Dear CSU PCMI Students,

Greetings from CSU! We are very happy to announce a small grants program available to support CSU Masters International students who are currently in the field. For many years we have wished to have a fund for our PCMI students to help defray the costs of conducting a seminar, doing research or carrying out other activities that will support your assignment and your work toward your degree. We have been able to secure a small amount of funding and hope to be able to give several grants each year.

It is our hope that having a source of funding, albeit small, to assist you will allow you to do some things that will enhance your Peace Corps experience. We are also hopeful that having some success stories from our grantees will help us attract additional funding to support future MI students.

The application process is simple and outlined below:

- You may request funds in any amount, but the request may not exceed $500.
- Only CSU Peace Corps Master’s International students are eligible to apply, and no MI student may receive grants from the Office of International Programs that exceed $500 during the duration of their Peace Corps service.
- Funds may support a community project, evaluation or other activity related to your thesis research, portfolio or professional paper.
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and in the order they are received. Funds will be distributed until the year’s allocations are committed.
- After you have used the funds you are required to send us a short email report outlining how the funds were used (with a simple accounting of your expenses), matching funds or contributions you were able to leverage using the grant funds (if any), and the results of the activity. The activities should be completed and reported within six months after receiving the grant, but
extensions may be available with justification. Photos would also be appreciated - we’d love to have you featured on our website.

To apply for the grant, please send us an email describing the proposed project, including:

- Your complete contact information (name, mailing address, telephone, email, country and city of service, etc.)
- A description of what you would like to accomplish with the funds, including the target audience and/or the situation and stakeholders who will benefit from the funds.
- A general timeline for the project.
- A projected budget with general headings of what will be purchased with the funds.
- A short statement of how the money will contribute to your master’s research, portfolio or professional paper.
- How funds can best be transferred to you, should you be selected.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. We look forward to hearing from you, and about the projects that you are undertaking in the field! Please submit your proposals to Karen Gardenier in the Office of International Programs at Colorado State University, email: Karen.Gardenier@Colostate.edu. You will receive a response by email within two weeks of submission.

Sincerely,

Karen Gardenier
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