



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### UniPID travel grants to support fieldwork for Master's theses on development topics

UniPID launches a call to support the fieldwork for Master's theses on global development issues. The grants of up to 1000 euros will be awarded to individuals who are in the process of collecting data and writing their Master's theses and whose thesis process would benefit from a travel grant to a destination outside Finland.

#### Eligibility

All enrolled Master' level degree students studying at [UniPID member universities](#) are eligible to apply. The grants are targeted primarily at students currently in the earlier stages of the thesis writing process, not yet having proceeded to data collection or analysis phases. However, students should have a research plan completed and a concrete conceptualization of the upcoming stages of the thesis process.

Students currently employed by University of Jyväskylä are ineligible to apply. This includes part-time teachers but does not include the recipients of other grants administered by the University of Jyväskylä.

The grants are awarded for Master's theses whose topics are related to any of UniPID's core expertise areas such as development studies, developing country research, international development, sustainable development or Global South research.

#### Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the strength of the justification behind the need to travel, the relevance of the research topic to UniPID's focus areas and on the and the added value that travel would bring to the finished thesis. The academic merit of the research plan and the recommendation of the supervisor will also be factors in the evaluation of the applications.

#### Purpose of grant

The aim of the grant is

- to encourage the writing of Master's theses on development topics that require data that can only be gathered outside Finland; and
- to promote interdisciplinary research relating to development conducted in UniPID member universities.

The grant money can be used for both travel expenses and living expenses abroad.

#### Application process

To apply for the grant, please submit an application via e-mail to Osku Haapasaari ([osku.haapasaari@juu.fi](mailto:osku.haapasaari@juu.fi)) by **11 November 2018**. The results of the call will be announced by 26 November 2018.

You need to attach to your application:

- An application letter, which describes your thesis topic, the amount of money you are applying for, the amount of progress you have made so far towards completion of your thesis and how much work remains to be done, and the reasons why a travel grant would support your thesis process and the completion of your degree (max. length 1 page).
- Your master's thesis research plan.
- A breakdown, including sums, of other funding you have applied for or secured for the purposes of the same travel from other institutions providing funding, if any.
- A preliminary travel plan, including the destination and approximate duration of stay there, and an estimate of what costs the grant would be used for.
- A statement from one of your thesis supervisors testifying that the travel grant would aid your thesis writing process and that reflects on the thematic relevance of your thesis topic to UniPID's focus areas.

Selected applicants will be required to write a blog post for the UniPID website regarding their travel.

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