

**Department of Political Science
Penn State University
Summer Graduate Research Award**

Program: The Summer Graduate Research Award within the Department of Political Science provides summer support to continuing students so that they can work with faculty collaborators on research leading to a joint or student-authored publication. The award pays summer wages; the sole duties of the students receiving the awards will be those tasks required for the research projects in question. These tasks should represent the student's primary summer responsibilities (i.e. the student should not accept this award and also work for additional hours in another position).

Eligibility: All currently enrolled students are eligible.

Application Deadline: April 1

Application Procedure: Submit the following items to the Graduate Program Coordinator:

- A joint proposal from the faculty member and the student (not to exceed two pages). The proposal should include a description of the research project and its current status; an explanation of the tasks the faculty member and the student will perform; a timeline for the summer and for the project as a whole; and, an estimate of when a manuscript will be submitted for potential publication.
- Student CV
- A working copy of the student's transcript

Number and size of awards: In 2005, we anticipate awarding up to three awards in the amount of \$2500 each.

Decision process: The graduate studies committee will select award recipients before the end of the spring semester.

Criteria for award: The committee will consider a variety of criteria including:

- likelihood of the project being at or near completion by the end of the summer;
- the quality of the proposed research and its potential for publication;
- the centrality of the project to the student's program of study;
- success at completing independent and/or joint research projects and submitting them for potential publication; and,
- student progress through the program.