

Robert C. West/ R. J. Russell Field Research Award Budget Sheet

Masters' students often use Robert C. West or R. J. Russell funds for their thesis research. PhD students generally use the funds for exploratory or pilot research to help them develop a dissertation topic and leverage outside funding. MA students should consider additional funding opportunities such as Sigma Xi (LSU chapter and National). PhD students should consider NSF, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Fulbright, among others. The West/ Russell awards are made on a competitive basis, with awards typically between \$100 and \$600, although it is possible no awards will be made (depending on quality of proposals and available funding).

Budget Instructions:

Include budget justification in the space below, as appropriate. Students should economize as much as is feasible. For example, inexpensive university residence halls are often available during the summer months and should be used instead of hotels. Subway/bus passes are usually cheaper than rental cars for local travel. Actual gas and meal costs are eligible expenses, but 'mileage' and 'per diem' costs are not.

Note: At its discretion, the research and scholarship committee may selectively choose not to fund items that are unclear or not adequately justified, and may only partially fund items that are prohibitively expensive.

Eligible West/ Russell Fund expenses for the proposed project:

1. Travel to field site:
2. Local travel:
3. Food for _____ days @ _____ per day =
4. Accommodation for ____ days @ _____ per day =

Total request from West/Russell Fund: (A)

Other Expenses not covered by the West Fund

5. Informants/ assistants:
 6. Supplies:
 7. Equipment:
 8. Other:
- Total Ineligible Expenses: (B)

Total Expenses for Proposed Project (A + B):

Budget Explanation/Justification: