

**THE PORTUGUESE STUDIES PROGRAM**  
*Institute of European Studies, University of California Berkeley*

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**  
**PSP Student Research/Language Study Awards 2016**  
*Application deadline Tuesday 23 February 2016*

These awards support student research in Portugal or Portuguese studies, and/or attendance at language and language/culture institute summer programs, and are specifically to defray travel costs to Portugal, including the archipelagos of the Azores and Madeira. Travel may be supported to other destinations directly related to research on Portuguese topics, such as travel within North America for research on Portuguese immigrant communities.

These grants are open (on a competitive basis) to all full-time Berkeley students, graduate and undergraduate. Any University of California, Berkeley student, regardless of origin, is eligible to apply for these grants. Fluency in Portuguese is not required to receive a grant, but first preference is given to students who are making progress in a course of study in Portuguese if they are not native speakers. Students in their last year of study are still eligible to apply for study during the summer months immediately following graduation, but preference is given to research leading to a degree. The committee will review the applications and will announce the awards in March. Funds can be used starting from the award date. Awards will normally be \$2500-5000 each. Award amounts will depend on funding available, are only for actual expenses, and in many cases will not cover all costs. Preference is given to proposals to spend a significant length of time in Portugal carrying out a well-thought-out plan of research: normally a minimum of three weeks, but preferably longer to accomplish significant results.

All grant recipients are required to attend an informational meeting (soon after the awards are announced) regarding expectations for their research project, elements more likely to make their project successful, and logistical considerations.

All recipients of PSP travel grants agree to submit (by 31 October) a narrative summary of their research funded by the grant and their experiences conducting the research, along with photos, suitable for posting on the PSP website.

**Faculty letter of recommendation**

Each proposal must be supported by a letter from a member of the faculty who is familiar with your work *or* who will be advising you on your proposed study. The faculty member should send the letter directly to PSP by email (to [psp@berkeley.edu](mailto:psp@berkeley.edu)), identifying it is a letter of recommendation for your proposal. If the letter writer prefers, a signed hard copy can be submitted to PSP, 207 Moses Hall MC#2316, UC Berkeley 94720. In the letter, the faculty recommender should assess the student's overall performance, ability to conduct the research proposed, and knowledge of Portuguese. (Portuguese language skills are a plus but not required.) For applications to attend a language institute, the faculty recommender should report on your progress in learning Portuguese. The letters will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law.

**Proposal Guidelines**

Submit your proposal online at <http://ies-fundingopps.berkeley.edu/psp-research-language>. The submission website has fields in which to enter the information listed below.

***Project title:***

***Name:***

***Student ID number:***

***Email address:***

***Dept/Program of study, yr in program (e.g., PhD History, 2<sup>nd</sup>-yr):***

***Completed (or current) coursework in Portuguese or related subjects:***

*For students applying for a return visit to Portugal, preference will be given to those who have taken (or are taking) Portuguese language courses.*

**Prior PSP funding** (if any):

**For research projects: Concise statement of research topic and study approach.** *State the relevance and significance of your study and its relation to previous work in the topic area. State how the research you propose to accomplish in Portugal relates to your overall thesis/dissertation research. State specifically how you plan to accomplish your goals, what research methods you will use, and what schedule you plan to follow. If you plan to meet/interview people, indicate if you have contacted them already (or your plan to contact them) and whether they have agreed. If your work will require Portuguese collaborators, indicate with whom you have arranged to work and arrangements you have made. If you plan to access archives, confirm that the archives will be open and materials accessible. Include a proposed schedule of activities, including locations, length of time, etc, and indicate Portuguese counterparts with whom you have been in contact. (maximum 2 pages, using 12-pt type and 1-inch margins)*

**For attending a language institute:** *Preference is given to students attending the Summer Session course Portugal: Language and Culture, taught by Dr. Deolinda Adao. If this course is offered and you want to attend another language course, state which institute, why you have chosen it, and your specific learning goals for the summer. (maximum 1 page)*

**Summary of Advanced Courses**

*List all graduate and relevant undergraduate courses, where taken (if not UCB), and grades. (normally less than 1 page)*

**Budget**

*The budget should be specific and can include elements such as:*

*Airfare: US to Portugal/Azores. Up to \$1500 reimbursable per roundtrip airfare*

*Taxis/shuttles/rail*

*Meals/Lodging: \$600/wk maximum for short stays, but we prefer longer stays that permit more in-depth work, and for longer stays normally cheaper monthly rates can be obtained.*

*Other costs such as textbooks, field supplies, photocopying.*

*Other sources of funding are encouraged. The budget should be presented for the entire project and the portion for which PSP funding is requested, if different.*

**Faculty Letter**

*From whom on the faculty (name, email address) have you requested a letter of support?*