



Call for Proposals

Duke Brazil Initiative (DBI) Student and Faculty Research Grants

(to guarantee timely consideration submit by Friday March 3, 2017 5:00pm)

The Duke Brazil Initiative (DBI) is offering research grants for both individual and group projects focused on Brazil. We particularly encourage proposals that align with on-going activities or signature initiatives of the DBI and Global Brazil Lab (social mobility and education, energy and environment, arts and curation) although new ideas from any discipline are welcomed. The competition is open to Duke faculty, undergraduate, graduate and professional students and may include Brazilian collaborators. Undergraduates can also be included as part of group project proposals.

Priority will be given to projects that involve collaboration with Brazilian institutions and scholars, or which lead to student participation in or the writing of senior theses, Master's projects, or dissertations. Basic to intermediate Portuguese language is preferred. If you do not speak Portuguese you will be required to show how your proposed research can still be conducted successfully.

What is the award amount? When should the research take place? The awards will range from \$1,500 to \$4,000 depending on the proposed activities (if there is a special case to be made, please be in touch). Recipients are expected to stay for a minimum of 12 days. The exchange should take place between May and November of 2017.

What's the first step and how will the decision be made? Assistance can be provided to students who are developing proposals which will be reviewed in an open and competitive process balanced across themes and schools. Decisions will be made by a faculty steering committee with administrative support provided by the Center for Latin America & Caribbean Studies (CLACS).

What is expected of a grant applicant? Grant recipients will be expected to:

- a.) Submit complete proposal in one PDF document by the deadline.
- b.) Keep records of expenses and turn in receipts within two weeks of returning to Duke.
- c.) Turn in a 4-5 page summary of research one month after field work.
- d.) Assist in extending Duke's visibility within Brazil and among Brazilians abroad.

What needs to be included in the proposal?

- 1.) A tentative budget and rationale for the project and its participants; the narrative (no more than 750 words) should detail the research or academic, pedagogical, or artistic project and why the Brazil grant is important to achieve these goals. A list of potential institutional partners and/or personal contacts in Brazil is highly encouraged with some discussion of how you intend to pursue this project once you return from Brazil; and
- 2.) Duke participant(s) CVs or resumes;
- 3) Letter/email of support from a faculty mentor. (Can be in a separate email from application, and must be submitted by the deadline)

Proposals should be submitted in one PDF document as FirstName_LastName_DBI_Grant

Please send application materials to Michael Darden, DBI Assistant at Michael.Darden@duke.edu

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