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: Visiting Scholars

Eligibility Criteria

The Visiting Scholar Grant Program is open to faculty and graduate students from around the world who are affiliated with accredited institutions of higher education and who seek to visit UT-Austin in order to use 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 Australia or New Zealand, such as Australian or New Zealand politics and society, culture and literature, economics and business, or law and policy. Research may focus exclusively on Australia or New Zealand, or it may treat either country in comparative context. Examples of competitive applications include those that propose projects that will enable a graduate student to fulfill degree requirements or make progress on his or her dissertation as well as projects by faculty and/or graduate students that will result in publication of the research.

Grants are intended to facilitate research at UT-Austin or facilitate research collaboration with academics based at UT-Austin. For those seeking to make use of resources at UT-Austin, applicants should: (1) clearly explain why travel to UT-Austin is necessary, (2) describe the specific resources that they intend to use while at UT-Austin, (3) demonstrate that those materials are, in fact, available for use, and, (4) explain the value of those resources to their research. Applicants that seek to collaborate with faculty based at UT-Austin must secure a letter of support from their collaborators.

A successful grant application does not confer official Visiting Scholar status on a recipient. Grant recipients will need to work with relevant University departments, centers, etc. in order to obtain Visiting Scholar status and/or access University resources. Where appropriate, grant recipients are solely responsible for complying with IRB rules.
**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 here 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 that have direct and substantial familiarity with the student’s work, especially with the proposed project. Letters of recommendation should be sent by their authors directly to the Center at revans@austin.utexas.edu.

Applicants who seek to visit UT-Austin for purposes of collaboration with a member of the UT-Austin faculty 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.
The University of Texas at Austin
College of Liberal Arts
Edward A. Clark Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies

Visiting Scholar Small Grants Application

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 or letters of support on behalf of applicants 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 UT-based Collaborator (if required):

Letter Writer: __________________________________________________________________
PROJECT INFORMATION STATEMENT

Provide a succinct description of your project and its goals that:

(1) describes why and how the project advances knowledge and understanding of some aspect of Australia or New Zealand;

(2) identifies 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) explains how and why travel to UT-Austin is necessary to advance the project, specifying UT-Austin resources to be used and/or identifying UT-Austin-based collaborators or research communities to be engaged;

(5) mentions any previous research in and/or published material about Australia or New Zealand you have conducted or produced on the subject; and

(6) 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.