2009-2010

Program Overview

The Center for the Comparative Study of Right-wing Movements invites graduate and undergraduate students to apply for grants to assist with the development of student research projects on issues related to right-wing movements in the U.S. and other regions of the world.

Established in February 2009, the mission of the Center is to encourage and nurture comparative scholarship on right-wing movements in the United States, Europe, Latin America, and other regions of the world over the past hundred years. The Center is especially interested in supporting research that examines the diversity of right-wing movements and their respective emphasis on social and religious issues, nationalism and race, and economic doctrines. The Center promotes research, offers mini-grants, fellowships, and training opportunities to Berkeley students, publishes findings, and brings together leading scholars through conferences, colloquia, and other public events in order to engage in a comparative and interdisciplinary dialogue on right-wing ideology, politics, and organizational forms and their likely directions in the 21st century.

Eligibility

Full-time UC Berkeley undergraduate and graduate students who are conducting individual research projects on right-wing movements in the U.S. and/or other parts of the world are eligible to apply. Proposals that support undergraduate thesis or graduate dissertation research are strongly encouraged. *Undergraduates may apply for grants up to \$500. Graduate students may apply for grants up to \$1,000.*

Grant Period and Use of Funds

Applications will be reviewed and grants will be awarded at the end of October 2009. Funds must be used by September 30, 2010. Any unused funds will be retained by the Center. Funds may be used only to pay direct costs related to the proposed project, such as travel to research sites, research supplies, Xeroxing, transcription services, and equipment rental. Funds may not be used for equipment purchases, stipends, living expenses, conference attendance or educational travel. Grant payments will be made in the form of reimbursement for expenses.

Requirements

All graduate students must work with a faculty mentor. Undergraduate students may work with a faculty mentor or with the Center for the Comparative Study of Right-wing Movement's Program Director, Dr. Christine Trost. The student's mentor must commit to supporting and advising the applicant throughout the research project.

All grantees must submit a brief midterm report describing progress made on their research goals, along with an evaluation form completed by the student's mentor assessing the grantee's progress to date.

Students must submit a final report *no later than October 15, 2010* containing an itemized expense report, a statement of what was accomplished, and a list of papers and/or publications that directly or indirectly result from the grant.

Application Process

Applications are due on Thursday, October 1, 2009 by 4pm at the Institute for the Study of Social Change (see address below). Late applications will not be considered. All applications must include the following materials: (Incomplete applications will not be considered.)

- Applicant Information and Agreement Form (Section I)
- 250-word Abstract of the project (Section II)
- Project Description (Section III): *The project description should be no more than 1,000 words. It should include a description of the problem being studied, the research question and hypotheses, a description of the research methodology, and the contribution the research will make to the study of right-wing movements.*
- Budget and Explanation of Budget (Section IV)
- Project Timeline (Section V)
- Protection of Human Subjects Compliance (Section VI)
- Curriculum Vitae or Resumé (Section VII)
- Signed Mentor Agreement Form (Section VIII)

Please send one copy of your application materials to:

Dr. Christine Trost
Center for the Comparative Study of Right-wing Movements
Institute for the Study of Social Change
2420 Bowditch Street, MC 5670
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94720-5670

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SECTION I: Applicant Information and Agreement Form

NAME: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

CURRENT PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT ID#: _____ UNITS COMPLETED BY 9/1/09: _____

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

DEPARTMENT/MAJOR(S)/PROGRAM: _____

TITLE OF PROJECT: _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED: _____

If I am selected to receive a Center for the Comparative Study of Right-wing Movements Mini-grant, I agree:

- **To submit a brief midterm report describing my progress on the research to date, along with a completed evaluation form from my faculty/staff mentor assessing my progress to date.**
- **To submit a final report no later than October 15, 2009, containing: 1) an itemized expense report; 2) a statement of what was accomplished; and 3) a list of papers and/or publications that directly or indirectly result from the grant.**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION II: PROJECT ABSTRACT

Please attach an abstract describing your project. It should be no more than 250 words.

SECTION III: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please attach a description of your project. It should be no more than 1,000 words. The description should include the following:

- Description of the problem being studied
- Research question and hypotheses
- Description of research methodology
- Contribution the research will make to the study of right-wing movements

SECTION IV: BUDGET AND EXPLANATION OF BUDGET

Please attach an itemized budget with estimates of planned research expenses to be covered by this mini-grant. Attach a detailed (one-page) explanation of the items included in your budget (travel to research sites, research supplies, Xeroxing, transcription services, and equipment rental). **Please note:** Funds may not be used for equipment purchases, stipends, living expenses, conference attendance or educational travel.

SECTION V: PROJECT TIMELINE

Please attach a timeline (broken down by months) of the proposed research activity.

SECTION VI: PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS COMPLIANCE

Please answer the following questions:

Does your research project involve human subjects? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered yes to the question above, have you submitted an application to the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) at UC Berkeley?

Yes/Date submitted _____

No/Date you plan to submit an application _____

If you have submitted an application to CPHS, have you received an approval or exemption letter from CPHS?

Yes/Date of CPHS approval/exemption letter _____

(Please include a copy of your CPHS approval/exemption letter with this application.)

No, my application is still pending _____

SECTION VII: CURRICULUM CV OR RESUME

Please attach a copy of your curriculum vitae or a current resumé.

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SECTION VIII: Faculty Mentor Agreement Form

(Applicants: Please include this signed form with your application.)

NAME OF STUDENT APPLICANT: _____

TITLE OF PROJECT: _____

I have read the applicant's research proposal and I agree to serve as a mentor for the applicant throughout the research project. I also agree to submit a midterm evaluation of the mini-grant recipient's progress on achieving the research goals set forth in the proposal.

SIGNATURE OF FACULTY MENTOR: _____

NAME OF FACULTY MENTOR: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

CAMPUS ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

For further information about the Center's Graduate and Undergraduate Mini-grant program, please contact:

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