

**Mobley Family Environmental Humanities Program
Student Research Grants
Call for proposals for Summer 2023**

BACKGROUND:

The Oxford English Dictionary defines “The Humanities” as “The branch of learning concerned with human culture; the academic subjects collectively comprising this branch of learning, as history, literature, ancient and modern languages, law, philosophy, art, and music.” With the support of the Mobley Family beginning in 2020, and as part of an ongoing campus-wide endeavor, at YSE we add environmental studies to this broad field.

FOCUS: The Mobley Environment Humanities program promotes humanistic research on human-environment relations at the Yale School of the Environment (history, religion, philosophy, language, literature, the arts). Projects involving film, photography, performing arts, visual arts, audio/podcasts, and online communication also will be considered.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. This program is open to all current YSE students (viz., those who will still be enrolled in Fall 2023), including Ph.D., MEd, MEM, MFSc and MF students, and including those in joint or combined degree programs.
2. The program’s grants are intended to support independent research projects, not internships in which you work on the agenda of a host organization.
3. The program’s grants are intended to be used in Summer 2023, and could include pre-dissertation research, but not work during the academic year.
4. Grant funds are intended to be used for research expenses, travel, living, etc.; but not stipends, expensive equipment, or living expenses in New Haven.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

1. A description of the proposed project: problem/question, research site, methods, and local counterpart (especially for international projects).
2. A timeline and plan for COVID contingencies.
3. A paragraph outlining your plan (which you should work on with your academic advisor) to comply with IRB requirements, if you plan on interviewing or otherwise studying or working with identifiable people, whether virtually or in-person.
4. A budget, and a list of other funding sources applied to. Mobley awards generally range from \$2,000 to \$4,000. Awardees typically combine a Mobley grant with other awards to meet all of their expenses, so applicants are encouraged to apply to other sources as well.
5. Maximum 3 single-spaced pages (12 pt font).
6. Letter of support from your academic advisor.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. No funds will be released until you have IRB approval (if needed).
2. Awardees must comply with all university Covid-related restrictions on travel and safe research.
3. Awardees must submit **by 31 October, 2023** a 3-5 pages field report with photos. This report should include a brief restatement of your problem/question, a description of your research site, the methods you employed, problems/challenges encountered, a preliminary statement of your principal findings, and how if at all this experience fits into your ongoing professional plans.
4. Awardees may be asked to present their findings during the YSE Research Day in Spring 2024.

QUESTIONS: Direct questions to Michael R. Dove <michael.dove@yale.edu> or Kristin Floyd <kristin.floyd@yyale.edu>.

HOW TO APPLY: Apply via the Yale Student Grants Database by midnight on March 4, 2023. Use keyword “Mobley” to find the listing at <https://yale.communityforce.com/Funds/>