

2024 LASG FIELD STUDY AWARDS

The Latin America Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers invites applications for the 2024 LASG Student Field Study Awards. There are separate awards for students at the PhD level (up to \$800) and at the MA/MS level (up to \$500). This award traditionally supports fieldwork travel and expenses. However, the LASG Award committee recognizes that the COVID-19 global pandemic may have altered plans for students interested in Latin America and thus research may look different this year. Proposals to support remote study, such as (but certainly not limited to) archival work or video interviews, will be considered in addition to proposals for travel into the field. These awards are intended to support research for theses or dissertations about Latin America. The award is not intended to cover all research costs, but rather to assist students working toward their Master's or Doctoral degree to undertake a period of field research, facilitate study site identification, or enable an extension of data collection methods.

All submissions should be made via email to Nicholas Padilla

(nicholas.padilla@wmich.edu) no later than March 15, 2024 @ 11:59 pm Eastern Time, as a single document that includes the following items: 1) the applicant cover sheet (see submission guidelines), 2) the proposal narrative, 3) statement of other funding sources, 4) Curriculum Vitae, and 5) signed Faculty Support Form by the applicants primary faculty advisor. Please refer to the submission guidelines for more information.

Proposals will be evaluated on criteria including—but not limited to—the following:

- Quality of the proposal
- Feasibility of the proposed work
- Other funding sources available to student to support fieldwork (priority will be given to students who have applied for but still lack substantial funding for research)

A selection committee will review all submissions and make a recommendation to the Committee Chair. Awardees will be notified by April 10, 2024. The winning submission will be announced and recognized at the 2024 LASG business meeting during the AAG meeting in New York.

Eligibility:

- Student must be a registered student in a geography department or related discipline or area.
- Regional area of research in Latin America, including the Caribbean, is given priority. If the proposed area of research is outside of Latin America, a clear explanation/justification should be provided within the proposal's narrative. For the 2024 award year, proposals with amended research plans in light of the COVID-19 pandemic (such as archival work or video interviews) are welcome.
- Graduate students working toward an advanced (M.A., M.S., Ph.D.) degree are preferred applicants; in special circumstances, highly qualified undergraduate students *may* be considered.
- Student must be a member of LASG for the effective year in which they apply for the award.
- Requests for funding to attend academic meetings to present research findings are not covered by these awards; they are intended to support field research.
- LASG Field Study Award recipients for prior years are ineligible for this year's competition. However, we conceive of the field study awards as two different awards, thus previous winners of the MA/MS award are eligible for the PhD award.

Reporting Responsibility: A one-page final research report describing the awardee's fieldwork experiences, specifics on how funds were spent, and achievement of objectives is due to the Chair of LASG by March 15, 2025.

Submission Instructions: Submit your entire application via email to Nicholas Padilla (nicholas.padilla@wmich.edu) as a **single** MS Word file, including the Faculty Support Form signed by your faculty advisor or chair. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please "save as" 2024FieldYourLastName.doc. **The email subject line should indicate 2024 LASG FIELD STUDY APPLICATION.**

- 1) Application Cover Sheet: Complete the necessary biographical information on the Application Cover Sheet (see below)
- 2) Proposal Narrative: Compose a narrative that describes your proposed field-based research (or COVID-19 amended research plans), and includes a project title, statement of objectives, explanation of significance, brief description of methods and theoretical approach, a brief timeline, and how LASG monies will be spent specifically. Narrative should not exceed 1,500 words (exclusive of references).
- 3) Statement of Other Funding Sources: Briefly list all other funding that you've applied for, indicating the dollar amount and whether funding was awarded.
- 4) Curriculum Vitae: Include a two-page maximum CV.
- 5) Faculty Support Form: Each application must be accompanied by a signed Faculty Support Form from the student's primary faculty advisor (see below)

Submit all items and questions to:

Nicholas Padilla

Vice-Chair, LASG

Assistant Professor, Western Michigan University

Email: nicholas.padilla@wmich.edu

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Applicant Information	
Applicant Name:	
Applicant pronouns (ie: she/her, he/him, they/their)	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Proposed Study Site (City & Country):	
Proposed Fieldwork Dates:	
Residence Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. citizen; <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. resident for tax purposes; <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign person
Institutional/Program Information	
Institution/Program:	
Degree Program (MA, MS, PhD):	
Full-Time or Part-Time:	
Stage in Program:	
Anticipated Graduation Date:	
Faculty Advisor Information	
Faculty Advisor Name:	
Title:	
Email:	
Telephone:	

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FACULTY SUPPORT FORM

I have read and approve of the applicant's LASG Field Study Award proposal. This project is feasible within the parameters set forth by the applicant and will be an integral part of their MA/MSc or PhD research.

Faculty Advisor Name

Student Name

Faculty Advisor Signature

Student Signature

Date

Date