Mellon Conference Travel Grants for Graduate Students

With funding received from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies is able to offer travel awards for Duke graduate students who will present papers on Latin American and/or Caribbean topics at conferences or professional meetings. We are also able to cover registration fees for students presenting at virtual/online conferences.

There is no set deadline - applications will be considered as they are received until the funds run out for the year. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as they receive confirmation of their acceptance to the conference, and at least 30 days before the date of the conference. Duke graduate students at any level are eligible to apply.

Applications should include:

1) a proposal (not more than one page) stating the name and location of the conference, your funding needs including cost of airfare and registration, and reference to any other funding sources available to you;

2) a copy of the letter approving your panel participation at the professional meeting;

3) a copy of your abstract, including the title of the presentation.

Please also indicate whether you have received any other Duke funding to attend this conference.

Please submit your request to Natalie Hartman, njh@duke.edu

Award amounts will vary, with an average award of $350 for domestic travel and a maximum award of $500 for international travel.

Note that for 2021-22, as of August 2021, Duke-supported US domestic travel is allowed without special approvals. Any international travel would require approval per the current travel policy on the Global Administrative and Travel Support office web site Global Travel Policy and COVID-19 Addendum | Global Administrative and Travel Support | Duke before an award can be confirmed and paid out. All international travel must be registered on Duke’s Travel Registry.

Please contact Natalie Hartman with any questions.