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Boonstra Family Research Fellowship: Margaret Beshore Boonstra and her children created this endowment in memory of Ambassador Clarence A. Boonstra and in recognition of the family’s longstanding involvement with Latin America. The endowment supports grants for graduate students pursuing thesis or pre-dissertation research in Latin America or the Spanish-speaking Caribbean.

Carmen Diana Deere Director’s Fund: Upon her retirement from UF in August 2015, Dr. Carmen Diana Deere, Distinguished Professor Emerita of Latin American Studies and Food and Resource Economics, established the Carmen Diana Deere Director’s Fund at the Center for Latin American Studies. It is designed to assist the Center Director in maintaining UF’s preeminence in Latin American Studies and supports new initiatives and special opportunities and needs.

Carol French Doughty Memorial Fund: This fund supports graduate student research in Latin America and Latino communities, with emphasis on educational issues. This fund’s purpose reflects Carol’s interest in Latin America and its people, along with her strong belief that teaching was an indispensable calling in support of society and nation. Carol was the daughter of Polly and Paul Doughty (UF Professor Emeritus of Anthropology) and the sister of Tom Doughty.

Colonel Glenn A. Farris Scholarship: Colonel Glenn Farris served as Foreign Student Advisor at UF from 1963-73, following a distinguished military career. Colonel Farris helped hundreds of recently exiled Cubans to gain admission to UF and successfully pursue degrees. A group of these Cuban-American alumni endowed the fund that provides scholarships to MALAS students.

Cuba Program Fund: The fund supports the activities of the Center for Latin American Studies’ Cuba Program; particularly the promotion of teaching and research on Cuba, as well as collaboration activities with Cuba faculty and professionals.

Florida-Brazil Institute: This fund supports education, cultural and business exchanges between Florida and Brazil. The Florida-Brazil Linkage Institute works with Florida’s colleges and universities, state government, and the business community to forge a network of partnerships with educational, government and private-sector institutions.

Hugh H. Popenoe Mesoamerican Research Endowment: This endowment is named after the late Hugh Popenoe, Professor Emeritus of Soils and Water Science at the University of Florida, and was made possible by a gift from Hugh’s estate. The endowment will support graduate student and faculty research on Mesoamerica - with a preference for topics related to indigenous peoples and cultures of the region.

LAS Alumni Graduate Student Travel Fund: Established by the Center’s Alumni Board, this fund supports travel grants for graduate students to present papers at professional meetings, to complete LAS-related internships, or to participate in short-term study tours in Latin America.

Latin American Studies Fund: Unrestricted gifts to this fund allow the Center to support all the activities for which State funding may not be used and to respond to special needs and opportunities. Examples of such needs include lecture series, study abroad scholarships for undergraduate students, faculty travel grants, research assistantships for graduate students, and visiting professors on exchange from Latin American universities.

MDP Program Unrestricted: This fund was established to support the Center’s Master of Sustainable Development Practice (MDP) Program. The MDP Program is committed to helping students understand the multidimensional nature of development challenges, to gain the analytical capacity and tools to apply to development challenges, and to become critical thinkers about the development process and its implications.

Peter E. and Maria E. Hildebrand Scholarship Fund: The scholarship provides support for graduate students in the Center for Latin American Studies, Food and Resource Economics Department, and the School of Natural Resources and Environment for international travel to conferences and for research.
Richmond F. Brown Graduate Student Fund: Richmond F. Brown, the Center’s former Associate Director for Academic Programs, died peacefully on September 20, 2016. As a way of honoring Dr. Brown’s memory, the UF Center for Latin American Studies has established the Richmond F. Brown Graduate Student Fund. The fund will support master’s degree students in the Center for Latin American Studies – with a preference for students pursuing internships.

Safa Graduate Student Travel Endowment: Helen I. Safa, Professor Emerita of Anthropology and Latin American Studies, created this endowment to provide travel grants for UF graduate students to present papers at the international congresses of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Safa was Director of the Center (1980-85) and President of LASA (1983-85).

Schmink Fund for Innovation in Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD): Marianne Schmink, co-founder and long-time director of the Center’s TCD Program, established this fund to strengthen and sustain TCD’s impact. It supports new initiatives, training projects, or collaborative research; networking activities among the TCD community; and outreach initiatives. Schmink will match the first $15,000 in contributions on a one-to-one basis over five years.

Stephen J. Powell Graduate Student Travel Fund: Supports travel grants for graduate students to complete Latin American Studies-related internships, field studies (research) and short-term study tours in Latin America. Preference will be given to UF law students while they are pursuing jointly the J.D. and the Master of Arts in Latin American Studies.

Terry McCoy Latin American Travel Scholarship: Colleagues and former students of Dr. Terry McCoy, Director of the Center from 1985–96 and founding Director of the Latin American Business Environment Program (LABE), established this fund to support MALAS student in the LABE concentration.

Tropical Conservation and Development Fund: The Tropical Conservation and Development Fund enriches the learning and research opportunities to TCD graduate students. Gifts to this fund will support graduate fellowships, field research, conference travel, practitioner experiences, or visiting scholars.

Vivian G. Nolan Graduate Fellowship in Latin American Studies: This fund supports graduate fellowships for students studying indigenous peoples and cultures at the Center for Latin American Studies. Vivian Nolan was an administrative assistant at the Center for Latin American Studies from the early 1960s to 1980s. A gift from Wanda and Charles Denny, the daughter and son-in-law of Vivian Nolan, endowed the fellowship program.

Wagley Research Fellowship and Carter Fellowship: This endowment honors two former UF anthropologists who contributed greatly to the Center. Charles Wagley was known for his work with peoples of the Brazilian Amazon. William E. Carter, Director of the Center (1969-77), was a specialist in Bolivian Aymara communities. The Wagley Fellowship supports graduate students pursuing social science research in Latin America, especially Brazil. The Carter Fellowship supports non-traditional graduate students and other meritorious individuals affiliated with the Center.

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