Purpose

The Clark Center endeavors to promote research by faculty and graduate students on Australia and New Zealand. In furtherance of this objective, it offers small grants to visiting scholars in varying amounts.

Eligibility Criteria

The Clark Center welcomes proposals that satisfy the criteria outlined below. This program is open to faculty and graduate students from around the world who are affiliated with institutions of higher education and who seek to visit UT-Austin in order to use primary materials located on campus, such as those maintained by the Harry Ransom Center or the LBJ Presidential Library, or to work closely on a defined research project with a faculty member at UT-Austin.

Funding Criteria

Funds must be used directly by faculty and graduate students to advance knowledge and understanding of Australian or New Zealand politics and society, culture and literature, economics and business. Grants are intended to facilitate research in Australia or New Zealand or facilitate research collaboration with academics based in Australia or New Zealand. Research may focus exclusively on Australia or New Zealand, or it may treat either country in comparative context. Where appropriate, award recipients are responsible for complying with IRB rules.

Examples of competitive applications include those that propose projects that will enable a graduate student to fulfill a degree requirement or make progress on their dissertations as well as projects by faculty and/or graduate students that will result in publication of the research.

These funds are intended to support the expense of visiting UT-Austin. They do not in and of themselves confer an official visitor status on their recipients. Scholars will need to work with the relevant University departments, centers, etc. in order to obtain permission to use their resources.

Submission Instructions

Complete all areas of the Applicant Information Form. Provide a Project Information Statement, a Budget Information Statement, a current CV, and a letter from the applicant’s home institution that confirms his/her status as graduate student or as a member of that institution’s faculty for the period in which funds are being requested.
For applicants who seek to use materials at UT-Austin, applications must also include written notice from the entity that administers those resources confirming that the applicant will have access to the requested materials.

For applicants who seek to work with a member of the faculty at UT-Austin, applications must also include a letter from that faculty member that explains the nature of their collaboration and the value of the visiting scholar’s presence on campus.

Submit proposals as a single PDF file to the Clark Center for Australian & New Zealand Studies at evanscaser@austin.utexas.edu.

Graduate students must also secure two letters of recommendation from faculty, at least one of whom must be based at UT-Austin. Letter writers should have direct and substantial familiarity with the student’s work, especially with the proposed project and its relationship to the applicant’s program of study. They should send their letters of recommendation directly to the Center at evanscaser@austin.utexas.edu.

**Post-Award Obligations**

Faculty and students who accept awards agree to: (1) provide a report not later than three weeks after the funds have been expended that summarizes the research efforts undertaken and how they aided the recipient’s professional development, including but not limited to publications, conference presentations, and satisfying degree requirements; (2) acknowledge the Clark Center’s support in any publications that emanate from the funded research; (3) notify the Clark Center of any such publications in a timely fashion; and (4) allow the Clark Center to publicize the research in various media outlets, including but not limited to the Clark Center’s website, its newsletter, and its Facebook page.

**Deadline and Notification**

Applications are accepted and processed on a rolling basis until the available funds are depleted. Applicants can expect to receive decisions on their applications within four weeks of their submission.
The University of Texas at Austin
College of Liberal Arts

Edward A. Clark Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies
Visiting Scholar Grant Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: ____________________________________________________________

Submission Date: ____________________________

Applicant’s Institutional Affiliation: (please be specific)

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Project Title: _____________________________________________________________

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Visit Timeline/Dates: ____________________________

UT-Austin Resources to be Used: (please be specific)

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UT-Austin Faculty Collaborator: (name and title)

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Funding requested via the Clark Center: $______________

Funding to be obtained from other sources: $______________

Total funding visit requires: $______________

For Graduate Students Only:

Letter Writer 1: (name, title, and institutional affiliation)

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Letter Writer 2: (name, title, and institutional affiliation)

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PROJECT INFORMATION STATEMENT

Provide a succinct description of your project and its goals that includes (1) information about why/how the project advances knowledge and understanding of Australia or New Zealand; (2) who is involved in the project (individuals, companies, other universities, etc.) and their roles; (3) specifies how funds will be used or applied to meet project goals; (4) mentions any previous research in and/or published material about Australia or New Zealand you have conducted or produced; and (5) indicates publication plans for the research. Graduate students should indicate how the funding will enable them to fulfill a degree requirement or make progress on their dissertations. Maximum length: 3 pages, double-spaced.

BUDGET INFORMATION STATEMENT

Provide a line-item budget for your project. Include the total project cost; specify the amount being requested from the Clark Center and the amount(s) of funding obtained or sought from other sources (identify specific line items as appropriate).