



UBC LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Call for applications – Seed grants

This is an invitation

About: Call for applications for seed funding (\$1,000-\$5,000) to support knowledge mobilization for projects related to the Latin American Landscapes Cluster. The Cluster is funded by the [Grants for Catalyzing Research Clusters Offices of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation and the Provost & Vice-President, Academic, UBC Vancouver](#). Projects need to be in line with the themes of the Latin American Landscapes Cluster (environment, colonialism, Indigenous peoples, extractivism).

Eligibility: all co-applicants of the Latin American Landscapes Cluster and all student members of the 2022-23 PhD Seminar. While faculty PIs must be co-applicants of the VPRI grant or students in the PhD Seminar, applications can include members of the UBC LAS community as co-applicants.

Deadline to apply: April 25, 2023

Application Procedure: Submit the complete application as a single PDF to the PI of Latin American Landscapes, Dr. Benjamin Bryce (ben.bryce@ubc.ca) by April 25, 2023 at 16:00 PST.

Adjudication: The PI of the Cluster will form an adjudication committee to evaluate all proposals. Decisions will be reached by May 15, 2023.

Spending requirements:

- This grant money cannot be used for travel nor for faculty members to conduct research.
- The main use of funds shall for knowledge mobilization. Here is a list of possible uses, but the adjudication committee welcomes creative proposals.
 - o Funds to translate research into English or into a language of Latin America
 - o Digital humanities projects such as podcasts, graphic design, or a virtual museum
 - o Workshops and training events to which all members of the UBC LAS community will be invited
 - o Trainee stipend. While this grant cannot be used to pay for faculty member's research travel, it can be used to hire students (graduate or undergraduate) to conduct research (or perform other tasks). Cluster money cannot be used to pay for this student's travel to a research site, but an applicant could use other sources of funding to pay for travel and so that a student could conduct research outside of Vancouver.
 - o Student applicants cannot use grant money to pay salaries.
- Because of requirements for the overall cluster grant (in which spending on stipends cannot exceed 30 percent of the overall cluster grant), spending on student salaries in this round of seed grant competition cannot exceed \$10,000. Cluster members are encouraged to explore

other UBC opportunities for projects mainly requiring student salaries. One such opportunity is the SSHRC Explore Grants/Faculty of Arts Research program.
<https://air.arts.ubc.ca/research-resources/internal-grant-opportunities/>

Terms of reference:

A complete application shall consist of: 1) a statement (300-500 words) about the project and how the money will be spent. 2) a budget.

No RPIF or signatures are required to apply.

Grant term – May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

Applicants can request up to \$5,000. The total funding available for applications in Year 1 is \$25,000. Applications requesting any amount between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be given full and equal consideration.

Applicants are required to submit a brief report about how they spent the money and the outcomes (or expected outcomes) that this funding supported. This report shall be submitted to the project PI (Dr. Benjamin Bryce, ben.bryce@ubc.ca) by April 30, 2024.

Successful seed grant applicants will be encouraged to be co-applicants for the planned SSHRC Insight Grant or a SSHRC Connection Grant related to the Latin American Landscapes project. For the Connection Grant competition, the Latin American Landscapes Cluster will provide matching funds.

All applicants must have an active affiliation at UBC for the duration of the time they are claiming expenses.

Student hourly wages shall be \$32+benefits for PhD students, \$28+benefits for MA students, and \$23+benefits for BA students.

Successful applicants will be invited to serve on the adjudication committee in April 2024 for the next round of applications.

In Year 2, preference will be given to first-time applicants.