

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 jointly or student-authored publication. The award pay summer wages; the sole duties of the students receiving the awards will be those tasks required for the proposal research project.

Please read the following statement:

By checking this box, you are confirming the summer graduate research award will be your primary summer responsibility (you will not dedicate additional hours to another position or attend ICPSR or other summer programs). If you have other responsibilities, not on the list above and still want to apply for this award, please include the details in your proposal.

Eligibility: All currently enrolled students are eligible.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2020

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: We anticipate making a small number of awards in the amount of \$4000 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's progress through the program.

Deliverable: Winners of the award are expected to present to the Director of Graduate Studies the paper resulting from the project by September 30, 2020.

Note: The award is not intended to support research for a student's MA or PhD thesis.