**Call for Nominations (including Self-Nominations) for the 2019 CIES LASIG José Martí Travel Fund Awards**

At the 2018 CIES conference in Mexico City one Cuban colleague (Gilberto Garcia) received travel awards from the José Martí Travel Fund. The CIES Latin American Special Interest Group (LASIG), which coordinates the selection of awardees, is announcing a call for nominations for recipients to receive a travel award in support of their attendance at the 2019 CIES conference in San Francisco. Up to 5 individuals will receive a $1,000 travel awards in 2019.

Eligibility: Cuban scholars/educators, who reside in Cuba, who have at least 5 years of relevant professional experience, and whose presentations are proposed for inclusion in the annual conference program are eligible to receive an award from the CIES José Martí Travel Fund. Such individuals can apply or be nominated for the award prior to having their presentations accepted for inclusion in the conference program, but the award will not be finalized until they receive notification that their presentations have been included in the conference program. Each self-nominee or nominee must identify a “US-based colleague” to assist in making arrangements and facilitating payment for the awardee’s travel.

Nomination Procedures: The following should be submitted (in English) for all individuals who either self-nominate or are nominated by another person:

1. A filled out CIES José Martí Travel Fund award application form
2. A personal statement (up to 500 words) documenting relevant professional experience as well as indicating noteworthy scholarly publication and/or professional contribution
3. Recent version of a resume or CV
4. The name and contact information of the “US-based colleague,” who has agreed to assist in making arrangements and facilitating payment for the awardee’s travel

Selection Criteria: The following criteria will be used by the Committee (appointed by the CIES LASIG) in selecting the recipients for the CIES José Martí Travel Fund award:

1. Cuban citizen
2. Resident in Cuba
3. (Proposed and then accepted) participation as a presenter in the annual CIES conference
4. At least 5 years of relevant professional experience as a scholar and/or educator
5. Noteworthy scholarly publication or noteworthy professional contribution

Note that given changes in U.S. procedures for processing applications from Cubans for visas to travel to the United States, only Cubans who possess “government official” passports are able to apply for visas in Havana. While many university faculty members in Cuba possess such a passport, please verify this before submitting a nomination or self-nomination for a CIES LASIG *José Martí Travel Fund* award.

Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Friday, September 28th 2018, 11:59 EST

Submit Nomination Materials (as an email attachment) to: Lasig.cies@gmail.com and cc. Maria Jesus Rojas-Lira (email: mjr2208@tc.columbia.edu), Chair CIES LASIG