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Call for Proposals
University of California, Davis

2020

Blum Center Summer Fellows Award
POVERTY ALLEVIATION THROUGH ACTION (PATA)

A program to fund <u>undergraduate</u> student fieldwork to reduce global poverty

The **Blum Center for Developing Economies - Global Learning Hub/Global Affairs**, in a joint initiative with the **College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, College of Biological Sciences, College of Engineering, and College of Letters and Sciences** is offering grants to <u>undergraduate</u> students.

Poverty Alleviation Through Action (PATA) is a grants program administered by the UC Davis Blum Center for Developing Economies (website: https://blum.ucdavis.edu/). The PATA grants program offers partial funding to pursue fieldwork on poverty alleviation and/or inequality, preferentially but not exclusively, in a developing country.

Background:
The Blum Center for Developing Economies was established in 2011 and seeks to engage the UC Davis campus in finding creative, tangible and sustainable solutions for alleviating global poverty. Our work is in four strategic areas: Education, Engagement, Sustainability, and Research.

Application deadline: March 15, 2020 by 11:59PM

Grant Focus:

PATA grant funds are used for travel-related costs associated with project fieldwork. Successful projects will be innovative, practical and involve hands-on fieldwork that serves to reduce poverty or inequality around the globe. **Fieldwork must be for a <u>minimum</u> of 4 weeks.**

A strong proposal will clearly indicate how the project is related to poverty alleviation and will have a budget that seems appropriate. Additionally, a solid proposal will demonstrate the feasibility and sustainability of your project, and it will clearly demonstrate how the expected outcome will help improve the livelihood of the helped community. It will identify the specific context within which the fieldwork will be conducted (e.g., the country or countries, local community, and the socio-economic status of those most impacted by the project work). In addition, successful proposals will outline project goals, the work to be completed, and the anticipated concrete outcomes. All proposals must have a local partner in-country from a public, private or government organization (e.g., non-profit organization, local government agency, federal agency, or private company). **A UC Davis faculty mentor/advisor is required.**

Funding Available:

PATA grants are limited to a maximum of $2,500 for fieldwork completed preferably in the summer months, June to September, 2020. Grant funds can be used for travel-related expenses, including airfare, lodging, local transportation, vaccines, passport and visas.

Eligibility:

PATA grants are offered to highly motivated <u>undergraduate</u> students enrolled and in good standing at UC Davis.

Considerations:

The Blum Center adheres to the UC Davis Principles of Community (http://occr.ucdavis.edu/poc/). We affirm the inherent dignity in all of us, the right of freedom of expression, and reject all manifestations of discrimination. These principles apply both on and off campus, including when working abroad. Students should note that campus policy requires students applying for UC Davis Blum Center grant funding abide by applicable Federal and State laws, including those establishing the separation of church and state. As a result, eligible field experiences must not involve engaging in religious instruction, conducting worship services, providing instruction as part of a program that includes mandatory religious instruction or worship, constructing or operating facilities devoted to religious instruction or worship, maintaining facilities devoted to religious instruction or worship, or engaging in any form of religious proselytization.

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Award Notification:

Successful applicants will be notified by May 2020. Fieldwork **must** be completed during the summer months of June, July, August and/or September 2020, unless permission is granted in writing for an extension or for an alternative date.

Funds must be fully expended by: September 30, 2020, unless written permission for an extension is obtained in advance.

Award Requirements:
Acceptance of a Blum Center PATA grant is agreement to complete and meet the following commitments:

1) **Required**: Awardees must be available, register and complete the UC Davis spring quarter 2-unit seminar entitled "Global Practice: Preparing to Work Abroad" (Science & Society 190x). This course can serve for general education credit. Applicants do not need to enroll in this Spring course in advance. Only awarded Blum Fellows will attend this preparatory seminar.

2) **Required:** Awardees must submit at least three blog posts with accompanying photos. At least 10 digital photos taken during the trip and included in your report are required. Blogs can be submitted while preparing to work abroad, in the field, or immediately upon return. Blogs are posted to the Blum Center blog (see: blumcenter-ucdavis.blogspot.com).

3) **Required**: Upon return (within 5 business days), awardees will complete and submit a travel expense report (present an excel spreadsheet indicating each expense, the amount in the local currency, and the amount converted into US dollars. All receipts must be scanned and submitted to Lili Larson (lklarson@ucdavs.edu) by email along with the excel spreadsheet.

4) **Required:** No later than 2 months after completing the project (i.e., by or before November 31, 2020), awardees will complete a field report (at least 10 pages in length, double spaced with 12 pt font or equivalent), which outlines the scope of the project, any outcomes achieved, analysis of successes and failures, and reflection on what awardees learned from his/her field experience.

5) **Required:** Answer a Blum Center Survey and participate in a Grantees Reunion to discuss the outcomes of the project.

IMPORTANT: awardees must certify with Student Accounting that there are no balances owed to the University (debts) prior to receiving the grant amount. Per University policy, funds available in the account go towards debts. That means that grant funds allocated to the account would automatically go towards debts, which is not allowed by the Blum Center's program. The student is solely responsible to ensure that his/her University account will receive the total amount of Blum grant funds without issues, so that the student can utilize the entirety of the funds on the project. In case Blum grants go towards existing debts, the

student will be obligated to reimbursing the Blum Center accordingly, knowing that these funds are not supposed to be expended on items unrelated to the selected project.

Should you become a Blum Fellow, the Blum Center and supporting Undergraduate College must be mentioned as the funding sources in all eventual publications or references to your project. The Blum Center and Undergraduate College shall be informed accordingly and receive copies when appropriate.

PLEASE NOTE: it is **your responsibility** to determine if your project includes "Human Subjects Research". If so, you are responsible for ensuring that all IRB approvals, if necessary, have been obtained <u>before</u> work on your project begins. NO FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR ANY PART OF YOUR PROJECT if verification in the form of the review letter from IRB has not been received by the Blum Center.

See UC Davis IRB requirements: https://research.ucdavis.edu/policiescompliance/irb-admin/

Application Content:
A complete application includes all of the following submitted online, through the application system:

　　　1) Completion of the travel grant application form (see below).
　　　2) Estimated budget (up to $2,500).
　　　3) One letter of recommendation, preferably from someone who can speak of your academic or professional experience (**Note:** you must upload the letter through the system as part of your application packet. Lose letters sent to the Center will not be considered. An application packet missing a recommendation letter will not be accepted).
　　　4) One letter from the organization that is hosting you while you are working on your project. The letter must include contact information for those supervising you and indicate that you have been accepted and will be working on this project.
　　　5) Current resume.
　　　6) Contact information for your faculty advisor for this project.

Submit complete application through the Blum Center website:
http://blum.ucdavis.edu/grants

Go to Undergraduate: Poverty Alleviation Through Action (PATA) – Learn more – Submit application here

　For questions, please contact Lili Larson, Executive Director, UC Davis Blum Center:
lklarson@ucdavis.edu

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Want to apply for the grant and work abroad, but would like help finding a non-governmental organization with which you can partner? Please refer to the UC Davis website – homepage – NGOs Directory for a list of organizations and contact information.

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Poverty Alleviation Through Action - Student Project Grants Program

2020 APPLICATION (to be completed online thorugh the Blum Center website)

Your Project Title:

1. Your Information:

Name:	Email:
Address:	Phone:
Major:	ID #:
Minor:	
College/	
Division:	

2. Project Abstract (<u>maximum</u> of 200 words): *What do you plan on doing in the field? How do you think this will help reduce poverty or inequity in the area you are working? Who will this project impact? How will it impact them? What organizations/communities will be benefiting from your project?*

3. Anticipated Results and Outcomes (<u>maximum</u> of 1200 words): *What do you think the benefits of your work will be? Who specifically do you think will benefit? How will you know?*

4. Estimated Budget (project grants will be issued for funding up to $2,500 and likely will not cover all of

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your trip costs. Any costs incurred above and beyond the grant limit of $2,500 will not be covered). *Provide a brief itemized budget. Note: Grant funds can cover such items as airfare, transportation, and lodging. Not all of these items need to be included in your estimate if they don't apply or you don't need funds for them.* ***ALSO NOTE: TUITION, SCHOOL FEES, AND PERSONAL ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE BUDGET ITEMS.***

Budget Items
Airfare (*Airline travel can be booked through any site, flight receipts will be required)*:
Transportation:
Lodging:
Other (please specify as only a limited number of travel related items can be covered):
TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET:

5. Timeframe for Project Completion (Must be for a minimum of 4 weeks). *The dates in which project funds need to be utilized must be from June through September 30, 2020, unless you have written permission from the Blum Center for extension or other travel dates not in the summer*:

6. Community and Country or Countries. *Indicate where you will be working, preferably international, but could be domestic if the issues you are working on are poverty alleviation and/or inequity in an underserved population:*

7. Additional Team Members Accompanying You. *If applicable, list others who are working with you on this project, including first and last name as well as their affiliation, department or college). Add lines if you need more spaces:*

First name	Last name	UC Davis and/or other affiliation
1.		
2.		
3.		

8. ONE Letter of Support. *Below identify the name and affiliation of the person who you have asked to submit a letter of support). Note: it is your responsibility to upload this letter by the deadline*:

First name	Last name	Affilation
1.		

9. ONE Letter from the Host Organization. *Below identify the name and affiliation of the person who is writing to inform us of the acceptance of you working on this project. Please include name, affiliation and contact information.* Note: *it is your responsibility to upload this letter by the deadline*:

First name	Last name	Affiliation	Email	Phone Number
1.				

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10. Contact information for your UC Davis faculty advisor for this project. *Below identify the name, email and department of the UC Davis faculty member who is serving as your advisor and will be working with you as a mentor on this project)*:

First name	Last name	Department	Email	Phone Number
1.				