HARRY BRIDGES CENTER FOR LABOR STUDIES

UNDERGRADUATE LABOR RESEARCH GRANT FUNDING

$250-350 Awarded to undergraduates seeking to conduct research, fund projects, travel to conferences or events, or contribute to broader community endeavors around labor and social justice.

Applications are accepted and considered on a rolling basis.

Eligibility Criteria: Any Undergraduate student who is currently active and will be active the upcoming quarter. All campuses (Seattle, Bothell, Tacoma) and disciplines encouraged to apply.

To Apply, Please Submit to hbcls@uw.edu:

- A 500-word (maximum) proposal/summary of your project and how it will advance your academic/community engagement with labor issues.
- A brief budget outlining how funds will be spent. Budget proposals that exceed the $350 limit will still be reviewed.
- A copy of your UW Transcript (Unofficial is fine)

PLEASE FORWARD ALL APPLICATIONS & INQUIRIES TO HBCLS@UW.EDU

Post-Award Process: After the completion of your research/conference/project, submit a report to the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, including results and takeaways.

NEED IDEAS FOR RESEARCH?

Develop a presentation around Harry Bridges & his legacy in US History

Research the effectiveness & impacts of Workplace-Organizing trainings

Travel to a Labor Conference, e.g. Labor Notes Conference, April 2020

Collect oral histories from workers and labor activists

Work with other students to create radical labor history and/or organizing guides and tool kits

WANT MORE RESEARCH IDEAS? NEED HELP WITH YOUR PROPOSAL? SEND US AN EMAIL OR STOP BY THE HARRY BRIDGES CENTER FOR LABOR STUDIES OFFICE:

SMITH HALL, ROOM M266 TUESDAY-FRIDAY, 9AM-3PM
SUGGESTIONS & TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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PLEASE NOTE: These tips are centered around traditional research. However, if you are hoping to conduct a project that will create a resource for students and the labor community, these grants may also help you achieve that. Please take these suggestions and adapt them to your project, and how you see them benefiting your labor education and communities that are invested in the labor movement.

To put your proposal together, think of structuring it as you would a research paper. Ask yourself: what are the goals of my project, how will I achieve these goals, and how will I record and share my results? Below are some more detailed steps you can follow in crafting your proposal:

Description and justification for your project: Why is the issue you are researching important to Labor Studies? What communities and stakeholders does it involve, and what audience will want/need to know your findings?

Background on your subject: What context can you provide around your research project? What sources do you hope to utilize and rely on, and how will you represent a variety of voices through your project? Based on the existing information you have already found on your topic of interest, what do sources have in common, and what questions do they leave unasked or unanswered, that you hope to address through your project?

Developing your research question: Based on what you have found about your topic, what question do you hope to address through your research? It should not be a question that is easily addressed through available existing sources, but rather an original question that will form the basis of your project.

Developing a thesis (or an answer) to your research question: Given what your initial review of existing research has taught you, what do you think you may find with additional research?

Preview of your argument, methods, and evidence:

- What steps will you take to answer your research questions? What sub-arguments could you approach in your research to prove your larger argument?
- What will your methods be? Consider: quantitative analysis (data oriented), qualitative analysis (experience-oriented), or a mix of both!
- How much evidence is out there already that you can use or adapt to answer your question? What evidence will you need to generate?

- Prepare your budget: How much funding will you need to help conduct your research project and gather evidence? How will you use these funds?
- Conclude by reiterating the significance of your project to the labor issues you are addressing.