

**THOMA FOUNDATION
EXPLORATORY TRAVEL AWARD
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered, fill out the following form and send it along with the other 5 requested documents to veronica@thomafoundation.org Please include EXPLORATORY TRAVEL AWARD in the subject line. **Application deadline: January 15, 2024.**

- **Applicant Name:**

- **Applicant Pronouns:**

- **Project Title:**

- **Geographic Focus:**

- **Year in Program. Please Specify Current Year Out of Total Years:**

- **Amount Requested:**

- **Briefly Summarize your Proposed Project (300 words):**

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

1. **Letter of Recommendation from Ph.D. Supervisor.**
2. **C.V.** (limit three pages). Include any professional experience, honors, awards, and publications.
3. **Project Description** (up to 1200 words). Project description should:
 - Briefly introduce the applicant's prospective dissertation topic with reference to existing scholarship. Recognizing that the Exploratory Travel Award is designed to help students develop and focus their dissertation proposals, this synopsis might be framed as a research question rather than a firm thesis statement. Where possible, however, students are encouraged to outline the proposed intervention and speculative scope of the dissertation.
 - Detail the applicant's research plan during their stay in Latin America, noting the collections, archives, or other institutions the applicant intends to visit, as well as listing the names of scholars whom the applicant will contact in advance of travel.
 - Explain how the travel grant will help develop this project and what aspects of its feasibility or planning will be addressed during travel.
4. **Bibliography** (limit one page). Identify the sources that you will use to frame and carry out the project.
5. **Budget** (limit one page). Budget should note the total amount requested (maximum \$5,000) and include airfare and ground travel, estimated accommodation costs, and a project allowance. The project allowance may be used to cover archival access fees, reproduction costs (e.g., photocopying), and book purchases. The award **MAY NOT** be used for equipment purchases (such as cameras and laptops) nor for expenses like conference attendance or travel within the United States.