**2024 DÍAZ-AYALA LIBRARY TRAVEL GRANTS**

**Application Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024**

**Please send your application materials to cri@fiu.edu**

The Cuban Research Institute (CRI), the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC), and the Florida International University Libraries are pleased to announce the competition for the 2024 Díaz-Ayala Library Travel Grants and request applications for the early summer of 2024 (April-May).

The grants provide scholars and graduate students the opportunity to conduct research on the special collections related to Cuba and Cuban Americans at the FIU Green Library, thereby expanding access to its unique holdings and enhancing its value as a national resource. CRI, LACC, and the FIU Libraries are offering three research travel grants of up to $2,000 each to offset the costs of a minimum one-week stay (five working days) to consult the collections. Scholars and graduate students in the humanities and the social sciences whose work will be enhanced by using the resources of the collections are encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to scholars who are not previous recipients of the award. Two of the awards will be given to U.S.-based scholars or graduate students, in accordance with the requirements of LACC’s U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant. Those residing in other countries are encouraged to apply for the other grant.

As a condition of the award, recipients will give one lunchtime lecture at FIU faculty and students on their recent research, and following their travel, will submit a one-page single-spaced summary of their work with the collections, and make recommendations on how the collections may be improved or enhanced. Any publications resulting from research conducted at FIU during the grant period should acknowledge the Cuban Research Institute, the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, FIU Libraries, and the U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant for their support.

The Díaz-Ayala Cuban and Latin American Popular Music Collection is the most extensive publicly available collection of Cuban music in the United States. Its approximately 150,000 items span the history of popular Cuban and other Latin musics. Valued at nearly one million dollars, the collection features 45,000 LPs; 15,000 78 rpms; 4,500 cassettes containing interviews with composers and musicians, radio programs, music, and other materials; 5,000 pieces of sheet music; 3,000 books; and thousands of CDs, photographs, videocassettes, and paper files. Among the collection’s rarest items are early recordings made in prerevolutionary Cuba.

A portion of the collection can be searched online at <http://library.fiu.edu/latinpop/>. However, the vast majority of items are only searchable and accessible in person. Supplementing the Díaz-Ayala Music Collection is an excellent and varied collection of Cuban materials and electronic resources available at the FIU Libraries: <http://library.fiu.edu>. For more information on the Díaz-Ayala Music Collection and other collections, and to determine if your research project will be enhanced by the Díaz-Ayala Music Collection, please contact the Sound & Image Resources Department at FIU Libraries.

The Díaz-Ayala Music Collection is one of many resources supporting the Cuban Research Institute (CRI) at Florida International University. CRI is the nation’s premier center for academic research and public programs on Cuban and Cuban-American issues. Since its founding in 1991, a combination of advanced scholarship, research, teaching, outreach, and the resources of the Greater Miami community has enabled CRI to produce exceptional programming and remain a leader in its field. In addition to the Díaz-Ayala Music Collection, CRI enjoys the unique resources of the Leví Marrero collection of historic Cuban documents, the Enrique Hurtado de Mendoza collection of Cuban genealogy, and other Cuban research collections, all housed at the FIU Libraries.

CRI is part of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs at Florida International University and part of the State University System of Florida. No other university outside of Cuba surpasses FIU in the number of Cuba specialists on its faculty, or in the number of faculty and students of Cuban origin. CRI draws upon the expertise of more than 50 FIU faculty members. FIU is an urban, multi-campus institution offering 194 bachelor, master, and doctoral degree programs in its colleges and schools. FIU has more than 56,000 students and 1,700 full-time faculty.

For additional information on CRI, LACC, FIU Libraries, and FIU, please visit our websites:

CRI: <http://cri.fiu.edu>

LACC: <http://lacc.fiu.edu>

FIU Libraries: <http://library.fiu.edu/>

FIU: <http://www.fiu.edu>

**APPLICATION FOR A DÍAZ-AYALA LIBRARY TRAVEL GRANT**

Applicants must submit the following items:

* This completed application form
* The budget estimate (included as a separate Excel attachment)
* Proposal for your research project and how the collection will contribute to your scholarly goal (3 pages maximum)
* Curriculum vitae or resume

**Deadline: Completed applications must be received by March 15, 2024, for the Summer 2024 grant cycle.**

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Title of Your

Research Project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Your

School or Institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Researcher Status: \_\_\_\_\_ M.A. Student \_\_\_\_\_Ph.D. Student

 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tenured Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ Tenured Faculty

 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Research: Arrive on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Depart on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(It is preferable that travel be completed by 5/24/24)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_