

Institute for Mesoamerican Studies
THE FIRST ENCOUNTER SCHOLARSHIP FOR
MESOAMERICAN FIELDWORK
SPRING 2021

This scholarship was established to fund travel to Mesoamerica to conduct preliminary work that may allow graduate students to carry out individual research in the area. Appropriate activities include first visits to research sites, language and/or paleography training, or other preliminary activities that may be essential to the successful completion of individual fieldwork or related research. Students with significant experience in their field site will not be considered for this award. If deemed appropriate by the review committee, the application may be reviewed for a DeCormier Scholarship.

The Award: A total of \$1,000 is available for 2021; this may be split among more than one student. The winner(s) will be announced in late April 2021.

Eligibility: All graduate students formally enrolled in a degree program in the departments of Anthropology, History, or Sociology with research interests in Mesoamerican Studies are eligible for this award.

Three copies of the proposal should be submitted, including a digital copy in PDF to ims@albany.edu. The proposal should include:

1. **Cover Page:** Copies are available in the IMS office, AS 233, or can be printed from the on-line source: http://www.albany.edu/ims/Documents/award_cover_page.doc
2. **Project description:** This should be a short description of the proposed project (two or three single-spaced, typed pages). It should include the purpose of the trip and the ways in which the specific project will benefit the student's larger research agenda. The description should demonstrate that the student has conducted bibliographic background research on the areas of interest in the field.
3. **Schedule and Budget:** On one page, provide a proposed schedule of activities and a budget of expenses. Include actual or potential sources of funding beyond this award.
4. **Curriculum vitae.**

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

The Award is available for Summer of 2021 or academic year 2021-2022 projects. 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 26, 2021.**

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