Mellon Conference Travel Awards for Graduate Students

The Institute for the Study of the Americas offers modest travel awards to assist with domestic and international travel expenses of UNC-CH Latin Americanist graduate students who are presenting papers at conferences or professional meetings in the United States or abroad.

Priorities:
- Students who have not previously received funds from this source.
- Students with a demonstrated research interest in Latin America/Caribbean.
- Students from schools and departments historically not well represented in the pool.
- Students who have promptly and completely fulfilled reporting and documentation requirements for previous ISA awards (if applicable).

Competition/Funding:

The competition is open to all disciplines. Proposals must be well-crafted and students should have a strong academic record. Proposals must demonstrate the relevance of the activity to the student’s academic or professional career objectives.

The awards must be used to defray the cost of travel and accommodations. Awards average $300 each.

Where to Submit:

Please fill out the form on: https://isa.unc.edu/mellon-undergraduate-award/

The application must include:

1. a) The name of the conference host organization  
   b) The date & location of the conference  
   c) the title of your paper  
   d) your confirmation that you've been approved by the conference host to present your work  
2. A current curriculum vitae;  
3. A statement detailing previous ISA-funded support, including any publication, film, or product that resulted from ISA support.  
4. A budget with justification for the various expenses, including transportation, lodging, meals, registration, and other directly related costs;  
5. A statement about alternate funding sources available to you for this project.