

Center for Caribbean Studies, Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Research Grants 2025-2026

General Information

The Center for Caribbean Studies (CCS) provides funding for research that broadens the knowledge and understanding of the Caribbean region and its peoples at home and in the diaspora, in the context of the Center's mission. Please see "What We Do"

<http://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/centers/Caribbean/Pages/default.aspx> \

Grants could fund, but are not limited to, such diverse projects as the following:

- 1) Individual research leading to publication
- 2) Student thesis/senior project research
- 3) Scholarly projects focusing on the historic and contemporary countries on the Caribbean coastal regions of North, Central, and South America
- 4) A scholarly endeavor or event with faculty and students at various academic institutions locally or in the Caribbean region
- 5) A collaborative project that engages Caribbean communities in Greater Hartford. The maximum grant amount is \$2,000 with the possibility to exceed that amount for truly exceptional proposals. However, proposals that exceed \$2,000 will be considered on a very exceptional basis.

Eligibility and Deadlines

Proposals are accepted and considered on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. Please contact CCS co-directors or the CCS Program Coordinator.

The CCS will consider grant proposals from:

- 1) A current member of the Trinity faculty or staff undertaking individual research or research carried out in collaboration with a Trinity student or Greater Hartford Area resident.
- 2) A Trinity undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled at the college.
- 3) A Trinity faculty member, staff member, or student in partnership with a member of the Hartford community.
- 4) A Trinity faculty member or student in partnership with researchers associated with a Center or Institute in the Grand Caribbean region formally recognized by the directors of the CCS.

Criteria

Applicants should demonstrate how their project supports the Center's Mission. Preference will be given to projects that satisfy the following criteria:

- Increase the visibility of the Caribbean region on campus and in the community, leveraging the College's educational resources.
- Focus on inter-Caribbean connectedness, as well as the fluid ties between the region and other parts of the world.
- Encourage the partnership between the academic programs at Trinity and the local groups in the community.
- Partner with groups or organizations in the local Hartford Caribbean community for collaborative learning
- Demonstrate the potential to serve as an innovative model for future projects and/or possess the potential for further growth that can be sustained over time (with the potential for additional future funding).

How to Apply

Submit a proposal document (PDF), approximately 5 pages long, that includes the following:

- 1) A short narrative description of your project including goals and desired outcomes. The narrative should address the criteria discussed above.
- 2) A budget summary broken down by categories, and where applicable, justification for expenses.
- 3) A specific plan for assessing the success of the project.
- 4) Where applicable, a list of individual and institutional project participants, their contact information, and their roles (these items may be integrated into the project narrative).

Additional information may be requested, including letters of commitment from relevant organizations, if appropriate, and biographies of participants. The CCS retains the right to not fund any proposal in the unlikely event that no proposals meet the criteria. Proposals should be submitted to the Center-Caribbeanstudies@trincoll.edu with cc to CCS Co-directors.

Note: Grant recipients will be expected to present publicly their research findings to the Trinity community at the close of their projects, via a talk or similar effort coordinated with CCS codirectors.

Teaching Grants General Information

The Center for Caribbean Studies (CCS) provides funding for teaching initiatives that broaden the knowledge and understanding of the Grand Caribbean region and its peoples at home and in the diaspora, in the context of the Center's mission. Please see "What We Do"

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Grants could fund, but are not limited to, such diverse projects as the following:

- 1) Development of a new course, in any discipline or interdisciplinary, dedicated to engaging the Caribbean (up to \$1000).
- 2) Revision of an existing course to better highlight the Caribbean, or to include a new unit related to the Caribbean (up to \$500).
- 3) Development of an interdisciplinary cluster of courses—from 3-4 faculty (up to \$500-\$ 1000 per faculty, depending on proposal).
- 4) A reading group on a topic related to the Caribbean (grant covers books for all members), with the possibility of collaborating with other projects of the college.
- 5) A proposal that explores a specific on-site experiential engagement for Trinity faculty and student research, teaching and learning in a country in the Grand Caribbean. Examples are: a remote course co-taught by faculty and attended by students from Trinity and a partner institution; a course that features lectures by faculty and experts throughout the Grand Caribbean; seed funds to explore and develop a Grand Caribbean on-site experiential engagement proposal to the Study Away Office. Funding amounts would vary depending upon the scope of the proposed engagement project.

Applicants should show how their project supports the Center's Mission. Preference will be given to projects that satisfy the following criteria:

- 1) Increase the visibility of the Caribbean region on campus and in the Greater Hartford community, leveraging the College's educational resources.
- 2) Focus on inter-Caribbean connectedness, as well as the fluid ties between the region and other parts of the world.
- 3) Encourage the partnership between the academic programs at Trinity and the local groups in the community.
- 4) Demonstrate the potential to serve as an innovative model for future projects and/or possess the potential for further growth that can be sustained over time (with the potential for additional future funding).

Eligibility and Deadlines

Proposals are accepted and considered on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. Please contact CCS co-directors or the CCS Program Coordinator. The CCS will consider teaching grant proposals from:

- 1) A current member of the Trinity faculty.
- 2) A Trinity faculty member in partnership with a student, students, or a resident of the Hartford or Greater Hartford community.

How to Apply

Submit a proposal document (PDF), approximately 5 pages, that includes the following:

- 1) A short narrative description that addresses the criteria discussed above and includes a plan for assessing the success of the project.
- 2) A preliminary time-line for the development and implementation of the course or initiative.
- 3) A budget, broken down by categories, where applicable.

The CCS directors may request additional information from a select group of proposals, including letters of commitment from relevant organizations, if appropriate, and biographies of participants. The committee retains the right to not fund any proposal in the unlikely event that no proposals meet the criteria. Grant proposals must be submitted via email to:

Center-Caribbeanstudies@trincoll.edu, Center Codirectors or the CCS Program Coordinator.