

AAG Climate Change Institute to Support Grad Student and Post-Doc Participation

Up to 50 graduate students and post-doctoral scholars from the U.S. and Latin America will receive support to participate in a two-week long institute examining impacts of climate change and related environmental hazards in the Americas, to be held in Panama City, Panama, in June of 2010. Applications for funding will be accepted until the deadline of **January 16, 2010**.

The Institute for Integration of Research on Climate Change and Hazards in the Americas will offer lectures, demonstrations, technical training, group discussions, and work sessions at the advanced graduate and post-doctoral level and will produce a research agenda, a set of white papers, and an online knowledge environment to structure collaboration among participants and to serve as a repository for documents and ideas resulting from the effort. The goal of the program is to establish a clear roadmap and collaborative mechanism for developing and sharing the knowledge necessary for responding to climate change and hazards in the Americas in an integrative way, using

geographic tools and methods as a research and communication framework.

Selected participants must attend the full two-week institute and will receive airfare, lodging, training materials, breakfast and lunch, and local transportation to institute events. Additional expenses such as evening meals, visa fees, optional additional tours, or personal items will not be paid for by the program.

Applicants who are eligible to apply to attend the institute as U.S. Participants are graduate students, post doctoral students, or early career scientists within 6 years of receiving the PhD, who are currently enrolled in or graduated from a U.S. university or academic institution in any field and who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Underrepresented groups and students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, hispanic-serving institutions, and tribal colleges are encouraged to apply. Graduate students, post doctoral students, or early career scientists within 10 years of receiving the PhD who are citizens of and residents in any country in Latin America may apply as Regional Participants.

The event, led by the Association of American Geographers (AAG) and co-organized by the PanAmerican Institute for Geography and History (PAIGH) of the Organization of American States, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the National Communication Association (NCA), and the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNEP), will take place in collaboration with the Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá and will be led by an expert interdisciplinary team of 12 lecturers from the U.S., Panama, Chile, Brazil, and Mexico.

Funding for the institute comes from a grant to the AAG from the U.S. National Science Foundation's Pan American Advanced Studies Institute Program (NSF-PASI).

Application forms, instructions and selection criteria are available at www.aag.org/grantsawards/pasi.html. Deadline for submissions is **January 16, 2010**. For questions or additional information, please contact Patricia Solís at psolis@aag.org. ■