The Rio Mesa Center solicits applications for 2016 Young Scholar Grant Program. University of Utah junior faculty and graduate students from any discipline are eligible to apply, but preference will be given to projects most consistent with the mission of the Rio Mesa Center. The mission of the Center is to promote and inspire scholarly work, learning, and academic-community partnerships on a broad-range of topics related to ecology and the environment, human-environment interactions, and development of public appreciation and understanding of life on the Colorado Plateau, past and present. The Center promotes research, courses and professional training at the interface of history, geography, anthropology, biology, geology, art, and human sustainability.

The University of Utah’s Rio Mesa Center is an outdoor laboratory located along the Dolores River in southeastern Utah eight miles upstream from its junction with the Colorado River (1 hour from Moab).

Grant recipients will be required to submit a mid-term (December 2016) and a final (June 2017) report that include project deliverables such as photographs, essays, or data presentations and will be required to participate in outreach efforts.

Four awards up to $2500 each are available. Funds may be used for supplies, analytical expenses, and travel (including per diem).

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN Friday April 29, 2016. Questions should be directed to Andrea Brunelle (andrea.brunelle@geog.utah.edu) or Mitchell Power (mitchell.power@geog.utah.edu).

The application may be found at the Rio Mesa Center website: http://riomesa.utah.edu