



Tiffany Chung, *Stored in a Jar: Monsoon, Drowning Fish, Color of Water and the Floating World* (2011)

Call for Proposals

GRANTS IN CRITICAL REFUGEE STUDIES For Undergraduates

The UC Critical Refugee Studies Collective (CRSC) invites grant proposals from UC undergraduate students working on scholarly and/or creative projects that focus on refugees. We seek projects that center refugee perspectives, agency, and epistemologies. We are especially interested in funding projects that promote community engagement with refugee populations within California.

Funded by the University of California Office of the President (UCOP), the CRSC is a four-year initiative (2017-2020) that seeks to make the University of California the premier institution for critical refugee teaching, research and public initiatives. The CRSC seeks to promote projects that trace the impact of colonialism, imperialism, and militarization on refugee movements and that integrate scholarly, policy, and artistic interests with refugees' everyday concerns.

Topics/Themes

Over the next four years, through multi-pronged initiatives, we will be exploring four different themes: time and space; land and water; secrets and stories; and wellbeing and resilience (*sanuk/sumud*).

In this inaugural year (2017-2018), priority will be given to scholarly, artistic, and community-based projects that focus on **Time and Space**, though we welcome all proposals that shift the reference point in refugee studies from that of state, humanitarian organizations, and policy makers to that of the refugees. We conceptualize time and space not as natural and fixed but materially and discursively produced through the expansion of empire, (neo)colonialism, and militarism, and unsettled and remade by the refugees. Possible projects include but are not limited to: geographies of

displacement; refugee mobility; settler colonialism and refugee resettlement; detention, incarceration, deportation; refugee camps; waiting; refugee time; memory work; making/taking space; public and private space; community building, etc.

Grant Amount

Maximum amount of each award is \$3500. The grant can be used as seed money to start a larger project or to complete smaller tasks of a larger project.

In addition to research and creative projects, students can also use the funds for internship with an organization working on refugee issues, to develop collaborative projects among students within or across UC campuses, or with families, communities and/or schools, among others. Due to the competitive selection process, the final amount awarded may vary and not be based on the proposed budget. All funds must be spent by June 30, 2018.

Restrictions

Candidates may apply to only one of the CRSC grant initiatives in the same funding cycle. Competitive candidates who do not receive funding this academic year are encouraged to reapply the following year.

Grant monies cannot be used for the purchase of computer equipment, books, and/or any other materials for personal use.

Eligibility and Requirements

Undergraduates from any of the ten UC campuses at any level of their undergraduate career may apply. Candidates must be in good standing at their respective universities and secure a faculty advisor for the proposed project. It is expected that a faculty advisor will furnish a letter of support for the candidate(s) and will be committed to mentoring and guiding the grantee(s) throughout the duration of the grant.

Outcomes

All grantees will be expected to submit a report of approximately two pages, due in July 2018 documenting the work conducted with the grant and to present their work at a conference planned for Fall 2018 at UCLA.

Application Checklist

1) Application form at the following website:

<https://www.formpl.us/form/6573028748034048>

[If the link does not work, please copy and paste entire URL into your web browser.]

2) Cover sheet and budget (pdf format) [For template, see this link]

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/OB86tJOL6HzZgWVdNTmpKMjdBbmc/view?usp=sharing>

3) Statement of project (in pdf form; max 750 words) – Please identify specific outcomes that the funding will make possible.

4) CV (in pdf form; max 3 pages)

5) Letter of Support from UC faculty advisor (in pdf form)

Directions

Go to <https://www.formpl.us/form/6573028748034048>, and upload each of the following documents individually, using the following naming convention:

- Cover sheet and budget: lastname_firstname_coversheet.xlsx
- Statement of project: lastname_firstname_statement.pdf
- CV: lastname_firstname_CV.pdf
- Letter of Support: lastname_firstname_letter of support.pdf

Questions

For questions, please contact: criticalrefugeestudies@gmail.com

Deadline for proposals: May 15, 2017 by 5PM (PDT) via
<https://www.formpl.us/form/6573028748034048>
Award notifications: June 30, 2017 (anticipated)

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