

MOUNTAIN WEST CENTER FOR REGIONAL STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM

Deadline for Submissions: Grant programs have a rolling deadline; however, the grant cycle runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year with a limited amount of funds. When the allotted funds for the year have been awarded, no more grants will be available until the following July 1.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The Mountain West Center for Regional Studies (MWC) Graduate Student Research Grants Program is designed to foster research, writing and creative production in and about the Intermountain West. Successful grants applications must demonstrate how the research fits with the Mountain West Center's mission of increasing our understanding of the Interior West, its land, history, and cultural groups.

The MWC Graduate Student Research Program will fund grant requests up to **\$1,000** on a competitive basis for full-time graduate students matriculated in a USU CHaSS Masters or PhD program. Funds are awarded in support of research or creative activities leading to the completion of a thesis or dissertation. These grants are not intended to fund meeting attendance, tuition, or salary. *Graduate students are eligible for one MWC Research Grant during their degree program. Students must be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours during the semester the funds are expended.*

Proposals are due by electronic submission (mwc@usu.edu) and should be written to the attention of MWC Director Evelyn Funda.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **The MWC Small Grant Cover Sheet** (available on website: www.mountainwest.usu.edu). This may be filled out electronically and then printed in order to include the endorsement signatures of both the applicant's graduate committee chair and department head.
2. **The Proposal Narrative** (available on website: www.mountainwest.usu.edu)
Answer all questions on the proposal narrative document.
3. **Abbreviated curriculum vita** (up to 2 pages) that includes: 1) name, date, and educational background; 2) professional positions, including years; 3) a list of publications, presentations, or other professional products most relevant to the proposed research/project; 4) a list of other publications, presentations or professional products; 5) a list of relevant graduate courses taken.
4. A **budget plan**, using the budget template (available on website: www.mountainwest.usu.edu)
Please provide a breakdown of travel costs (airfare, shuttle, per diem, and so forth) if applicable.

APPLICATION REVIEW

The CHaSS Grant Review Panel will review the proposals and make recommendations to Mountain West Center Director Evelyn Funda regarding their appropriateness and priority for support. Any questions about this grant program and its procedures may be directed to Evelyn Funda at evelyn.funda@usu.edu.

FINAL REQUIREMENTS

- Awardees are required to formally acknowledge the Mountain West Center for Regional Studies in their thesis or dissertation and in any resulting published work.
- A copy of any work published in consequence of this grant must be provided to the Mountain West Center for their archives.
- Awardees are required to submit a final report of at least 300 words to the MWC on the outcome of the funded activities that includes final results, and if applicable, documentation of submission to the targeted venue within one year of the award or one month after project completion, whichever comes first; additionally, all funds should be expended within one year. If the requirements for a final report of results is not submitted (with evidence of final product), the home department of the faculty member may be required to return the full amount of the award to the Mountain West Center.
- Graduate student must be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours during the semester the funds are expended.