

CIAMS Research Grants - Spring 2017 Round

Deadline for Application: Friday, March 17, 2017

The Cornell Institute of Archaeology and Material Studies (CIAMS) calls for applications for support towards high-quality research projects by faculty or graduate students in any areas of archaeology and material studies. Applications can be by an individual or a group. Only faculty members of CIAMS and graduate students who are members of CIAMS at the time of application are eligible to apply. Applications should seek either funding for specific small projects or partial funding towards larger projects. Applications should request less than \$3500, and there is no minimum amount.

In the event of equally qualified and ranked applications, then (i) those by graduate students will be favored, and (ii) those requesting smaller amounts will be favored. Only one application in each funding round as the principal/lead investigator (PI) is allowed. If the research project is part of a larger project run by a CIAMS faculty member, the faculty member should be listed as Co-PI in the application. In future, if a previous award has been held, a future application can only be made if satisfactory reporting has been completed for the previous award.

Please note:

- The CIAMS research grants are aimed primarily to support research and NOT travel. The Hirsch fund is the place to apply for travel and related support.
- All applications by a graduate student MUST be accompanied by a letter from their Committee chair (if they have one) or a CIAMS faculty member which (i) explains how this project relates to the student's goals and their progress at Cornell, and (ii) comments on the merits of the application.
- Where a grant is used to purchase equipment (or other item that resides somewhere – like software) then the equipment or items – if of value \$200 or more – is to be the property of CIAMS and given to CIAMS after the use under the grant awarded.

Applications should address the following two points explicitly:

1. Set out in plain non-technical language the **academic rationale** for the project, its relevance, methods, and explain why it should be supported and how/why the applicants can successfully carry out the project. Maximum 2 pages (Letter) with minimum 1" margins all around, 10 point font, and single line spacing – including any and all references, figures, etc. Write this document aimed at educated general readers – convince them of the relevance/importance of your project – avoid technical language/terms and jargon.
2. Set out and **justify the budget** requested – maximum 1 page (same layout limits). If a standalone small project, then this budget is for the entire project. If the application is to support a larger project, then explain the amount requested and how it fits into the larger project and its budget and name the sources of the rest of the funding and when decisions on this other funding will be known. Funding in such a case would be contingent on the applicant(s) confirming that they have secured sufficient funding for the project (overall) to go ahead. If a seed funding application, then treat as stand alone, but a condition of the award is submission of an external funding application within 12 months of receipt of the award (failure by an applicant(s) to so submit such a subsequent application would be penalized by ineligibility to apply for further funding until such an application is made). Payment of funds will require evidence of receipts/invoices.

To apply: send your completed application electronically to CIAMS Assistant Director Katie Jarriel (kmj72@cornell.edu) by **Friday, March 17 (by 5 pm)**. Decisions to be made by early April 2017. Expenditure to occur within 9 months of award (otherwise void unless special exemption applied for).