

THE CHRISTOPHER DECORMIER SCHOLARSHIP
IN MESOAMERICAN STUDIES

42nd Annual Competition, Spring 2020

The Institute for Mesoamerican Studies at SUNY-Albany is pleased to announce the 42th annual competition for the Christopher DeCormier Scholarship. The award will be given to one or more graduate or undergraduate students to conduct research on Mesoamerica. Preference is given to IMS Student Associates and to students conducting dissertation research.

The scholarship was established to honor the memory of Christopher DeCormier, a SUNY-Albany student with strong interests in Maya culture and fieldwork. Proposed projects may be in any sub-field of anthropology, but should focus on interpreting some aspect of ancient or modern Mesoamerican culture or society. Fieldwork should not be an end in itself, but should contribute to an understanding of some feature of Mesoamerican culture.

Three copies of the proposal must be submitted. The proposal should consist of 4 parts:

- 1. Application Cover Sheet:** Copies are available in the IMS office or on-line at: http://www.albany.edu/ims/Documents/award_cover_page.doc
- 2. Project Description:** This should be a short description (2 single-spaced typed pages) of the proposed project. It should describe the research problem, give the theoretical background of the research, specify objectives and methods, provide a statement of the anthropological significance of the project, and state how the research relates to your degree program and other research you have done or plan to do. Please add a bibliography of one or two pages.
- 3. Schedule and Budget:** On one page, provide a proposed schedule of activities, a budget of expenses, and a statement of actual and potential additional sources of funding for the research.
- 4. Curriculum Vitae:** Include an updated CV

Criteria for selection include the scholarly value of the research project, its relevance to Mesoamerican anthropology, the level of professionalism demonstrated, and the relationship of the project to the student's degree program.

The scholarship is available for Summer 2020 or academic year 2020-2021 projects. Past applicants for this award are encouraged to apply again. Applications should be submitted to the Institute for Mesoamerican Studies (AS 233) or the IMS mailbox (AS 236), **including a digital copy in PDF to ims@albany.edu** no later than **Friday, March 27, 2020**.

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