



# UBC LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

## Call for applications – Seed grants

About: Call for applications for seed funding (\$1,000-\$6,000) 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 PhD Seminar. While the applicant must be one of the co-applicants of the VPRI grant or students in the PhD Seminar, applications can include members of the UBC LAS community.

Deadline to apply: May 20, 2024

Application Procedure: Submit the complete application as a single PDF to the PI of Latin American Landscapes, Dr. Benjamin Bryce ([ben.bryce@ubc.ca](mailto:ben.bryce@ubc.ca)) by May 20, 2024 at 16:00 PST.

Adjudication: The PI of the Cluster will form an adjudication committee to evaluate all proposals. Decisions will be reached by June 10, 2024.

### Spending requirements:

- This grant money cannot be used for travel.
- 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. This money 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 \$12,000. 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.

All funds must be spent by March 31, 2025.

The total funding available for applications is \$25,000.

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](mailto:ben.bryce@ubc.ca)) by March 31, 2025.

Successful seed grant applicants will be encouraged to be co-applicants for the planned SSHRC Insight Grant related to the Latin American Landscapes project.

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

Student hourly wages shall be \$35+benefits for PhD students, \$30+benefits for MA students, and \$30+benefits for BA students.

Preference will be given to first-time applicants.