



## Elections Research Center

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

### ★ Funding for Graduate Student Research 2015-2016 ★

The Elections Research Center is pleased to announce two funding competitions to support graduate students engaged in elections research.

The **Research Project Funding Competition** supports research during the 2015-2016 academic year.

The **Conference Travel Funding Competition** supports participation in an academic conference during the 2016 calendar year.

Details about each competition appear on the next page. During the 2015-2016 cycle a student may receive support from one of the competitions but not both. A student who fails to win an award in the Research Project Funding Competition may apply for the Conference Travel Funding Competition.

Funding will be administered by staff in the Department of Political Science. Grants must comply with university regulations including the use of Fox World Travel/Concur for booking flights and adhering to state maxima for meals. Please consult the Department of Political Science KnowledgeBase, departmental staff, or center Director Barry Burden with questions.

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## ★ Research Project Funding Competition

Applicants may request up to \$1,500 to support an elections-related research project that will be undertaken during the during the 2015-2016 academic year (including the summer of 2016).

The award is designed to defray the costs of a single research project. Funds may be used for a variety of research-related activities such as the purchase of data, travel to archives, participation in training opportunities, and funding of experiments. Funds may not be used for conference participation or as salary for the applicant or research assistants.

It is anticipated that up to four grants will be awarded. The deadline for applications is September 1, 2015. Applications will be a reviewed by a committee of faculty affiliates.

Applicants must be affiliates of the Elections Research Center. Priority will be given to students engaged in dissertation research and students who are in good standing in their programs.

If human subjects review is required for the project, a copy of the Institutional Review Board approval must be submitted to the Director before funds are distributed. An applicant may also submit the IRB approval or the proposed protocol with the initial application.

The student should acknowledge support from the Elections Research Center in any papers or publications that benefit from the funding.

Funds must be spent before September 1, 2016.

A one-page summary report on the project is due to the Director by September 1, 2016.

## ★ Conference Travel Funding Competition

Applicants may request up to \$750 to support travel to present or otherwise engage with elections research at an academic conference during the 2016 calendar year.

It is anticipated that up to five grants will be awarded. The deadline for applications is January 1, 2016. Applications will be a reviewed by a committee of faculty affiliates.

Funds may generally be used for transportation, lodging, conference registration, and meals.

Applicants must be affiliates of the Elections Research Center. Priority will be given to students who are on the academic job market or near the academic job market, students presenting original research, students participating in the flagship conference in their discipline, and students who are in good standing in their academic programs.

Before receiving funding a student must provide evidence of participation in the meeting such as a program listing the student's name or receipt for conference registration.



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### Application for Graduate Student Funding 2015-2016

The application consists of this form and competition-specific documents listed at the bottom of the form. Submit three paper copies of the complete application to Barry Burden's mailbox in 101 North Hall by 4:30pm on the day of the deadline. Please print clearly on this form.

Applying for: (check only one)

- Research Project Funding Competition** (deadline September 1, 2015)
- Conference Travel Funding Competition** (deadline January 1, 2016)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/program of study: \_\_\_\_\_

First semester enrolled in the program: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty advisor/chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_

For the **Conference Travel Funding Competition**, also attach:

- A one-paragraph summary describing the conference and your expected role in the conference. Explain where you are going and what you will be doing that is related to elections.
- A CV.

For the **Research Project Funding Competition**, also attach:

- An itemized budget of no more than one page.
- A description of the project including the question being studied, its relevance, and the general research design. Explain how the funds will be used to support the project. It might be helpful to describe the timeline of activities. The document should not exceed 750 words.
- A CV.
- Optional: IRB approval or proposal if ready.

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