GMS SUMMER RESEARCH GRANT INSTRUCTIONS

The Global Metropolitan Studies (GMS) is pleased to award a number of summer field research grants to students in the GMS Designated Emphasis. The total number of awards will be determined by demand, available funds, and the quality of the submitted proposals.

Eligibility:
Applicants must already be enrolled in the GMS Designated Emphasis and can be at any stage of the PhD process. Priority will be given to pre-dissertation fieldwork, although we hope to be able to fund at all levels. Priority will also be given to students who have received little or no summer funding in previous years.

Conditions:
The maximum award amount is $5000. Applications should show specifically the costs to be defrayed, and awards may be smaller than requested, depending on available funding.
The award must be used for field work during summer in the year the grant is received.
The grantees must submit to the GMS co-directors by September 15 immediately following summer:
1) A two-page report describing their field work activities.
2) Material for Featured Research page on the GMS website: a) a short paragraph, written for a general audience, highlighting your research, b) a photo from the research site (image cannot include recognizable images of people).

In addition, students may be asked to present or prepare a poster on their project for the annual GMS Open House.

Application:
Applicants should submit a proposal for the summer field work consisting of the following sections:
1) Project description (including objectives of the field work and name of one faculty recommender) – no more than one page
2) Budget (travel, lodging, meals, transportation, supplies, data collection) – no more than one page
3) A one-paragraph description of courses completed to-date for the Designated Emphasis (priority will be given to students who have started the core sequence)

In addition, one letter of recommendation is required, from a faculty member knowledgeable about the student’s research. This letter can either be included within the application submitted by the student, or emailed directly by the faculty member to GMS Co-Director Matt Kondolf.

Submission:
Email application to GMS Co-Director Matt Kondolf using the following subject heading: SUBJECT: GMS Summer Field Research Grant Application [YEAR]

Inquiries:
Please direct any questions to GMS Co-Directors.