M. ESTELLIE SMITH MEMORIAL FUND AWARD
APPLICATION

The M. ESTELLIE SMITH Memorial Fund Award provides $2000 support for dissertation research in economic anthropology, or a similar field, and an additional $500 for travel to the annual meetings of the Society for Economic Anthropology to present preliminary results. http://econanthro.org

Deadline: January 18, 2027 (submit to Bram Tucker: bramtuck@uga.edu). Final decisions will be announced by March, 2026.

Collaborative proposals, research by two or more PhD students who are pursuing research jointly, are possible. If awarded, you would be splitting the $2000 research funds. If this a collaborative proposal, please submit a separate cover sheet (this form) for each student, plus the collaborative proposal statement described on the next page.

PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Department, University _____

Preferred email address for
correspondence about this award _____

PART 2: PHD ADVISOR'S ENDORSEMENT

Name _____

Department, University _____

Preferred email address for
correspondence about this award _____

PhD Advisor's endorsement:

☐ I support this application, and I agree to mentor the applicant on the proposed research.

☐ I attest that the student is ABD, or will be ABD, by the time they would use this award. (ABD = All But Dissertation; ABD students have completed all degree requirements, such as coursework, qualifying exams, prospectus defense, etc., except for the dissertation itself).

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PhD Advisor's Signature Date

PART 3: PROJECT BUDGET

What is your best guess for total cost for your dissertation research project (in US dollars)?

If awarded the M. Estellie Smith award, how would you spend the $2000 award to advance the goals of the dissertation research project? (Note for collaborative proposals: if awarded, you would be splitting the $2000 research funds).

How you plan to pay for the rest of the project (Total cost minus the $2000 M. Estellie Smith award?) List grants you have received, applied for, or plan to apply for, and other funding sources.

PART 4: ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST.

! Please submit all parts as a single PDF document !

(Never combined files into one PDF? It isn't difficult. Use Adobe Acrobat, or Adobe's free document combiner: https://www.adobe.com/acrobat/online/merge-pdf.html).

- ☐ Cover sheet (this document), filled by the applicant and signed by the PHD advisor.
- ☐ Project abstract (100 words or less).
- ☐ Project Description: Research questions, goals, activities, expected outcomes, etc. Project descriptions will be evaluated according to their (a) contributions to economic anthropology, (b) feasibility, and (c) creativity and innovation. (1000 words or less).
- ☐ Significance: How the research will address significant and pressing world issues, offering potential theoretical or applied advanced in economic anthropology that could make the world a better place, particularly for vulnerable peoples (300 words or less).
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae.
- ☐ For collaborative proposals only (submitted by two or more PhD students who plan to conduct joint research): In 300 words or less, describe the reasons for, and plan for, this collaboration, and choose one student to be the primary contact on all award related matters.

NOTE: Letters of recommendation are no longer required. Any letters received will be discarded.