

Alan P. Smith Fund Research Grant Application Procedures

Department of Anthropology, Yale University

The Alan P. Smith Fund was established to support students in the graduate program in Anthropology at Yale. One use of its revenues is to provide funding for both pre-dissertation research and dissertation research. “Research” is construed broadly to include primary data collection at one or more field sites plus additional data processing and analysis that takes place elsewhere and that is an integral part of thesis research (e.g., lab analysis of archaeological or biological samples; transcribing/translating field notes or recordings).

Three categories of Smith Fund research grants exist:

- 1) **Standard pre-dissertation grants** (up to \$3,000);
- 2) **Supplemental pre-dissertation grants** (up to \$5,000);
- 3) **Dissertation grants** (up to \$10,000).

Standard pre-dissertation grants are guaranteed to all students in good academic standing: all graduate students in Anthropology will be eligible for up to \$3,000 from the Smith Fund for pre-dissertation research during their first two years (i.e., through the second summer) in the program.

Supplemental pre-dissertation grants are not guaranteed, but instead represent “last resort” funding and will be awarded on a competitive basis. All graduate students in Anthropology will be eligible to apply for up to an additional \$5,000 funding from the Smith Fund for pre-dissertation research during their first two years in the program if they have exhausted other potential sources of departmental and non-departmental Yale funding without being able to meet legitimate funding requirements.

Dissertation grants also represent “last resort” funding and will be awarded on a competitive basis instead of being guaranteed. Two types of dissertation grants are available:

1. Follow-up site visit/data processing grants: Students who have returned from primary fieldwork and either need to return for short follow-up visits or to process data/materials collected during primary fieldwork (in keeping with the broad understanding of “research” noted above) are eligible to apply for awards of up to \$5,000.

2. Primary Ph.D. research grants: Students are eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 in “last resort” funding for primary fieldwork in cases where they are ineligible for other Yale funding (notably MacMillan Center Dissertation Fellowships for international research).

The Smith Fund application form is available on the Anthropology Department website. Applicants should specify which category of grant they are applying for, and those applying for

dissertation grants should further specify whether they are requesting funding for primary research or for follow-up research in the box marked “purpose of request”. Applicants should have their advisors sign the forms and submit these to the Departmental Registrar along with the required research proposal.