

Cultural Geography Specialty Group 2010 Research Grant Competition Call for Proposals

The Cultural Geography Specialty Group (CGSG) invites proposals for the 2010 Research Grant Competition. The aim of the competition is to provide a measure of support for graduate students to conduct high-quality research projects for their master's thesis or doctoral dissertation. The awards are competitive; applications are judged individually on the basis of: 1) scholarly merit of the project, including cultural-geographic significance of the research question and quality of the methodology; 2) organization and clarity of the proposal; and 3) qualifications of the student to conduct the proposed work. Each applicant must be a student member of the AAG and the CGSG at the time of the award, and the proposed project should be part of her/his thesis or dissertation research. This year's awards will be made at \$500 for the PhD level and \$250 for the MA level; they may not be made if proposals are deemed not suitable. Entries undergo review by the specialty group's Executive Committee. A complete application must be sent electronically (.doc, .pdf or .rtf formats; please no .docx) to Chris Post, CGSG Awards Chair, at cpost2@kent.edu no later than **December 11, 2009**. This earlier date allows timely notification for award recipients to make any necessary summer research travel plans.

The application is available on the Cultural Geography Specialty Group website: <http://cultural.missouri.edu/>. The application consists of a cover page, proposal, an itemized budget, and a one-page synopsis of the curriculum vitae. The proposal should present the research question, outline the methods and data employed, and summarize the expected results and significance of the project.

In lieu of an electronic submission, applicants may also opt to send **FOUR** hard copies of the application package by snail mail to Chris Post, CGSG Awards Committee Chair, Kent State University – Stark Campus, 427 Main Hall, 6000 Frank Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720, USA. Phone: (330) 244-3427.

The winners of the competition will be contacted on or about February 1, 2010, and the competition results will be announced at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Washington, D.C, during the CGSG Marquee Address/Business Meeting. Please address questions or requests for clarification to Chris Post via email or phone.

Cultural Geography Specialty Group 2010 Research Grant Competition Application Instructions

Eligibility: Applicant must be enrolled in a Master's or Ph.D. program in Geography at an institution of higher education. The proposed research must be an integral part of ongoing research towards the Master's or PhD degree. The applicant must be a member of the Cultural Geography Specialty Group at the time of the award.

Award Amount: \$500 for PhD and \$250 for MA

Award Deadline: December 11, 2009

Application Directions:

- 1.** Complete the Research Grant Application Form, which has fields for the proposal and budgetary information. The application is available on the Cultural Geography Specialty Group website (<http://cultural.missouri.edu>).
- 2.** Provide a one-page synopsis of your curriculum vitae.
- 3.** Email all materials to Chris Post at Kent State University – Stark Campus (cpost2@kent.edu) by December 11, 2009.

The award recipient will be required to give a brief report detailing how this award helped in their research (in writing if not present) at the annual CGSG business meeting (when the award is given) during the 2010 AAG Conference in Washington, D.C.

**Cultural Geography Specialty Group
2010 Research Grant Competition**
Application Form
(Please type in the fields provided.)

Name:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Phone (day):

Phone (evening):

Institution Affiliation:

Department:

Degree Sought:

Year in Program:

Title of Proposal:

Advisor's Name:

Advisor's Email Address:

Advisor's Phone Number:

In approximately 250 words (given the space below; the field may automatically adjust), please list the work you have completed towards your Master's or Ph.D. degree with corresponding dates where applicable. Include courses taken that relate to your thesis/dissertation topic, background research completed, time that you have already spent at your research site, contacts you have made in regards to your thesis/dissertation, and conferences you have attended that relate to your research topic.

In approximately 500 words (given the space below; the field may automatically adjust), please provide a concise description of your proposal: research context, inspirations, question(s)/goal(s), methods, expected results, and significance.

Please provide an itemized budget of research expenses you anticipate for the project period. Provide a brief explanation for how the CGSG research grant will be used. Include other grant money applied for or received, and the personal funds you plan to contribute (if applicable).