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Call for Proposals

2020 GRANTS IN CRITICAL REFUGEE STUDIES

For University of California Undergraduate Students

Grant period: January 2020 through December 2020

Application deadline: by 5:00pm (PDT), Monday, October 28, 2019

The UC Critical Refugee Studies Collective (CRSC) invites grant proposals from **currently enrolled UC undergraduate 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 concern.

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 fourth (and final) of the four annual grant cycles, priority will be given to projects that focus on the theme: **Wellbeing and Resilience or Sanuk (Thai) and Sumud (Arabic)**; 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. In this challenging time when, more than ever, refugees and immigrants are seen as political threats and social burdens to be barred, quarantined, and deported, this year's thematic emphasis on wellbeing and resilience is aimed at directing the gaze onto the humanity of the globally displaced, their fortitude, sacrifices, and contributions to their places of encounter. Towards these ends, we are particularly interested in projects that center, celebrate, and advance this vision of cohesive, healthy families and communities, and that critically engage the notions of wellbeing and resilience in their complexity, both in terms of what they make possible, as well as what they preclude.

Grant Amount

Maximum amount of each award is \$3,500. 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.

In addition to research, activists and creative projects, students can also use the funds to support internship work with organizations working on refugee issues.

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, 2020, or graduation, whoever comes first.

Restrictions

1. Candidates may apply to only one of the CRSC grant initiatives in the same funding cycle.
2. Competitive candidates who do not receive funding for this cycle are encouraged to reapply in future cycles.
3. Grant monies cannot be used for the purchase of computer equipment, books, and/or any other materials for personal use.
4. 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

Currently enrolled undergraduates from any of the UC campuses at any level of their undergraduate career may apply. Candidates must be in good standing at their respective universities and secure a UC faculty advisor for the proposed project. It is expected that the 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.

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 2020 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 2020 at UC Berkeley. 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/358216081> [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 and 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/358216081>, 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

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Award notifications: November 30, 2019 (anticipated).

For more information about the CRSC and the grant initiative, visit us at our website www.criticalrefugeestudies.com and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/criticalrefugees/>