



Center for Latin
American Studies

Application for Tinker Field Research Awards 2016

The Tinker Foundation was created in 1959 by Dr. Edward Larocque Tinker. Its mission is to promote the development of an equitable, sustainable and productive society in Latin America and to enhance understanding in the U.S. of Latin America and how U.S. policies may impact the region.

Awards are for approximately \$2000 each and are intended primarily to **support travel expenses** related to field research in Latin America for graduate students at the master's or doctoral level.

At least 75% of the total grant amount has to be spent on airfare and/or transportation. The Tinker Foundation defines Latin America as the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries of the Western Hemisphere; it does not include Puerto Rico in this definition. Any graduate student with Latin American-related interests is eligible to apply, but preference will be given to doctoral students in the early stages of their studies. The award is not intended for advanced dissertation research, but rather to support initial hands-on field research and the development of independent research projects. Citizens of Latin American countries enrolled at Vanderbilt may receive awards to conduct research in their home countries provided that they have no previous field research experience related to the proposed project in that country.

Post-fellowship requirements: Recipients will be required to submit a report of research activities by mid-August, 2016, including project title, a general description of research activities, and a general account of expenditure of funds.

Applications must be submitted electronically to CLAS Associate Director, Helena Simonett helena.simonett@vanderbilt.edu

- Please write in the Subject line of your email: 2016-Tinker-Application
- Please add to this Word Document title your last name (e.g., 2016-Tinker-Application-Garcia.doc)
- Include a pdf of your transcript (see IV Transcript, page 3)

Applications are due by February 9, 2016. Awards will be announced in early March.

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I. Personal Information

Name: _____

Campus or home address: _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Department or Program: _____

Academic advisor: _____

Degree being pursued and expected date of graduation: _____

Degrees received:

Degree	Year	Major/minor	Institution	GPA

Classes taken in Spanish, Portuguese, and/or indigenous Latin American language (list the highest level reached first):

Previous research and travel experience in Latin America:

II. Project Description

Below, briefly discuss your proposed project, work plan, and travel plans (please be specific). Explain how this research trip fits into your academic program and your future plans. Discuss your research methodology. Single space and limit to no more than 3 pages. A brief bibliography may be added on an additional page.

Also include a detailed budget for the requested amount.

III. References

Please list two faculty members (with e-mail and phone number) that can be contacted (ask whether they would be willing to write on your behalf but do not request them to submit letters of recommendations if not contacted by the chair of the selection committee):

1. _____

2. _____

IV. Transcript

The application must include a pdf scan of your (unofficial) Vanderbilt transcript.

- Please add to the title of this pdf your last name (e.g., 2016-Tinker-Application-Garcia.pdf) and submit together with your application in one email.

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Bibliography (optional)

Budget

The budget should include:

1. Projected airfare
2. Projected U.S. travel expenses (taxi, baggage fee, etc.)
3. Projected in-country travel expenses (taxi, rental car, boat, airfares, etc.)
4. Lodging, food, other expenses
5. Total amount requested