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Travel Grants in East European Studies

for travel to conferences from June 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011

Guidelines

These grants are made possible with funds administered by the U.S. Department of State under terms of the Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983 (Title VIII) as amended.

Purpose To assist U.S. scholars who wish to deliver papers at formal academic conferences.

Award amounts Up to \$1,000 for travel within North America; up to \$2,500 for intercontinental travel.

Selection criteria

- The intrinsic intellectual merit of the paper
- The significance of the paper to the conference and to the field of East European Studies.

Eligibility

- Scholars at all ranks may apply, including graduate students.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Papers should concern Eastern Europe, defined as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo/a, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia.
- Papers proposing intra- and inter-regional proposals are also eligible.
 - Specialists in the study of Eastern Europe may propose to deliver a paper at a conference whose main themes lie outside this region.
 - Scholars not specializing in East European studies may propose a paper for a conference focused on Eastern Europe in order to provide comparative perspective.
[The rationale for any inter-regional proposal should be clearly stated in the application essay.]

No funds will be provided for travel to the AAASS annual convention.

Deadline Applications must arrive at ACLS by January 29, 2010.



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Instructions for Applicants

PREPARING THE APPLICATION

The application consists of the following elements, which should be numbered and arranged as below:

- I. **Cover sheet – applicant information** [*Use the form attached.*]
- II. **Applicant’s two-page CV** Focus on education, publications, employment and other activities related to East European studies.
- III. **Description of conference** Submit a copy of an announcement or invitation to participate, and/or a tentative program. State your status with the organizers, (e.g., invited, accepted as paper giver, topic confirmed).
- IV. **Application essay** In no more than three pages
 - Present the key ideas, the argument, and the conclusions of your paper. Does it present new research? How does it relate to existing research?
 - Describe your participation in the conference and how it will contribute to the field of East European studies.
 - In a separate paragraph titled **Policy Relevance** state how the paper will contribute to the understanding of contemporary Eastern Europe and U.S. policy related to it, or to the study of the cultural, historical, or other contexts necessary for such an understanding.

BUDGET AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- No budget is required.
- Funds will be released on presentation of copies of paid tickets.
- A brief report on conference participation will be required, accompanied by a copy of the final program.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Address for U.S. Mail or other delivery service:
Committee on East European Studies
American Council of Learned Societies
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017-6795 Tel. (212) 697-1505 ext 130
Address for electronic submissions: (obukhina@acsl.org)

No applications will be accepted by fax.
Nothing should be submitted that cannot be easily photo-copied.



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COVER SHEET

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name _____

First and Middle Name/Initial _____

Academic rank _____

Department _____

Institution _____

Field of specialization _____

Highest degree, granting institution, and date _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

E-mail _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

TITLE OF PAPER: _____

TITLE OF CONFERENCE: _____

DATE OF CONFERENCE: _____

LOCATION: _____

NAMES OF PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS: _____

Date of submission of this application _____ Your Signature _____

Name _____

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

This information is REQUIRED (except as noted). It is for administrative purposes only and will not be distributed as part of the selection process.

Social Security Number _____

What is your country of citizenship? _____

If NOT United States, do you hold Permanent Resident status? _____

The following questions are optional and will be used for statistical purposes only.

Date of birth (*mm/dd/yyyy*) ____/____/____ Gender _____

With which group(s) do you most identify? _____ White (not of Hispanic origin)

_____ Black (not of Hispanic origin)

_____ Hispanic or Latino

_____ American Indian or Alaskan Native

_____ Asian

_____ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific

Islander

_____ Other _____