Attention Syracuse University Graduate and Doctoral Students:

Call for Proposals:

PLACA Graduate Student Summer Research Grants

This year the Program on Latin America and the Caribbean (PLACA) will grant awards to graduate students of up to $1,000 to support field research in Latin America and the Caribbean during the summer of 2010. The purpose of the award is to provide students the opportunity to gather preliminary data, make contacts, map topics, and increase competitiveness of future proposals for funding. Any student enrolled in a MA or PhD program at Syracuse University or SUNY-ESF may apply.

The awards are competitive and proposals are judged on the basis of i) quality of the proposed research, ii) organization and thoughtfulness of the proposal, and iii) appropriateness and feasibility of the research plan in relation to the student's background and qualifications.

Maxwell doctoral students may also wish to apply for the Goekjian Award.

(You may apply for more than one summer grant from the Moynihan Institute, but you will not receive more than one in a given year. That includes the following: Goekjian, Bharati/South Asia, Yabroudi/MES, and PLACA. Other types of support that could exclude you from receiving a summer research grant include summer FLAS, summer de Sardon-Glass support, and any other summer support from the Moynihan Institute. Awards are ranked separately, so if your proposal is accepted by more than one committee, you will be awarded the better opportunity. If you win an award this year, you may apply for this or another award next year. The only summer research grant that you cannot receive twice is the Goekjian Award.)

DEADLINE: Monday, March 15, 2010

PROPOSAL FORMAT:

Part 1.
Personal Information.
The application process is online this year. The online application form will be available for submission on February 19, 2010 at the following URL:

https://survey.maxwell.syr.edu/Survey.aspx?s=fd31ed261c1148629c41757970b88e0

The online application consists of a number of questions about your academic status, contact information, outstanding award applications and preliminary information about your project.

Part 2.
The Proposal.
Create your proposal as a word document and upload it to the online application.

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Doctoral Dissertation or MA Thesis Status. Provide a brief summary of your progress and current status in your doctoral or MA program (course work completed, research focus, faculty supervisor; dissertation or thesis committee).
Pages 2-3.
Research Description.
Please describe the research for which you are seeking funds. Your proposal text must be no longer than 500 words. Briefly describe your subject, locate your work and potential contributions in the most important relevant scholarship; outline your proposed methods and state why they fit your topic. A list of references may add a page to the 500 words of text. Proposals exceeding the 500 word limit will not be considered.

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Budget.
Grants will be awarded for up to $1000. Please provide a detailed, complete budget with all your expenses, and indicate specifically which line items you are asking PLACA to fund. Categories may include stipends, living expenses (either in Syracuse or elsewhere while doing research), travel, per diems, survey design and administration, book/data/software purchases, research fees, and so on. Equipment is not eligible for inclusion in the budget.

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Other Support.
Please provide details on other research support that you have received for this and related research this summer (if you have no other research support, say so explicitly). Finally, please list the other applications that you have made for research support from summer 2010 through summer 2011 (e.g., an application FLAS, etc.).

Part 3.
Vita. Upload your Curriculum Vitae to the online application. Your contact information (mail, tel., email), should appear there.

Part 4.
Endorsement.
Please arrange for one letter of endorsement, focused on the research you propose, from a current Syracuse University faculty advisor. Include the person’s name in your proposal, and ask that person to send his/her letter as a pdf via their university email account to ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu. In the online application you will be asked to identify this person and they will receive an email requesting the letter upon submission of your application.

After applying you should receive a notice indicating that your application was successful.

OTHER DETAILS:

Proposals will be read by a faculty committee. The committee will rank the proposals according to their research promise, consistency with the goals indicated in these guidelines, and cost effectiveness. Notices will be sent by email on April 2, 2010.

Our Expectations: Award recipients are required to i) submit a brief report (no more than 1000 words) of research activities within three months after fieldwork is completed, including a brief account of expenditures, ii) give a research presentation to PLACA upon invitation, and iii) acknowledge the PLACA Graduate Student Research Grant Program in scholarly publications and presentations that result from the award.

For questions or more information please contact Gail Bulman (gabulman@syr.edu).

There will be a Proposal Writing Workshop in 225B Eggers Hall, International Relations Conference Room at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010.