

The Weibel-Orlando Undergraduate Anthropology Research Fund

To commemorate her nearly 30 years of research and teaching of ethnographic research skills at USC, Dr. Joan Weibel-Orlando and her husband, Robert A. Orlando, M.D., Ph.D., have established an endowment which will be used expressly to fund undergraduate ethnographic research efforts. To be administered by the Chairperson of the Anthropology Dept, the endowment is to be titled the Weibel-Orlando Undergraduate Ethnographic Research Fund. The Orlandos pledge \$25,000 to establish this account. Future donations to the fund by concerned others are encouraged.

Rules and Regulations

Open to every undergraduate major or minor in anthropology, archaeology or Health and Humanity.

Application through submission of a research proposal which must contain the following information:

Name of student

Student contact numbers and addresses

Name of major

Name of upper division anthropology course in which the student is

- a. enrolled and for which the to be funded field research will be done as partial fulfillment of course work toward a final course grade.
- b. Name of professor who will be teaching that course.

Name of professor who will supervise the field research.

A full description of the proposed field research project.

A theoretical justification of the proposed field research. What anthropological question will it attempt to answer or socioanthropological theory will it attempt to test?

A detailed outline of the research methods and procedures to be used to accomplish the project.

A full budget of projected costs with justifications of any Expenditure over \$100.00

The proposal should be no longer than 5 double-spaced pages and the reference list no longer than 2 double spaced pages.

Grant awards to be determined through a research proposal competition.

One grant of up to \$1,000 will be awarded each spring and summer semester.

The grant recipient will be determined by a panel of Anthropology Department faculty members consisting of one full professor, one associate professor, one assistant professor, the chairperson of the Anthropology Department and Joan Weibel-Orlando, emerita.

Each panel member will be given a copy of each of the submitted proposals and, after having read them, will rank the submissions on a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the best, and so forth). The following four criteria will be given equal weight in making each numerical evaluation:

1. reasonableness of the research plan (field and archival methods and procedures to be employed,
2. depth of the literature review,
3. sophistication of the underlying theoretical basis for the research,
4. reasonableness of the budget defense.

The scores for each submission will, then be tallied and divided by the number of participating faculty judges. The author of the proposal receiving the highest average score will be rewarded the research grant for that semester.

The proposals are to be submitted for review no later than the third week of class each Spring semester. The review panel will meet during the fourth week of classes for a reading of the proposals. The recipient decision will be made and the winner of that semester's award will be notified that week.*

At the end of the semester, the student will present the following products to the review panel:

- a) a copy of the final paper derived from the funded research.
- b) Full accounting of how the grant was actually spent.

The proposal and subsequent final documents will be presented to the current anthropology Department chairperson and archived.

The proposal submission deadline for the Summer, 2009 award is April 15, 2009.

Please give your proposal to one of the Anthropology Department's office staff and ask them to place it in Dr. Weibel-Orlando's departmental mailbox for future review.

For further information contact Dr. Weibel-Orlando at 1-213-422-5451 or weibel@usc.edu.