OVERVIEW

The Lourdes Benería Award, established in Academic Year 2018-19, supports the Latin American Studies Program in the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies at Cornell University to provide $1500 summer research grants to two graduate students. Their research is to significantly addresses and/or inform the two areas of Lourdes Benería’s life-long academic interests: gender and/or city and regional planning in Latin America. The first awards will be given for research in the Summer of 2019.

The award is for graduate students—including both Ph.D. and professional Masters degree students—across the humanities, social sciences, international development, as well as architecture and planning. It primarily for students in the early years of their graduate programs (i.e., pre-A-exam for doctoral students). Researchers can examine historical, contemporary, or future conditions.

The funds may be used for expenses related to fieldwork at one or more sites in Latin America or the Caribbean. It is expected that applicants will have applied for additional travel support (eg. airfare) from the Einaudi Center or other sources.
LOURDES BENERÍA RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION

The Latin American Studies Program (LASP) awards a small number of Lourdes Benería Awards for summer field research in Latin America or the Caribbean. These grants are for travel and field expenses directly related to dissertation or project paper research, not conference travel. Recipients must be enrolled (full-time or In Absentia) in a graduate (MA/MS, MFA, MPH, MRP, MPS, DMS, JSD or PhD) degree program and be registered at the time of the award.

CHECKLIST AND INSTRUCTIONS

☐ Description of research project. Write and attach a one-page description of the research project. See below.
☐ Itinerary. List your proposed itinerary in the space below.
☐ Budget. Attach a budget statement including the information requested below.
☐ Complete the form below. All information on this form, excluding signatures, should be printed or typed. For more information, contact the Latin American Studies (LASP) Office at (607) 255-1468.
☐ Signatures. Have your committee chairperson and field DGS sign the form.
☐ Return this completed form to the Latin American Studies (LASP) Office, 190-C URIS Hall, by February 12, 2020.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

____________________  _____________ _______________________
Cornell ID number   NetID                                 E-mail address
____________________________________ _______________________ ____
Last name       First name    MI

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Academic program (Field)    Degree program

Telephone Number: __________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________

DEGREE-RELATED INFORMATION

Date of first registration in Graduate School: ____________________________
Date of A Exam, passed or scheduled (if PhD Student): ____________________
Date you expect to complete your degree program: _________________________
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Latin American Studies Program
Lourdes Benería Award

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Which of the following award criteria will your research include:

__ Gender
__ City and regional planning

Attach a one-page description of the research project that clearly states your research topic and explains how it addresses questions of gender and/or planning in Latin America. Also explain why this research needs to be undertaken at the proposed location at the proposed time. These are competitive grants; applications should make a clear link between the proposed field research and the student’s degree objectives. Applications which fail to present a compelling justification for the proposed project will be at a significant disadvantage. Awards are to fund trips of at least one month in duration. Applications that are essentially full semester funding requests will not be considered. Requests from prior recipients will be given lower priority.

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Location: __________________________________________________
Duration of stay: __________________________
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Duration of stay: __________________________

BUDGET STATEMENT

Attach an itemized budget, showing expenditures for food, lodging, transportation, data acquisition, and any other categories for each segment of your itinerary. Please note that the Lourdes Benería Award seeks to award a maximum number of grants from limited funds. For this reason, students are encouraged to submit requests that reflect careful budgeting. For example, applicants should use public transportation, plan on preparing their own meals whenever possible, and secure modest accommodations. Research travel grants are not intended to act as full fellowships.
RESEARCH WITH HUMAN PARTICIPANTS

___This project will involve research with human participants as defined by Cornell policy (See the decision tree at: http://www.irb.cornell.edu/documents/Decision%20Tree%20%20August%202013%20.pdf) Research activities may not commence until the researcher receives a written letter of approval from Cornell’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) or a notice of exemption from IRB review. Submit a completed application to Cornell’s IRB for review at http://www.irb.cornell.edu. Contact the IRB office if you need assistance (irbhp@cornell.edu).

___This will not involve research with human participants

___This project does not involve use of live vertebrate animals for research, teaching or testing.

I attest that the above information is true and accurate concerning my research program for which I intend to use the funds if awarded.

__________________________________________
Student Signature

__________________________________________  ____________________________
First Name     MI    Last Name

SIGNATURES / APPROVALS

By signing this form you are indicating support for the proposed research travel and approval of the student’s prepared budget.

__________________________________________  __________________
Chairperson signature             Date

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DGS signature              Date