Clark Center Funding Programs

The Clark Center operates two small grants programs each year— one for faculty and graduate students affiliated with UT-Austin and another for faculty and graduate students who wish to visit UT-Austin. For both programs, applications that posit a well-defined project that is feasible and likely to result in a publication or fulfill a requirement for a graduate program enjoy a higher likelihood of success. Grants typically do not exceed $5,000, but all requests will be considered. Direct inquiries to Dr. Rhonda Evans at revans@austin.utexas.edu.

Small Grants Program: UT-Austin Faculty and Graduate Students

Eligibility Criteria

The Clark Center welcomes proposals that satisfy all criteria outlined below. All full-time faculty and graduate students affiliated with UT-Austin are eligible to apply. Those affiliated with the College of Liberal Arts, in which the Center is located, may receive added consideration. There are no restrictions as to academic discipline, and interdisciplinary applications are welcome.

Funding Criteria

Funds must be used directly by faculty and/or graduate students to advance knowledge and understanding of some aspect of Australia or New Zealand, including but not limited to Australian or New Zealand politics and society, culture and literature, economics and business, or law and policy. 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.

Applications from those seeking funding for fieldwork should demonstrate that they have well-thought out plans for their research, including identification of appropriate sites, interview subjects, and/or materials and awareness of the arrangements that must be made to obtain access to those sites, interview subjects, and/or materials. Where appropriate, grant 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.

Deadline and Notification

Applications are received on a rolling basis each fiscal year until all funds allocated to the Program have been expended. Applicants can expect to receive decisions by email no later than three weeks from the Clark Center’s receipt of their applications.
Submission Instructions

Application materials can be found below. Complete all areas of the Applicant Information Form. Provide a Project Information Statement, a Budget Information Statement, and a copy of a current CV. Submit proposals as a single PDF file to Dr. Rhonda Evans at revans@austin.utexas.edu.

Graduate students must 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. They should send their letters of recommendation directly to the Center at revans@austin.utexas.edu.

Applicants who seek to visit another university for purposes of collaboration with a member of the faculty based there must secure a letter of support from that faculty member. That letter should be sent directly to the Dr. Rhonda Evans at revans@austin.utexas.edu by the letter writer.

Only complete applications will be considered.

Post-Grant Obligations

Faculty and students who accept grants agree to:

(1) upon accepting the grant, provide a recent photo of themselves, a bio, and a description of the project. These materials will be posted the Clark Center’s website.

(2) no later than three weeks after the funds have been expended, provide a report 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;

(3) acknowledge the Clark Center’s support in any publications that emanate from the funded research;

(4) notify the Clark Center of any such publications in a timely fashion; and

(5) allow the Clark Center to publicize the research in various media outlets, including but not limited to the Clark Center’s website, its promotional publications, and its social media.
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applicant Information Form  

Project Information Statement  

Budget Information Statement  

Current CV  

Letter of Support from Collaborator secured (if required)  

Letters of Recommendation secured (if required)  

Those writing letters of recommendation for graduate-students or letters of support for collaborators should submit their letters directly to Dr. Rhonda Evans at revans@austin.utexas.edu.
APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Applicant Name: __________________________ Submission Date: ______________

Applicant Department/Affiliation: ____________________________________________

Project Title: ______________________________________________________________

Project Timeline/Dates: _______________________________________________________

Project Location(s): __________________________________________________________

Funding requested via the Clark Center: $ ______________

Funding to be obtained from other sources: $ ______________

Total funding required: $ ______________

Letters of Recommendation (graduate students only):

Letter Writer 1: 

Letter Writer 2:

Letter of Support from Collaborator (if required):

Letter Writer:
**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 some aspect 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 on the subject; 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, specify amount(s) of funding obtained or sought from other sources (identify specific line items as appropriate) as well as the identities of those other funding sources.