Tinker Field Research Grant Instructions

Please provide five (5) collated, hard copies of your application form and all required attachments (see application for additional supporting documentation required).

Please note that only travel to Spanish or Portuguese-speaking countries in Latin America and the Caribbean may be considered eligible for funding.

A completed application package must be received by the Latin American and Caribbean Center (DM 353) no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, December 15, 2014. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Digital and/or fax submittals will not be accepted.

Questions regarding the Tinker Application and Guidelines should be directed to:

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Tinker Field Research Grant Application

Name (First, Middle, Last): __________________________________________Panther ID#______________
Permanent Address: _____________________________ City _____________ State ____ Zip Code___________
Mailing Address: ________________________________City _____________ State ____ Zip Code___________
Home Phone: ___________________________________Cell Phone: ___________________________________
Primary Email:_____________________________________________________________________________

FIU academic program in which you are enrolled (e.g. African and African Diaspora Studies, Public Health,
History, Biology, etc.): ___________________________________________________________________
Area of Study: ______________________________________________________Current GPA: ___________
Language Proficiencies (list all): _____________________________________________________________
Graduate degree and current year of study (PhD 3rd Year). (Note that MA applicants must be writing a thesis in
order to be eligible): ______________________________________________________________________
Anticipated date of graduation: __________________________________________________________________

Dates of proposed research project (Travel must take place between February 2, 2015 and December 18, 2015 and
must be between 2 weeks and 4 months in duration): __________________________________________
Location(s) of proposed research project (city, state/district, country, etc.)____________________________
Total Amount of Tinker Funding Requested:_____________________________________________________

Applicant’s principle faculty advisor or thesis/ dissertation chair:
Name: _________________________________________________ Title: ______________________________
Email: _________________________________________________ Phone: _____________________________
Applicant’s additional academic reference:

Name: _________________________________________________ Title: ______________________________

Email: _________________________________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Please attach to this application:

1. A clear, concise research program narrative of no more than three (3) pages addressing the following:
   a. The specific research tasks to be carried out in the field, including the duration and location of the proposed project.
   b. The applicant’s preparedness for field research and the feasibility of accomplishing the proposed tasks.
   c. If applicable, level of familiarity with the appropriate resources in the field that might be critical to the success of the project.

2. A detailed budget that does not exceed $2,500 in Tinker travel (international airfare and in-country transportation only) funds. If the proposed project has a budget that exceeds this amount, identify all other sources of funding and provide the status of those funding sources (i.e. funding request submitted, pending, received, etc.), and clearly identify which expenses will be paid for with Tinker funds and which will be paid by other sources.

3. A brief biography of the applicant (one to two paragraphs).

4. Two letters of reference submitted in sealed envelopes: one of the two letters must be from the applicant’s principal advisor, supporting the project and certifying that it forms part of the student’s thesis or pre-dissertation research. Both letters of reference should address the applicant’s readiness for field research, including language proficiencies.

5. A copy of the applicant’s transcripts showing all relevant course work (official sealed transcripts are not required).

6. List of all relevant course work toward your degree (academic institution, title, course number, semester/year) on a separate sheet called “Course Work” (i.e. FIU, EVR 5066, “Ecology of the Amazon: Flooded Forest, Spring 2014)
7. Proposed travel itinerary