

**University of California
Miguel Contreras Labor Program
Labor Studies Development Fund
2007-08 Call for Proposals**

The Miguel Contreras Labor Program (MCLP) is a multi-campus University of California research initiative designed to carry out research, education and service involving the world of work, and the public and private policies that govern it, in California, the nation, and the world. As part of the MCLP, the Labor Studies Development Fund supports labor studies initiatives, including curricular innovations, conferences, colloquia and other public programs on labor and employment topics. The fund is designated for initiatives on all the UC campuses, excluding Berkeley and UCLA, which already have funding for such purposes through their Institutes for Research on Labor and Employment. The UCOP Office of Research will administer the Labor Studies Development Fund.

Principal investigators on eligible campuses are invited to submit proposals for projects that build institutional capacity, promote academic instruction and research, and generate interdisciplinary engagement on topics related to the MCLP mission. These are “seed money” grants designed to help inaugurate a campus program, with the expectation that local campus funds will eventually be secured to sustain it on a permanent basis.

Proposals are invited for:

- labor studies curriculum innovations and development
- graduate student researchers (GSR) and graduate student instructors (GSI) to assist in coordinating and staffing campus activities related to the MCLP mission
- post-doctoral fellowships for labor and employment scholars
- multidisciplinary initiatives related to the MCLP mission
- conferences, convenings, and colloquia on labor and employment topics that generate an interdisciplinary community of interest across the campus
- projects for research dissemination that involve community, governmental, labor, and/or business organizations

Funding will take place on a year-to-year basis, but applicants may submit multi-year budgets for projects designed to build the institutional capacity of their campus to engage in labor and employment research and education. Budgets for one-time projects for conferences and colloquia are also invited. Anticipated award levels are between \$15k and \$100k.

Funds for graduate student fellowships and faculty grants for academic research on labor and employment topics are not available through this program. Applications for such funding should be made to the Labor and Employment Research Fund, another MCLP program administered by the UC Office of the President. Programs that are primarily community outreach projects on labor and employment topics also are not eligible for awards under this program, but rather from the MCLP’s Labor Education and Outreach

Program inquiries can be sent to the UCB and UCLA Centers for Labor Research and Education.

For information on past labor studies awards and on other RFPs issued by the MCLP, visit <http://www.ucop.edu/research/contreras/links.html>

Proposal Submission

1. Apply by email to the Labor Studies Development Fund by December 17, 2007. Submit application materials to Program Coordinator Sandra Wulff at sandra.wulff@ucop.edu with “Labor Studies Development Fund Proposal” in the subject line.
2. Applicants should submit a narrative assessment briefly outlining the faculty and administrative resources relevant and available on their UC campus, the uniqueness and thrust of their proposed program, and the extent to which they expect it to generate interest and participation at the undergraduate, graduate, faculty, and/or administrative level. Describe the degree of interest and support on the campus for the proposal, especially if it is for development of an ongoing program. Include a list of relevant and proposed course offerings, faculty participants, actual or potential invitees to campus, and cooperating community groups and collaborators.
3. Personnel: Brief c.v. of the applicant and other key faculty and staff.
4. Budget: A realistic budget, including salaries and benefits for all personnel. Other expenses such as speaker fees, travel expenses and other colloquia and conference support, and printing expenses should be itemized as well.
5. Timeline: The project may include expenditures as early as January 15, 2008 and as late as June 30, 2009.

Selection Criteria

Successful proposals will be selected by the MCLP Executive Board. Projects will be evaluated on conceptual framework, feasibility, and prospects for success, as well as the capacity of the applicant(s) to undertake and complete the project.