



INFORMATION SESSION

# ROHATYN CENTER INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS



# QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK YOURSELF

- Do you have a topic you are super passionate about and want to do on-the-ground research?
- Do you want to do original research for your senior work?
- Do you want to do research while you are studying abroad?

# Summer International Research Grant

- Who can apply:
  - **Regs** need to conduct research between their junior and senior year
  - **Febs** need to conduct research between their two junior semesters or their two senior semesters
- Do I have to be a social science or humanities major?  
**ANSWER: NO. ANY MAJOR CAN APPLY**
- Maximum award is \$4,500

**DEADLINE: MARCH 31**

# What are we looking for?

- strength of research design
- degree of preparation for proposed work
- candidate's academic record to date
- feasibility of research project
- the need for overseas research to bring it to successful completion
- research in a foreign language, while desirable, is not a necessity

## Past grant recipients:

- **Alaa Abdelfattah '17 | Cairo, Egypt**  
Writing a Fictional Story about the Egyptian Revolution
- **Jacob Faber '16.5 | Québec, Canada**  
The (Green?) Machine(s?) in the Garden: Sustainable development and social equity in Eeyou Istchee-James Bay, Québec
- **Amir Firestone '17 | Berlin, Germany**  
Refugee Integration through Collaborative Cooking Projects: Capital in exchange
- **Jordan Killen '17 | Marinaleda, Spain**  
Modeling Social Democracy: Freedom, land, and the solidarity of the struggle in an Andalusian communist utopia

# Study Abroad Research Grants

- Who can apply: anyone who plans to study abroad
- Do I have to be a social science or humanities major?  
**ANSWER: NO. ANY MAJOR CAN APPLY**
- Grants range from \$1,000 to \$2,800
- Must have faculty mentor advising project

DEADLINE	SEMESTER ABROAD
OCTOBER 17	SPRING
MARCH 31	Following FALL, SPRING, OR YEAR

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## Past grant recipients:

- **Caroline Agsten '17 | Beijing & Shanghai, China**  
*China's Gendered Parks: Unpacking the relationship between gender roles and public parks in Beijing and Shanghai*
- **Rubi Andres '17 | Amman, Jordan**  
*Is Jordan Still Palestine? The reflection of nationalism in the formation of a Jordanian dialect*
- **Rachel Iacono '17.5 | Berlin, Germany**  
*The Evolution of "Willkommenskultur": The transformation of Germany's attitudes towards mass migration*
- **Karma Lama '17 | India**  
*The Paradox of Pollution and Purity in the Ganges River*
- **Qingying Wang '17 | Paris, France**  
*Power, Art or Identity: A study on French gardens during the seventeenth and eighteenth century*
- **William Weightman '17 | Chengdu, China**  
*The Political Economy of Income Inequality in China: Historical trends and local policy solutions From Rousseau's A Discourse on Inequality to Piketty's Capital in the Twenty-First Century*



Karma Lama  
visiting Jama Masjid in Delhi, India



Jordan Killen  
Casa de Cultura | Marinaleda, Spain





Grace Monk  
Valapariso, Chile

# Padma Desai Grants in Russia

- Can use this grant for a research project or internship
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## Past grant recipients:

- Brenna Christensen '17 | Tartu, Estonia & Moscow, Russia  
*The Legacy of Soviet Psychiatric Abuse*
- Matthew Floyd '17.5 | Tbilisi, Georgia  
*The Use of Georgian Domestic Hydropower to Offset Energy Dependence on Imported Russian Oil*

## YOU NEED:

1. Complete application form
2. 1,000 word research plan
3. Resume/curriculum vitae
4. Unofficial transcript
5. 2 faculty letters of recommendation

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### RCGA SUMMER RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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Name:	
Date:	
Student ID Number:	
Grant Amount:	
Anticipated Graduation:	
Major:	
Campus Address:	
Telephone:	
Email Address:	
Nationality:	
Title/Brief Synopsis of your proposal:	
Names of your faculty recommenders:	
Research destination(s) with estimated dates and approximate lengths of stay:	
Languages of your research destination(s) and your proficiency in each:	
Brief description of your career plans:	

## BUDGET FORM

Please print or type neatly in the allotted spaces below.



1. Travel (estimated cost of all air and ground transportation: please break down the aggregate figure below, providing as much detail as possible.)
2. Food and lodging (estimated cost of food and lodging per day multiplied by number of days; please break down the aggregate figure below, providing as much detail as possible.) 
3. Miscellaneous (please break down the aggregate figure below, providing as much detail as possible. Examples of miscellaneous expenses include but are not limited to supplies, entrance/admissions fees, materials acquisition, and visas.)
4. Have you applied or will you be applying for other funding sources for this project? If so, please list all funding sources and requested amount, including but not limited to: student organizations to which you belong, your Commons, fundraising activities, and any personal contributions you will make.
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED (1+2+3):</b>



**Expenditures in each of these categories will vary dramatically from project to project, as well as from location to location.** The RCGA Advisory Committee realizes that many students will be drafting a budget for the first time. We strongly encourage you to consult your faculty recommenders or Charlotte Tate ([tate@middlebury.edu](mailto:tate@middlebury.edu)) with questions about budgetary issues.

**Research Project:**

# Expectations of Grant Recipients

All grant recipients will be required to do the following:

1. Shortly after grant announcement, attend the RCGA overseas research workshop (special arrangements will be made for students studying abroad)
2. By designated deadline following the research, submit a report of no more than 750 words outlining the work accomplished to date
3. in the fall following the research, participate in a meeting to discuss the status of the project
4. complete the thesis or senior project
5. in the final semester, present the results of the research in the Rohatyn Center's public forum



# REMEMBER DEADLINES:

October 17 & March 31

