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## Call for Proposals

2018 GRANTS IN CRITICAL REFUGEE STUDIES

For University of California Graduate Students

**Grant period: January 2018 through December 2018**

**Application deadline: by 5:00pm (PDT), Monday, October 16, 2017**

The UC Critical Refugee Studies Collective (CRSC) invites grant proposals from **currently enrolled UC graduate students** working on scholarly, activist 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 engage communities as partners and/or involve refugee populations of California.

Funded by the University of California Office of the President (UCOP), the CRSC is a four-year initiative (2017-2020) committed to making 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 four years of our annual grant cycles, we are exploring four different themes: time and space; land and water; secrets and stories; and wellbeing and resilience (sanuk/sumud).

In this second of the four annual grant cycles, priority will be given to projects that focus on the theme of **Land and Water**, though we welcome all proposals that shift the reference point in refugee studies from that of the state, humanitarian organizations, and policy makers to that of the refugees. We conceptualize Land and Water generatively, as sources, resources and epistemologies. Land and water can be both life-giving and life-threatening, and they have therefore been central to refugee experience and agency. For refugees, land and water can then mark borders, not as geographical givens but as sites that are dynamic, contested, and rethought. The themes of land and water implicate forces such as settler colonialism, imperial expansion, and military destruction in refugee displacements and resettlements. They also signify embeddedness, journey, and new cartographies of home-making and belonging. Possible projects include, but are not limited to: displacement; mapping; refugee mobility; settler colonialism; militarization; indigeneity; foodways; environmentalism; refugee resettlement; deportation; climate change; gentrification, etc.

## **Grant Amount**

Maximum amount of each award is \$10,000. The grant can be used to complete an entire project, to provide seed money to start a larger project, or to accomplish smaller tasks of a larger project. (Projects that integrate faculty collaborations with artists or community organizers are also possible. For details, please see the CRSC Call for Proposals for Artists and Community Organizations.)

Graduate students can request funds for living expense stipends (as taxable and financial aid reportable income), research travel, books, and/or other research-related expenses.

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 December 31, 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 for this cycle are encouraged to reapply in future cycles.

Grant monies cannot be used for the purchase of computer equipment, books, and/or any other materials for personal use. Purchases of equipment and other materials for the project must be pre-approved and will be considered the property of the University of California.

## **Eligibility and Requirements**

Graduate students **must be enrolled** in order to receive the grant.

All research involving human subjects must be reviewed by the Office for the Protection of Human Subjects (OPHS) to ensure the protection of participants' rights and welfare in the research process.

## **Outcomes**

All grantees will be expected to submit a progress report of approximately two pages, due in July 2018 documenting the work they are conducting with the grant. Grantees will also be expected to present their work, whether completed or in-progress, at a conference planned for Fall 2018 at UCLA. A final report must be submitted soon after the conclusion of the term of the grant.

## **Application Checklist**

1) Application form at the following website:

<https://www.formpl.us/form/4654425178112000> [If the link does not work, please copy and paste entire URL into your web browser.]

2) Cover sheet

- Last name of PI

- First name of PI

- Home campus and, if applicable, name of organization

- Project title

Primary Contact:

Phone

Email

3) Budget (as pdf)

4) Statement of project (as pdf; 750 words max.) – Please include last name, first name at the top of the page. Please identify specific outcomes that the funding will make possible.

5) CV of PI(s) (as pdf; 3 pages max.)

6) For student applicants: Letter of Support from UC faculty advisor (as pdf)

### **To Submit/Upload Materials:**

Go to <https://www.formpl.us/form/4654425178112000>, and upload each of the following documents individually, using the following naming convention to help our staff keep track of your materials:

- Cover sheet and budget: lastname\_firstname\_coversheet.pdf
- Statement of project: lastname\_firstname\_statement.pdf
- CV of PIs: lastname\_firstname\_CV.pdf
- Letter of Support (for graduate student applicants): lastname\_firstname\_letter of support.pdf

### **Questions and Schedule**

Please direct your questions to: [criticalrefugeestudies@gmail.com](mailto:criticalrefugeestudies@gmail.com).

**Deadline for proposals:** October 16, 2017 by 5PM (PDT) via <https://www.formpl.us/form/4654425178112000>

**Award notifications:** November 15, 2017 (anticipated).

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