



Kimberly Green
Latin American
and Caribbean Center

Tinker Graduate Student Field Research Travel Grants

2021-2022 Call for Applications

As FIU continues its efforts to promote research among our students, the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) is opening the call for the 2021-2022 Tinker Foundation Field Research Collaborative grant applications.

LACC's Tinker Grant Program funds graduate student travel to the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries of Latin America to conduct pre-dissertation research directly related to the region. Travel for this grant cycle should take place anytime between January 1st and December 15th, 2022.

Funding availability is subject to any travel restrictions and requirements established by the University due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Awardees will need to complete a separate process to obtain FIU's authorization at least 30 days prior to the travel dates. If awarded by LACC, each student will be responsible for securing the appropriate permission by FIU's [International Travel Committee](#) (ITC). The awardee must also obtain IRB approval to conduct research fieldwork and follow the requirements stipulated by FIU's [International Travel Policy](#) and any travel advisory in place for each country.

Graduate Student Funding Eligibility & Requirements:

- Open to enrolled graduate students from all academic disciplines.
- Funds are for pre-dissertation or thesis field research at doctoral or master's levels.
- Tinker Field Research Grants are limited to \$2,500 per student.
- Funds may be used for student travel, transportation, per diem (food, lodging, etc.). The university can only reimburse the traveler for actual out-of-pocket costs.
- The minimum duration of field research is two weeks, and the maximum is four months.

Eligible Countries:

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

FIU Travel FAQ:

<https://controller.fiu.edu/departments/accounting-reporting/payment-services/travel/>

Deadline for submitting applications:

Friday, October 15th, 2021, at 5 p.m. (EST)

A complete application package must be emailed to Apply_LACC@fiu.edu, no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, October 15th. Please include "2021 Tinker Grant Application" in the subject line.

Tinker Field Research Grant Application Instructions

- Please email your application form and **all** required attachments in a PDF (see application for additional supporting documentation required).
- A complete package must be emailed to Apply_LACC@fiu.edu, no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, October 15th, 2021. Please include “2021 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:
Mabel Rodriguez, Grant Administrator | Email: mabrodri@fiu.edu, Tel. (305) 348-1865
José Miguel Cruz, Director of Research | Email: jomcruz@fiu.edu, Tel. (305) 348-4898

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.
 - d. The practical measures that will be taken to reduce the risks related to the transmission of Covid-19.
2. A detailed budget that does not exceed \$2,500 in travel expenses (e.g., international airfare, lodging, in-country transportation, etc.). 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, etc.). 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 “2021 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 2019).
7. Proposed travel itinerary. Travel should take place anytime between January 1st and December 15th, 2022.

2021 Tinker Field Research Grant Application

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 _____