

Support for Graduate Student Research & Training in the Graduate Program in Political Science, Penn State University (2022-2023)

Research Support Funding

Both the department and the College of the Liberal Arts have funds available to support student research. The College of the Liberal Arts provides financial support for dissertation research as well as a competitive fellowship process to provide students with a semester free from RA or TA obligations.

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. Several awards may be made each year. All currently enrolled students are eligible to apply.

Support to Attend Summer Institutes

All graduate students receive at least partial support to attend summer training institutes to receive additional training relevant to their research, such as foreign language training or advanced training in political. Tuition is also covered for most programs at Big Ten/CIC universities.

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.

Summer Graduate Research Award

The Department of Political Science Summer Graduate Research Award within the Department of Political Science awards \$4,050 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 \$4,050 as a summer stipend, but the recipient will not have any assigned duties beyond those required for the research project in question. Between five and six awards of \$4,050 each are given each year. All currently enrolled students are eligible to apply.

Program in Comparative Politics (PiCP) 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.

Center for American Political Responsiveness (CAPR) Graduate Scholar Award

The CAPR summer scholarship is given to students majoring in American politics to enhance their research during the summer months. This scholarship is awarded during the admission season. The award provides a \$2,000 scholarship each summer during students' first three years in the program, beginning the summer after the first year.

McCourtney Institute for Democracy Research in Democracy Support Grants

The McCourtney Institute for Democracy provides research support grants of up to \$7,500 for faculty or graduate students within the College of the Liberal Arts. These grants are designed to support research in topics related to democracy.

PEIR Fellowship

This PIER Fellowship is available to outstanding graduate students in the International Relations subfield. Recipients receive a one-semester release from TA and RA duties. The Fellowship also provides 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.

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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.

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.

C-SoDA (Center for Social Data Analytics) Predoctoral Associate

The Center for Social Data Analytics Predoctoral Associate is an assistantship enabling students to work closely with C-SoDA faculty on a research project. Eligible students must demonstrate a commitment to quantitative methods and social science as core parts of their graduate training. The Fellowship also provides 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.