CFP: Brazil-Sustainability Initiative Seed Funding

The Behner Stiefel Center for Brazilian Studies is pleased to announce the Brazil-Sustainability Seed Funding competition. Funding is available for SDSU faculty seeking to develop or advance research projects in Brazil related to sustainability, climate change, and environmental justice. Awards are available for up to $7,500.

The funding is intended to support preliminary research to improve competitiveness for external funding and/or complete publications. Faculty can propose to conduct field research or bring a Brazil-based research collaborator to the SDSU campus for a sustained period of collaboration. Funds may also be used for research assistance.

Evaluation criteria for Brazil-Sustainability Initiative Seed Funding is as follows:
• Significance of the project in advancing research on Brazil and sustainability
• Qualifications of the applicant in the area of investigation
• Probability of leading to refereed publications, exhibitions, or performances
• Likelihood of obtaining extramural funding
• Alignment of project with Center for Brazilian Studies mission and objectives
• All other factors being equal, priority will be given to those using their disciplinary expertise to work in Brazil for the first time.

Application Package
1. Applicant Information (see next page)
2. Abstract in lay terminology (150-word maximum)
3. Project Description and work plan (1000-word maximum including references)
4. List of 3 target external funding opportunities that can fund the project in the future and/or details on publication plans
5. Experience and Qualifications (350-word maximum)
6. Itemized Budget and Budget Justification

Submissions
All Unit 3 faculty in all San Diego State University units, regardless of rank, are strongly encouraged to apply: Lecturers, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and Full Professors.

Deadline
All applications should be submitted as a single PDF to kbivona@sdsu.edu by December 15th, 2022. Please note “Brazil-Sustainability Initiative Seed Funding” in the subject line. Awardees will be notified prior to the start of spring semester.
Instructions for Seed Funding Application:

- Complete each section of this application on separate page.
- Do not exceed word limit; use no less than 12 point font.
- Proposals must conform to word limits and be complete.
- Proposals due February 1, 2021

1. Applicant Information (Incomplete applications will not be processed):

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Agreement: Your signature below acknowledges that, if your proposal is funded, you agree that:

- The project will likely be completed during the academic year or summer period. You may request one (1) extension of your award period, with justification, from the Center for Brazilian Studies. Decisions for extension will be made on a case-by-case basis, and are final;
- Departures from limits indicated in the budget section must be approved by the Center for Brazilian Studies.
- You are responsible for monitoring your budget to avoid overrun, and are responsible for any expenditures not covered by the budget; and
- You are responsible for obtaining all necessary visas, permits, human subjects approvals and other documentation necessary for a successful project.
- You also agree to submit a progress report when requested. Any intellectual property developed in conjunction with the CBS must be disclosed to the University in accordance with the SDSU Intellectual Property, Copyrights, Trademarks, and Trade Secrets, and Patent Policies, found at [http://senate.sdsu.edu/policy/policy_file.pdf](http://senate.sdsu.edu/policy/policy_file.pdf).

Applicant’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: _______________________

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2. Abstract in lay terminology (maximum of 150 words):

3. Project Description (maximum 1000 words including references):
   ● Research Grants: Provide a description of the proposed project and the methodology using lay terminology so the project can be understood by those not trained in your discipline. Include project objectives, timelines, background and references. Address the significance of the project in advancing research on Brazil and sustainability and summarize work completed to date. Identify where you anticipate the results of the research/scholarly activity will be disseminated (e.g., publication, performance, convention paper, application for further funding, exhibition) if applicable. Indicate whether any intellectual property may be developed in conjunction with this project (for guidance contact the SDSU Technology Transfer Office at (619) 594-0516). If proposing to bring collaborator(s), please also explain how the visit will advance your research and competitiveness for extramural funding.

4. List of 3 target external funding opportunities that can fund the project in the future and/or details on publication plans

5. Experience and Qualifications (maximum 350 words): Provide a brief description of relevant experience that qualifies you to complete the proposed research (do not attach your curriculum vitae). Disclose any UGP and other university awards and all external funding relevant to the project. (If for other projects, please omit.)

6. Budget: Provide a detailed budget showing specific amounts requested.

   **Authorized Expenses:**
   ● Approved expenses include transportation and expenses incidental to field work or travel to special libraries, collections, laboratories. Automobile mileage and food per diems should be listed at current Research Foundation per diem rates.

   Budget Justification (maximum 350 words): Provide justification for travel, supplies, or other expenses related to the proposed project.