

Tinker Field Research Grant Application Instructions

- Please email your application form and all required attachments in a PDF.
- A complete package must be emailed to Apply_LACC@fiu.edu with “**2026 Tinker Grant Application**” in the subject line.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Hard copies will not be accepted.
- Questions regarding the Tinker grant application should be directed to:
Dr. Gabriela Hoberman, Director of Academic Programs and Principal Investigator-Tinker Grant| Email: ghoberma@fiu.edu, Tel. (305) 348-2894

Please attach to this application form:

1. A clear and concise narrative of no more than three pages addressing the following:
 - a. The specific research activities 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 \$2,700 in travel expenses (e.g., international airfare, lodging, in-country transportation, meals). If the proposed project has a budget that exceeds this amount, please identify all other sources of funding and provide the status (i.e. funding request submitted, pending, received). List the expenses that will be paid for with Tinker funds and indicate which will be paid by other sources.
3. A brief biography of the applicant (two paragraphs max).
4. Two letters of reference submitted directly to Apply_LACC@fiu.edu by the deadline. One of the two letters must be from the applicant’s principal advisor, supporting the project and certifying that it is part of the student’s thesis or pre-dissertation research. Both letters should address the applicant’s readiness for field research, including language proficiencies. Email with the letter should include “2025 Tinker Grant Application: [name of applicant]” in the subject line.
5. A scanned copy of the applicant’s transcripts showing all relevant coursework (official sealed transcripts are not required).
6. On a separate sheet titled “University Coursework,” list all relevant courses that count towards your degree and include the academic institution(s), title, course number, semester/year (i.e. FIU, EVR 5066, Ecology of the Amazon: Flooded Forest, Fall 2022).
7. Proposed travel itinerary. Travel should take place anytime between Summer and Fall 2026 (max. return date by Nov. 15, 2026).

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Student Info

First and Last Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Alt Phone _____

Email _____

Academic Record

Academic program in which you are enrolled (e.g. History, Biology, etc.) _____

Area of Study/Concentration _____ Current GPA _____

Graduate degree Ph.D. M.A./M.S.

Spanish Proficiency (spoken) Novice Intermediate Advanced

Portuguese Proficiency (spoken) Novice Intermediate Advanced

Other Language (specify) _____

Anticipated date of graduation _____

Travel information

Dates of proposed research travel _____

Location of proposed research travel (city and country) _____

Total amount of Tinker funding requested (in USD)

References

Name of applicant's faculty advisor _____

Title _____ Email _____

Name of additional academic reference _____

Title _____ Email _____