APPLICATION FORM

(Please TYPE the required information)

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Place this form on the front of the application packet.

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# of Graduate Hours Currently Enrolled: (If less than full-time, please explain)

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<th>Have you ever received a Robberson Travel or Research Grant?</th>
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| Are you a graduate fellow receiving professional development funds from the Graduate College? | Yes | No |

Project Title

Defining Rights: Contesting Reagan and the Contra War Through Human Rights Advocacy

**Verification**

The undersigned have read and fully understand the specifications of the Graduate College Robberson Grant Policy.

In addition, the undersigned represent that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements as stated herein and understand that if the application fails to meet the specifications on this form and the Application Guide in any way, then it will be ineligible for consideration. Furthermore, the undersigned represent that the student is in good academic standing with the department.

**Notice of Compliance**

It is a violation of Oklahoma State Law and the University of Oklahoma Student Code to knowingly omit other sources of funding. If an applicant receives or learns that he or she will receive funding for this conference, research, or creative activity, the applicant must immediately notify the Assistant Dean of the Graduate College of the source and amount of the funding. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of the award and the applicant may be charged with a violation of the Student Code.

Your signature below also verifies that you will not accept reimbursement (from all funding sources combined) in an amount greater than your total expense.

Student's Signature

Date

Department Chair or Liaison (Please Print)

Department Chair or Liaison Signature

Date

Direct completed application packets to:

Dr. Janis M. Paul, Associate Dean
Attn: Suzanne Peters
Graduate College
Robertson Hall Room 213
Norman, OK 73019

Updated: July 2016
ROBBERSON RESEARCH and CREATIVE ENDEAVORS GRANT

BUDGET FORM
(Please TYPE the required information)

Name: ____________________________ OU ID #: ____________________________

Research Topic/Title:
Defining Rights: Contesting Reagan and the Contra War Through Human Rights Advocacy

Estimated Travel Expenses

Airfare: Rental Car for two trips: $700
Lodging: $275
Per Diem: $270
Other: ____________________________

Total: $1245

Technology Expenses (include item description plus dollar amount for each expense)

Hardware: ____________________________
Software: ____________________________
Other: ____________________________

Total: ____________________________

Other Expenses (include item description plus dollar amount for each expense)

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2)

Total: ____________________________

Total Expenses (Sum of each of the categories listed above): $1245

Funding requested from the Graduate College: $1000

Other sources of funding:

Source: ____________________________ Amount: ____________________________

Source: ____________________________ Amount: ____________________________

Source: ____________________________ Amount: ____________________________

Updated: July 2016
I will use a Robberson grant to complete important parts of my dissertation research, reviewing the records of members of Congress. As explained more fully in the included statement, my project depends on learning the level of communication and influence NGOs had with respect to Congress. Also, the Nettie Benson Library holds important Spanish language publications and English language publications from the NGOs that are the subject of my dissertation.

The budget items identified above, and identified more fully in the statement included with this application, are expenses associated with rental cars and fuel to travel to and around the separate locations, Austin, TX, and Columbia, MO. In addition, I have identified low cost lodging in each location, and I have allocated $30 per day in living expenses (mostly quick meals).

These two trips are only two of the many other trips I am making to conduct research. I have already conducted research at Stanford University, the University of Wisconsin, and Texas Christian University. In the spring and summer of 2017, I will travel to conduct research in the special collections of Drake University, Duke University, Columbia University, the Kansas Historical Society, and Swarthmore College, and I will conduct extensive research in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. and archives in Managua, Nicaragua.

Consequently, funding sources such as the Robberson grant are crucial for allowing me to complete my research. I am on schedule to complete my research and writing for my defense in spring of 2018.
Robberson Research and Creative Endeavors Grant
“Defining Rights: Contesting Reagan and the Contra War Through Human Rights Advocacy”

GRANT REQUEST

I am requesting funding for my dissertation research. My dissertation examines whether non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that operated in the United States successfully used human rights advocacy to influence the foreign policy of President Ronald Reagan and limit U.S. support for counterrevolutionary forces in Nicaragua in the 1980s. The United States spent millions of dollars to support counterrevolutionaries in Nicaragua (the “Contras”) to overthrow the government, and perpetuate the Contra War, as part of its larger Cold War strategy. With the money from the Robberson grant, I will travel to archives, as identified in my travel budget, to conduct research in the records of members of Congress to identify the extent of communication and influence that NGOs had with respect to those various members of Congress. It was a role of Congress to implement the legal and political limits within which Ronald Reagan conducted foreign policy. Also, the Nettie Benson Library holds important Spanish language publications and English language publications from the NGOs that are the subject of my dissertation.

My dissertation analyzes the human rights advocacy of NGOs in the United States in a more thorough manner than scholars have previously attempted, making use of archives for individual NGOs that are rarely consulted. I am also investigating the influence of those NGOs as revealed in the records of members of Congress and debates in Congress. This research will also demonstrate the significance of Nicaragua for understanding human rights in U.S. foreign relations. I believe I will find these NGOs did influence Congress, supporting and/or convincing members of Congress to oppose funding requests, to conduct investigative hearings, and generally speak out against the Reagan administration’s Nicaragua policy. NGOs pushed forward a discursive shift within Congress with respect to human rights, expanding conceptions beyond political and civil rights to include social, economic, and cultural rights.
Robberson Research and Creative Endeavors Grant
"Defining Rights: Contesting Reagan and the Contra War Through Human Rights Advocacy"

**BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION**

I will use a Robberson grant to complete important parts of my research, reviewing the records of members of Congress because the success of human rights advocacy will be measured in large part by communication and influence on members of Congress. The Reagan administration proved immovable on Nicaragua policy, but Congress held the power to limit funding for military and intelligence operations and imposed significant political pressure on the administration. Also, the Nettie Benson Library holds important Spanish language publications and English language publications from the NGOs that are the subject of my dissertation. Below is an expense breakdown for each trip:

**Austin, TX**

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<th>Archive</th>
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**Columbia, MO**

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Total Expenses: $1,245

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