

Support for Graduate Student Research & Training in the Graduate Program in Political Science, Penn State University (2017-2018)

(1) Summer Programs

All graduate students receive at least partial support to attend special summer programs for at least one summer (for the study of subjects crucial to the student's program of study, such as foreign languages or advanced statistics). Tuition is also covered for most programs at Big Ten/CIC universities.

(2) Membership in the American Political Science Association (APSA)

All graduate students receive two years of membership in the American Political Science Association. Members receive the *American Political Science Review* (the discipline's leading journal), as well as *PS* (a journal providing information about the profession and the APSA) and *Perspectives on Politics* (a journal that publishes issue- or problem-focused research, as well as book reviews).

(3) Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant Program

The Department of Political Science awards grants throughout the year to help fund students to present research at national or international professional conferences. All currently enrolled students presenting papers or posters are eligible to apply.

(4) Graduate Research Support Program

The Research Support Program within the Department of Political Science offers awards to continuing graduate students for specific research-related activities that are tied to their professional development and progress toward the Ph.D. Both the department and the College of the Liberal Arts have funds available to support student research. Several awards may be made each year. College awards are limited to \$2000; the department provides funding up to a slightly higher level. All currently enrolled students are eligible to apply.

(5) Summer Graduate Research Award

The Department of Political Science Summer Graduate Research Award within the Department of Political Science awards \$3,500 during the summer to select continuing students for the purposes of supporting collaborative faculty/student research leading to a joint or sole student-authored publication. The award pays the student \$3,500 in summer wages, but the recipient will not have any assigned duties beyond those required for the research project in question. Between two and four awards of \$3,500 each are given each year. All currently enrolled students are eligible to apply.

(6) Program in Comparative Politics Graduate Research Award

These research awards are given to students majoring in comparative politics to enhance their research. The program in Comparative Politics awards funds travel to international conferences or to engage in field work. Graduate students majoring in comparative politics are eligible to apply for funds in any year and may receive an award more than once. Applications for the award will be considered by a committee designated by the Program in Comparative Politics.

(7) Outstanding Graduate Student Awards Program

The Outstanding Graduate Student Award within the Department of Political Science rewards continuing graduate students who have achieved an excellent record of performance in their graduate studies. In recognition of their achievements, funds are made available to students in the form of research accounts to be spent at the student's discretion on educationally relevant expenses. All currently enrolled students are eligible and will be considered for this award by the graduate studies committee.

(8) Friedman Teaching Award

The Friedman Teaching Award within the Department of Political Science rewards an outstanding student instructor. In recognition of his/her achievement, funds are made available to the student in the form of a research account to be spent at the student's discretion on educationally relevant expenses. Students who have taught in the department in the past year are eligible and will be considered for this award by the graduate studies committee.

(9) Best MA Essay Award

The Best MA Essay Award within the Department of Political Science is awarded to one student each year. In recognition of his/her achievement, funds are made available to the student in the form of a research account to be spent at the student's discretion on educationally relevant expenses. Nominations for this award are made by the student's MA essay committee. The graduate studies committee selects the winning nominee.

Internal fellowships

(1) PEIR Fellowship

This IR Pre-Doctoral Fellowship frees the recipient from all formal assistantship duties during the academic year the student chooses to take it. Each year one graduate student whose major is IR is selected by the IR graduate faculty. The Fellowship will provide an extra year of funding to allow the student to be as strong as possible a job candidate when his/he goes on the market. The student is awarded this early in her/his career and then able to take it the year it is most useful.

(2) PEIR Teaching Fellowship

This PEIR Teaching fellowship is used for a graduate student teaching either in fall and/or

spring. This teaching fellowship is area specific but can be counted towards any subfield when there are no IR major students who are available to teach in a particular semester. This award can be given to one or two people for either one or two semesters. A central consideration will be the teaching needs of the department for a particular semester.

(3) Political Science Graduate Research Fellowship (PSGRF)

This PSGRF is for an outstanding student in the graduate program in a given year. Students in each subfield are available. The Graduate Studies Committee will select the recipient each year after soliciting nominations from faculty.

(4) Florence and Angelo Paterno Graduate Fellowship in the Liberal Arts

This Paterno Fellowship is designed to support an outstanding graduate student enrolled or planning to be enrolled full-time in the PLSC department. This fellowship frees the recipient from all formal assistantship duties during the academic year it is awarded. This award has no flexibility as to when it is taken. The Graduate Studies Committee or the Recruitment Planning Committee will select the recipient each year as appropriate.

(5) Bruce R. Miller and Dean D. LaVigne Graduate Fellowship in Political Science

This Miller/LaVigne is to support an outstanding graduate student enrolled or planning to be enrolled full time in the PLSC department. This fellowship frees all formal assistantship duties during the academic year it is awarded to the student. This award has no flexibility when it is taken. The Graduate Studies Committee or the Recruitment Committee will select the recipient each year, as appropriate.

(6) The Quantitative Social Science Initiative (QuASSI)

The Quantitative Social Science Initiative (QuASSI) is an assistantship with an assignment of 20-hour per week. Eligible students must demonstrate a commitment to quantitative methods and social science as core parts of their graduate training. (Examples include pursuing a first or second field in methodology in the political science PhD, or seeking the certificate in advanced statistical methods in the sociology PhD.) The Fellowship will provide an extra year of funding. The assistantships are designed to facilitate multidisciplinary opportunities for additional training and experience in quantitative methods for social science graduate students.

(7) The Quantitative Social Science Initiative (QuASSI) Teaching Fellowship

The idea is that there will be a single graduate TA assigned for the year to the graduate statistical methods sequence. There will be an application/competition process for the position. The timing will be coordinated with the QUASSI research assistant process. Criteria for selection will include demonstrated mastery/success in 502-503-504-math, and an interest/demonstrated ability to teach/TA the material in an accessible/correct way to others. The student must be at least a 3rd year student (must have had the entire core sequence of 502-503-504).