

Dissertation Research Award

The Dissertation Research Award supports up to \$2000 toward the completion of the writing of a dissertation related to Latin America, Caribbean, or Latino/a Studies. Students will be considered for the William Wilson Brown Dissertation Fellowship and the Luis Quirós Varela Award within this competition.

Eligibility:

- Full-time enrollment at UNC-CH for dissertation research and writing.
- Be within one year of defense of the dissertation.

Competition/Funding: The competition is merit-based and open to all disciplines and themes. Proposals must be well-crafted and supported by a strong academic record. The fellowship may cover travel expenses such as airfare, in-country costs and per diem. The award can only be used for the period awarded.

The number of awards, and the amount of each, will be determined by the number of applications received and the availability of funds. **Any research involving human or animal subjects must be approved by the Institutional Review Board. No funds will be paid until documentation of proper IRB approval or exemption is received.**

Reporting: A final report is required within 30 days of completion of the award period. Reports outline the progress made under the award period. Students may be asked to share their experience at ISA Graduate Research Symposium, the Annual Graduate Student Orientation or other ISA event.

Where to Submit: Send the complete and signed application electronically to: riefkohl@email.unc.edu. Confidential letters of recommendation should be sent directly by your advisor to riefkohl@email.unc.edu. They will be matched to your application. All submissions are due by 5pm EST on the posted due date.

A complete application includes:

- 1) Application Form
- 2) Project abstract (no more than 100 words)
- 3) Curriculum Vitae
- 4) Proposal narrative (no more than 3 pages of text, plus one-page bibliography)
- 5) Budget with notes
- 6) Current UNC-CH transcript (does not have to be official)
- 7) Letter of recommendation from the applicant's advisor. It must confirm the defense date.
- 8) Confirmation of project feasibility